



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

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Lent 5

The Catholic liturgy is luminous in its very mysteries, balanced and reposeful in its very magnificence; everything in it is ordered, and even that which calls most strongly to our being at the level of the senses comes by its meaning only through faith... The sacrifice at its centre is a "symbol and representation of the passion of the Lord," and sacrament of his sacrifice, and the memorial of his death.

*Henri de Lubac*

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.

The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at the communion rail during communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea after the Solemn Sung Eucharist

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 37: 12-14](#)

[Romans 8: 8-11](#)

[John 11: 1-45](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 50: 4-7](#)

[Philippians 2: 6-11](#)

[Matthew 21: 1-11](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship Group has decided to pause its normal cycle of meetings until the public health situation becomes clearer.

**Cancellation of future church Services** The Archbishops and our bishop have decided to cancel all future church Services. This applies not just to Sunday Services but also to small mid-week Services such as the Thursday morning Eucharist, the Friday Lenten Eucharist and to the visit to the Karitane church planned for late April. It also means that the parish AGM is postponed indefinitely with the result that the present Vestry, Wardens and Synods people will remain in office.

**The St Peter's filmed weekly Mass** Each Saturday a small team will film a St Peter's Eucharist that will then be posted on the parish website so that parishioners can view it on Sunday and make an act of spiritual communion in concert with what they see. This will consist of an introduction, the readings, the sermon, the intercessions, the Great Thanksgiving Prayer, a dismissal prayer and a blessing.

**Postponed major Anglican gatherings** The Lambeth conference of bishops, due to take place July/August this year, has been postponed until about the same time next year. This will be a major disappointment to many bishops as the conference had already been delayed for two years from its regular 10 year cycle that should have seen it meeting in 2018. There is a major question mark over the Selwyn Synod supposed to meet at the Mosgiel Anglican church on 2 May to decide whether to sell or retain Selwyn College as a diocesan institution.

**What next for a near neighbour** The two story dilapidated building across from the church at the corner of Loyalty Street and Hillside Road, used as a junk shop in recent years, has sold at last. We await its future redevelopment use with considerable interest. Its second to last tenant waged an e mail exchange with us objecting to the ringing of the church bell on Sunday mornings.

**Essential/non Essential** It is good to hear that the dairy across from the church and Robertson's butchers regard themselves as essential services and will continue open through the lock down. The Danish Bakery has closed as has Poppy's café. The Vicar will do it hard not being able to pop across to get his morning coffee. It was discouraging to hear from Fuji Xerox that they won't be sending a technician to fix the parish photocopier because they don't consider a church to be an essential service.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Anne Bowker, Jane Hill, Lorraine Mitchell and James Bunker.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Evelyn Edmundson, Denise Walker, Deborah Blee, Adam Paterson and Jean Allen.

**Holy Week Services** It seems unlikely that the ban on church Services will be lifted by the time Holy Week comes around. Therefore an attempt will be made to film the core of the Paschal Triduum Services, The Maundy Thursday evening Service, the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, albeit in a very simplified form, and posted on the parish website.

**The Rock** This month's edition of the Rock has just come out but it wasn't possible to get it printed before the lock down so you can access it on the parish website.

**Going over to direct debit internet banking** An important way to help your parish church during this difficult time is to go over to direct debit internet banking as a way of continuing your financial support of St Peter's. This is the best way of giving anyway as it ensures a regular cash flow for the parish. If you are not sure how to do this ring Averil Hopkins at 454 2399 and she will help you through the process.

**The priest who has posted photos of his parishioners in the pews** In Italy there are no public church Services so one priest has come up with a novel solution to keep his parishioners in mind and in his prayers. He has requested that they send in a photo of themselves and he has positioned and posted them in the pews so that as he says his solitary Mass each day it is to some extent as though they are there with him in this vital act of worship. He has posted a photo of one of these Masses on the internet and it has gone viral.

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