



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday February 18, 2024.

Lent 1



Collect.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness;
give us grace to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit;
and as you know our weakness
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
AMEN.

WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all
those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)
10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide
67 Forty days and forty nights
445 Rock of ages
83 Glory be to Jesus

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 9: 8-15](#)

[Psalm 25: Response:](#) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant

[1 Peter 3: 18-22](#)

[Mark 1: 12-15](#)

READINGS NEXT WEEK

[Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18](#)

[Psalm 115: Response:](#) I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living

[Romans 8: 31-35, 37.](#)

[Mark 9: 2-10](#)

After the Intercessions:

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)
Come and listen to me.

Parish News

Healing Ministry During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

Lenten Eucharist and Fish and Chip Supper As has been our custom for some years, Lent sees the return of the Friday evening Eucharist and Lenten Study in the Parish Lounge at 5.30 pm followed by a Fish and Chip Supper.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

St Peter's Fellowship Group will meet for afternoon tea at the Fugue Café at St Clair on Tuesday February 27 at 2pm. Contact Gay Webb 476 1613

Pray for King Charles as he undergoes cancer treatment.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague, Fr. Carl.

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

Mary Robbins, Cyril Tourelle, Rosemary Simons, Marjorie Booker, Douglas Gorden and Christian Hansen.



Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

From the Vicar

Lent seems to be synonymous with denying ourselves of things like food, chocolate, alcohol, sugar etc. However, fasting is not necessarily food based.

Some people chose to be more discerning in the use of things. One friend said she was attempting to reduce her use of social-media. She had a number of months in isolation firstly due to Covid-19 and then a serious injury. She used social-media to keep in touch and for entertainment. Nothing wrong there! I joined Facebook many years ago to keep in touch with my children as they travelled the world. It still remains the quickest and easiest form of communication but I can attest that it can become very distracting and rob us of time. First you check your emails, then Messenger, then Facebook and then begin scrolling down to see who has posted what in the last few hours and days. It can become a 'rabbit warren' of articles, comments, videos and advertisements.

Social-media has its uses but we need to be mindful that it doesn't damage our relationships with those around us. We cannot solve the world's problems but we can provide support and a listening ear to those closest to us.

I have avoided the news for months because I find it demoralising and incredibly negative. Other friends chose a long time ago not to have a TV and to use their time in more productive pursuits.

May I suggest that we explore how we can best live our lives for God and for others, remembering that irrespective of the wilderness that surrounds us, God will provide nourishment and nurture for those who rely on His Word.

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