



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

10 January 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Faithful One, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Patterns of Worship: Church House Publishing

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

234 Christ whose glory fills the skies (T.2)

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading

483 The Church of God a kingdom is

52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7](#)

Responsorial Canticle [Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6](#)

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation

[Acts 10: 34-38](#)

[Mark 1: 7-11](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Jonah 3: 1-5](#)

[1 Corinthians 7: 29-31](#)

[Mark 1: 14-20](#)

PARISH NEWS

Water news The recent lengthy downpour brought water down the bell tower and soaked the carpet there. Grateful thanks to Ken Ferguson for clearing the gutters at the top of the bell tower and for lending us his de-humidifier to dry out the carpet.

Reflections of the past year We made four visits to churches in the vicinity of Dunedin at St Barnabas, Warrington, St John's,

Waikouaiti, Hui te Rangiora, Karitane and Our Lady Queen of Peace, the Polish Catholic church. That latter visit heralded the start of the covid lockdown, which began after the Sunday Services on Lent 4, 22 March. Each week there was a filmed St Peter's Service posted on YouTube together with a message from the Vicar. The filmed Service drew appreciative comments from as far away as London and Australia. Production of the Pebble and the Rock continued with a weekly mail run to those who could not access our publications on the parish website. For the first time in the parish's history there were no Holy Week or Easter Services. We emerged from lockdown on the weekend of 16/17 May when we had a week of daily Masses on an invitation only basis to restrict numbers. These Services were well attended. Normal Sunday Services resumed on the weekend of 30/31 May as we celebrated the Pentecost Vigil Service and Pentecost Sunday. Our distance Timaru parishioners Wendy and David Stocks died respectively at the beginning and the end of the year. Brent McDowell, Marjorie Finnie and Joan Dutton moved to new locations. The Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols moved from being an experiment to a parish tradition and was again well attended. The covid lockdown delayed the Vicar's retirement plans from early September when he turned 68 to Easter 2021.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Lorraine Mitchell, Greta Barton, Faye-Noel Brown and Joy Henderson.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Janet Younie, Bill Tansley and John Peterson.

Onwards and upwards for Bishop Paul Martin It was announced last week that the Catholic Bishop of Christchurch Paul Martin is to become the Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington. That means that when Cardinal Archbishop John Dew retires next year at the age of 75 Paul Martin will step into his shoes. Martin knows Wellington well having been Principal of one of its leading Catholic secondary schools. He will continue as Apostolic Administrator of the Christchurch diocese until his successor is chosen, a process that may take some time if the last selection process is anything to go by. There can be no doubt that the next big diocesan project, the building of a new Cathedral, School and diocesan headquarters on the banks of the Avon in inner city Christchurch will begin next year, but what of Martin's grand design to create five super parishes to service the city's needs and to close many surplus to requirements churches in the process? This controversial project will require executive drive to make it happen. Will the next bishop be as enthusiastic to do this? It is likely that Martin, seen as a star performer in the episcopal line-up, will eventually receive a cardinal's hat and will thus take part in the election of the next Pope. John Dew is an impressive person to meet, a fully integrated human being with a warm ability to get on with people but he is not so hot in the administrative side of the job. This is where Martin excels and bishops are per se administrators who must also be good at finance. Martin is no slouch in the human relationships area too. As School Principal he would sometimes stand in the school gate and greet each of the hundreds of pupils by name as they came to school.

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