

*Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.*

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## Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

### The Bible Readings for today – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21: 8-21

Romans 6: 1b-11

Matthew 10: 24-39

## INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter: I am pleased to announce some Christchurch details of an NZ speaking tour for **widely respected Palestinian Christian Theologians** Dr Lamma Mansour and Dr Yousef Khoury in July. All are welcome to the following public events at:

- Christchurch Transitional Cathedral-7pm, Sun 19 July
- Oxford Terrace Baptist Church-7pm, Mon 20 July

Today **Sunday, 21 June 2026 is Ordinary 12** and the Gospel is **Matthew 10: 24-39**. There is no getting around the overall impact of this passage: to follow Jesus is likely to be a costly business in human terms. From an eternal perspective, only losing our lives for Jesus' sake will gain eternal life. From a God-perspective, every step of the way, whatever that way may be as disciples, God loves us, cares for us and has our ultimate interests at heart.

## Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. *Matthew 10:39*

## Collect

Holy God, grant us the beginning of wisdom  
and love to cast out every fear:  
that we may grow more brave,  
more ready to hear,  
more ready to obey;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

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## Notices

**We pray for the repose** of the soul of **Lorraine Blackler** who died during the week. Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. Give comfort to her family and friends as they mourn their loss.

**Did You Know? Members of the parish pastoral care team** are available to visit parishioners in their homes or in hospital at times of special need. This might be a friendly visit or to bring Holy Communion. Please contact the co-ordinator Deacon Anne for details 0274 366 828. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

**Parish Pot Luck Lunch**, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 11.30am at St Chads Church – Bring food to share, entrée / main / dessert. BYO drinks, plates, cutlery, cup, glass etc.

Everyone welcome. RSVP to Church Manager on 021 2222 007 also tell him what course of food you are bringing so we know.

<b>Weekly activities at both Church sites &amp; bookshop</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>(A) = St Ambrose site</b>		<b>(C) = St Chad's site</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b> 9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<b>(A)</b> 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<b>(C)</b> 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b> 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b> 10am
	Parish Prayer Group	Temporarily in abeyance
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b> 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b> 9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<b>(C)</b> 11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<b>(C)</b> 12 noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	<b>(A)</b> 1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b> 10am
<b><i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i></b>		
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm

**Next Week's Bible Readings — 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 22: 1-14

Romans 6: 12-23

Matthew 10: 40-42

## **PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui**

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**Office – at St Ambrose:** Hours 10-noon Tues, Fri 388 6699

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***If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:***

***Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00.***

***Add your name and "donation" as references.***

### **Volunteers**

**2026 is International Volunteer Year (IVY26)** – as declared by the UN General Assembly. Thank you - you've been the hands and feet of our mission, helping us reach out and serve others in countless ways.

We want to thank you for all the amazing, faithful work of each and every volunteer across our Diocese. Whether you've given your time, talents, goodwill or resources, every contribution has been a blessing. Your dedication and hard work have truly made a difference in every parish and school community, retreat centre, op shop, at Christ Church Cathedral, the Diocesan Archives, and at Christchurch City Mission. We are ever so grateful for your support and prayers.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church whānau. Your generosity and passion inspire us all, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.