

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

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 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 29: 15-28

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter writes:

Let's keep praying for peace and justice in our world particularly the Middle East where we see conflicts failing to cease, and in the case of action on the Red Sea this week, broaden to the peril of the wider world. An important observation made by our visiting theologians (recently) is that justice is the cost of peace. While a ceasefire which lasts would be wonderful, a ceasefire is not a just peace. Let's pray for both an immediate ceasefire and a lasting, just peace.

Today the Gospel Reading is **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**. "The kingdom of heaven is like...". Through a series of parables (or, a stricter definition, "similitudes" because the kingdom of heaven is illustrated by a series of "similar" things), Jesus teaches about the kingdom of heaven. What do we find helpful in this teaching? What moves us by this teaching? How might we experience life in God's kingdom as "treasure" (v. 52) so that we are enriched by this way of life?

Sentence

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39

Collect

God of mercy,
you have blessed us beyond our dreams;
you have set before us promises and perils
beyond our understanding;
help us to struggle and pray
that the perils may be averted
and your promises fulfilled.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Notices

St Chad's feast day will be celebrated on 2nd August; we are having our regular lunch at the Richmond Club, (75 London Street, Richmond), please be seated by 12 noon for staff to take orders. Come along and celebrate our Feast Day. I need to confirm numbers the week before the lunch, so please get your names on the form at the back of the church today, if you haven't already. Thank you.
(Susanne Unwin)

Brenda Sherstone's (a long standing parishioner) internment of ashes will take place this afternoon starting at 1.30pm at the St Chad's site.

Strings & Keys: An evening of romance, classical favourites and folk— music provided by violinist Rose Light and pianist Gabriel Baird. 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm) on Friday, 21 August at All Souls Church, 30 Church Lane, Merivale. Book tickets to avoid disappointment. Contact Maria Light on 022 494 8269 to book and pay for tickets.

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

Next Week's Bible Readings — St Chad's Feast Day

Sirach 3: 17-24

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Matthew 11: 25-30

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

Add your name and "donation" as references.

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**Choose the Bread of Life
or
You are toast**