

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 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 3: 1-15

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Peter writes:

This coming **Sunday, 30 August 2026 is Ordinary 22** and the Gospel is **Matthew 16:21-28**.

There are three parts to this passage.

- (1) verses 21-23: Jesus predicts his suffering, death and resurrection; Peter rebukes him and Jesus calls Peter 'Satan';
- (2) verses 24-26: a saying to followers about denying self and taking up the cross;
- (3) verses 27-28: a statement about the coming judgment of the Son of Man.

The whole passage represents 'tough talk' by Jesus. No disciple reading this passage could be in any doubt that being a disciple means 'total commitment'!

Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. *Matthew 16:24–25*

Collect

**God of unchangeable power,
our strength at all times;
guard us from all dangers
and support us in all difficulties
that we may live victoriously now and forever;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Notices

AAW Festival Service: Calling all Christian women in the Diocese of Christchurch to a Festival Service to be held by the Association of Anglican Women **at the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch, on Sunday, 13 September at 2pm with choral accompaniment of the Grammar School Girl Choristers.** Preacher: The Reverend Dr Anne Shave, Cathedral Curate; Presider: The Reverend Jan Brodie, AAW Chaplain.

Heads up – we are holding a Spring Market, on Saturday 19th September 10 am to 2.00pm at St Chads site. Put the date in your diaries now.

Bishop Peter (BP) also says that he has enjoyed two visits to **Ravenscar House**, Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch, which has a superb collection of NZ art and other artistic treasures. He also appreciate its connection to the Diocese as a gift to the city from Jim and Susan Wakefield— Jim's son Steve Wakefield is a good friend, deputy chair of CPT and fellow director with BP on the CCRL Board. On Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September, **Ravenscar House** is free to visit.

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 to 12 Noon
	Handiscope	(A) 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	(C) 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Games Afternoon	(C) 3 rd Tues of the month – Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	(C) 10am
	Chair Yoga (cost \$5)	(C) 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday	Elder Care Group	(A) 10am to 12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	(A) 9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	(A) 10am to 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

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Donations to the Parish may be made to our bank account which is:

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

Add your name and “donation” as references.

Humour

Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life ...



are pointed away from Earth!