

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 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

INTRODUCTION

Today in the church year we celebrate one of our more famous saints, one who grew to understand what being an apostle of Jesus might mean. Francis of Assisi was born in 1181. In short, Francis went off the rails as a young man, he rejected his father and the wealthy lifestyle Dad stood for and embraced poverty. It is said that in his 20s Francis stripped naked in the town square to renounce his inheritance in front of his parents, the bishop and the entire population of Assisi. It is said that Francis kissed and hugged lepers, cleaning their wounds.

Now the people of his day ... people who had more possessions than they needed, thought Francis was crazy because he refused to distinguish between the “deserving” and the “undeserving” poor. Francis gave to everyone who begged from him -- money or food if he had any, or a smile and a kind word if he had nothing else to offer. He took seriously the words in the Gospels:

“Sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

He died in 1226 and was canonised two years later. On his deathbed Francis of Assisi offered a final prayer: “I have done what is mine. May Christ teach you what is yours to do.” In other words, find out what it is that God requires each one of us to do, and may God give us the grace to accomplish those things as wholeheartedly, and as single-mindedly, as Francis did.

Sentence

Forgetting what lies behind and straining for what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b–14

Collect

Merciful God,
in Christ you make all things new;
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Notices

The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday, 10th October at 8:30am, at St Chad's. Billy Pamatangi will be speaking about his recent trip to the Kingdom of Tonga as a delegate to the bi-annual meeting of General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui (the governing body of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia). The women parishioners are welcome to join us at 9.20am to hear Billy speaking.

On Thursday 15th October, 6.30pm to 8.45pm, Sister Eveleen Retreat House is running a Quiz Night and Silent Auction fundraiser at the Brighton Beach House Café—organise a team now! Details at <https://www.anglicanlife.org.nz/event/quiz-night-and-silent-auction/>.

At 7pm on Wednesday 21st October, at Holy Trinity Avonside, Bishop Peter will ordain the Reverend Dr **André Muller** to the priesthood.

Find the latest issue 89 of our Diocesan print AnglicanLife magazine (with a VIP Tamariki pull-out featuring activities for children and their guardians/carers) – ask the welcomers or Martz for a copy.

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

Next Week's Bible Readings — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 1-14

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

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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

Thank you to everyone who donated or assisted on the day of our Spring Market at St Chads, also to those who attended. Everyone had wonderful day and we raised a great effort of \$1,347.50.

Raffle Results :

1st Blue 019 - John Williams

2nd Green E 16 - Lisa White

3rd Green E 77 - C Harland

4th Green E 59 - Patty

5th Green E 66 - Irene Brown

6th Red E 60 - Chandra

7th Green E 17 - Janlea

8th Blue 062 - Jay Johnson

Thank you so much, all winners have been notified

Julie Williams