

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 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

Luke 18: 1-8

INTRODUCTION

From Vicar General Mark Barlow

This Sunday we continue our journey through the Gospel of Luke. In recent weeks, we have focused on the matter of faith; the mustard seed in 17:5-10; the faith of a healed, gentile leper in 17:11-19. This week, in 18:1-8, Jesus asks the question in verse 8:

“Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Maybe a strange question to be asking, following a story about an oppressed widow and a diffident judge - or maybe not? How easy is it for us, despite our faith, to miscast our life of prayer and relationship with God along the lines of that between a put-upon individual on the one hand, and an apparently disinterested God on the other?

My prayer for us is that we will grasp our mustard seed of faith and trust that our prayers reach a God who loves us utterly and boundlessly, caring deeply about the people who concern us and things that trouble us. In addition, we can **trust** the Almighty One, who sees ahead, not only to hear us, but to act as may be best for us and for those for whom we pray!

Arohanui ki a koutou katoa

Sentence

Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

Luke 18:7–8

Collect

**Mighty God,
strong, loving and wise,
help us to depend upon your goodness
and to place our trust in your Son;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Vestry meets today – in Oswald Lounge at 11.45 am.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil at the Transitional Cathedral - TONIGHT - Transitional Cathedral — Oct 19, 2025

From 7pm to midnight, Sunday 19 October at the Christ Church Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central.

Following the announced cease fire and further peace talks regarding Israel-Palestine, the Christchurch Transitional Cathedral will be hosting a prayer vigil on Sunday 19 October, **from 7pm until midnight**. In response to the ceasefire and hostage release, we long to gather and pray that these first fruits of peace would blossom into longer and deeper peace in the region. The purpose of this vigil is to pray in celebration of a pause in the violence, and to earnestly pray for the development of peace in the region. It will be a contemplative space where you can come and go as you are able. This vigil is for people of any faith or none to come together, united in a desire for peace and humanity. Most of the vigil will be holding silence, with invited guests leading short sessions every hour on the hour. The Transitional Cathedral will be set up with prayer stations inviting you to pray in creative ways. Feel free to stay for as little or as long as you like, and share the word.

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

Next Week's Bible Readings — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joel 2: 23-32

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

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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.***

Humour

Don't give up!

**After all, Moses was found in a
basket –
yes, he was a basket case too.**