

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 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 45: 1-15

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Peter writes:

Today the Gospel is **Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**. If both parts of the passage are read, then it is a passage of two distinct halves.

The first making the point that God is concerned about what actually defiles us. In the context of a religious culture which attended to great details about foods which defiled and foods that didn't defile, Jesus dismisses the thought that any food defiles and attends to the bad words which come out of our mouths and the bad actions that flow out of evil in our hearts: such things are what actually defile us.

In verses 21-28, Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman, effectively a "defiled" person from the perspective of the religious, cultural context of Jesus' Israel. Her plea for help, even if only "crumbs under the table", persuades Jesus that she has faith. Centuries later that phrase remains in the liturgical life of our church in the Prayer of Humble Access (e.g. NZPB, p. 425-26).

Sentence

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Isaiah 56:1

Collect

**Come Holy Spirit with new fire;
when our prayers seem to fail,
when we hear no voice nor any answer,
rouse us and light our way.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Notices

Please pray for the next meeting of **General Synod – Te Hinota Whanui** (GSTHW) for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is in **Tonga from Saturday 15 August to Thursday 20 August**. Among the representatives from this Diocese is our Billy (Toupili Pamatangi) and we wish him well.

The Women's Coffee Group meets on **Thursday 20th August** at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. All welcome. Contact Carole on 021 0504 811.

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.

Kevin O'Brien, the husband of the Reverend **Felicity O'Brien** (who ministered in this parish and is now Vicar of Oxford-Cust), died on Saturday following a period of illness. From Bishop Peter: "Please pray for Felicity and their family as they prepare for this service and mourn the loss of Kevin. Kevin was a man of deep faith in Christ, a strong intercessor and a wonderful support to Felicity in her ordained ministry. He will be much missed". Many from this parish will remember Kevin also. Kevin's memorial service will be at **St. Andrew's Church, Oxford, at 2pm on Saturday 22 August 2026**.

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 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

Add your name and "donation" as references.

Humour

***Ever wondered why
mosquitos love Christians?***

There's power in the blood!