

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 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Romans 7: 15-25a

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel is **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**.

Bishop Peter writes: A common thread to these two parts of the chapter is wisdom.

On the question of whether John or Jesus as the Son of Man have come from God, one being noted for asceticism, the other for participation in dinners and feasts, Jesus declares that "God's wisdom, however, is shown to be true by its results" (v. 19, GNB). Both John and Jesus produced fruit/results for their respective ministries.

On the question of understanding who Jesus truly is, the Son in intimate relationship with the Father, Jesus thanks his Father because "you have shown to the unlearned what you have hidden from the wise and learned" (v. 25, GNB). Here human wisdom – our intelligence, our knowledge, our power to cleverly argue against what we do not want to accept – is opposite to God's wisdom which is revealed through Jesus to the world. Part of that revelation concerns the grace of God in Jesus Christ, who wishes to share the burdens of our lives rather than add to them (vv. 28-29).

Sentence

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,’ says the Lord. ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.’

Matthew 11:28–29

Collect

Holy and eternal God,
give us such trust in your sure purpose,
that we measure our lives
not by what we have done or failed to do,
but by our faithfulness to you.
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake. **Amen.**

Notices

Did You Know? Members of the parish pastoral care team are available to visit parishioners in their homes or in hospital at times of special need. This might be a friendly visit or to bring Holy Communion. Please contact the co-ordinator Deacon Anne for details 0274 366 828. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

To assist all NZ voters in understanding the importance of making their voice as well as their vote count, a Christian social action organization, **Common Grace**, has arranged the following event in Christchurch. ***Leave No Voice Uncounted: Common Grace's invitation to churches for the 2026 general election.*** **When: Thursday 9 July, 7pm - 9pm. Where:** Christchurch Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch.

For: Church leaders, home group / youth group leaders, and other people keen to respond to this challenge. Over dessert and hot drinks, come and hear from Common Grace Aotearoa Co-Director **Kate Day** about how we are organising to enrol people to vote and to remind them to follow through and vote this election, and how you and your faith community could be involved. **We won't be telling you or your community which parties or candidates to vote for.** Rather, together, we can help ensure that thousands of voices that might otherwise get shut out of our democracy, get heard this election.

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 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 25: 19-34

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

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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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no big or small ministry.

Every act of service
is a ministry.

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