

Greetings all!

Again, I'd like to thank all of you for welcoming Rebecca and myself with so much love (and airs of expectation). I've said before that it is a humbling prospect to be your Vicar, and we are grateful that you have provided such an easy entry into the community, with a warm home to live in and so many smiles and good wishes as we have begun meeting you all!

The past two weeks have seen huge changes in my life, finishing off several ministries in Auckland and nationally, and moving Rebecca and myself to Christchurch. It wouldn't have been possible without your prayers and support. It also wouldn't have been possible without Rebecca's family who helped pack (and then unpack) over the past couple of weeks!

Family are the central element to bringing about God's kingdom here on Earth. God uses the support of family, we see it in the calling to Abraham and his descendants especially with Moses, the family temple ties through the Levities, the role Jesus' mother takes in bringing up God's son, and the Church's understanding of being God's children to name a few; we need the support of our family both close and extended to do the work that God calls us to do.

The support needs to be as little as encouragement all the way to pitching in alongside. Regardless, without the support of family and those who we live in community with, we would struggle to be the people that God wants and needs us to be.

And so thank you once more for making Rebecca and myself so welcome. Thank you for welcoming us into the St Mary's and All Saints family. We are looking forward to sharing what families do, the good times and the hard times, and growing in our faith together.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter', written in a cursive style.



ROSTER time again! If you are unavailable for any Sunday during March/April please let Hilary know by ph 322 6095 or email maryalls@xtra.co.nz. We would encourage anyone who wishes to become involved on the service roster (especially as a sides person) to PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Our grateful thanks to all those who helped with the working bee last Saturday. Everyone is delighted that the Lychgate was found in the undergrowth and returned to its rightful place!



A message from our

City Missioner. . . . *“Thank you very much for your contribution to the mission. We depend on the support of people like you so that we can provide services to over 300 people a day. When I heard of your generosity to us I wanted you to know that I am personally very grateful to you. While it has not been possible to thank you face to face please be assured of my gratitude.*

If you would like to see around the Mission some time in the future you could contact Dawn on 365 0635 and she could make a suitable time for you to call and meet with me. Our apology for this late acknowledgement and thank you again for your goodness to us.”

Michael Gorman



FAMILY FISH 'n CHIP NIGHT Friday 5th March 5.30pm

in the parish hall. BYO drinks and please bring \$\$\$ for fish 'n chips. We look forward to a great gathering of parish families from Halswell & Prebbleton.



This Wednesday we make our monthly visit to **ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** with communion. We welcome any parishioners who

join us on these occasions. You can meet in their lounge for a 10:45am start or be at St Mary's for transport by 10:30am.

CYMC BRAD REQUESTS - Has anyone an adjustable high bar stool that they no longer need that he could use in his office area? Also has anyone an intercom system of some sort, however basic ????. Please talk to Brad or the office.

Free Friday Fare

Once again the invitation goes out to everyone to join us for lunch in the Parish Hall on **Friday 19th February**. If you can let Joan Curwood know that you will be coming (ph. 322.8317) this helps us with our catering and setting up.



The next **Boundaries in Ministry** training is coming up on the 5th of March for level 1, and 6th of March for level 2. Venue is to be confirmed. It is compulsory for those who hold Bishop's Licenses to keep this training up to date. For more information please talk to Bryan or Philippa. Other training dates in the future will be the 17th of June for level 3, and 19th of June for level 1.

We ask God's blessing on all activities we will do this week in His name.

MARYALLS

Tuesday - 16th February

9.20 am Prebbleton Walking Group meet outside All Saints

Wednesday - 17th February- ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 am Eucharist St Mary's Church

10.00 am Eucharist St Mary's Church

10.00 am Craft Group Parish Hall

10.45 am Eucharist St John of God

Thursday - 18th February

3.33 pm Children's Club Parish Hall/Lounge

6.00 pm Dominos Parish Hall

7.30 pm Paua Cantata Parish Lounge

Friday - 19th February

12 noon Free Friday Fare Parish Hall

Saturday - 20th February

7.30 am Men's Fellowship Parish Lounge

Sunday - 21st February

8.00 am Eucharist St Mary's Church

9.00 am Eucharist All Saints Church

10.00 am Family Service St Mary's Church



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13

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