

# Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā whitu o He wā noa iho**

**10am at St Michael's, Andersons Bay**

## Readings

Genesis 2: 18-24

Ps 8

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

## Sentence

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. Mark 10:15

## Collect

Inclusive God, your love is offered to the vulnerable and the powerful and knows no limits; open our eyes to recognise where our words and actions exclude others, and by your Spirit turn us to new action, embracing all with unity and care, so that your ways of justice and peace may be revealed. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **Introductory words from Tony**

Warm greetings to you all. I am delighted to be appointed Interim Priest Missioner by Bishop Steven (12 month covenant) and I look forward to ministering among you especially this Sunday. Claire Brown marked St Michael's Day on Wednesday which was the actual day of the feast. I will be presiding and preaching using the Gospel reading for Ordinary Time for my sermon – "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Dianne Body will be our liturgist. I am thrilled to be able to meet you all ... as time unfolds ... and I welcome any opportunity to do. My expectation is to work two days in the parish and generally speaking I will be available at either church St Michael's or St Nicholas on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. As you might imagine things are still settling down so, to be honest, I am available most times except Fridays which I hope to have off. My lovely wife, Katherine, will attend church when she is able, which will be most Sundays; she works at the University Student Health during the week.

## **REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING FOR SUNDAY**

Here is something to think about, which I will discuss on Sunday: what did Jesus mean when he said we should be like a child that we may enter the Kingdom of God? Hear our Lord's words: "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." The word translated "never" is very strong. The New Testament scholar William Lane comments: "The solemn pronouncement is directed to the disciples, but has pertinence for all people confronted by the gospel ... because it speaks of the condition for entrance into the Kingdom of God." No one ... will get into the Kingdom of God ... unless he or she receives God's salvation like a child. No one! OK, so how are we to understand and apply this?

## **DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS ALLOWING THESE GATHERINGS TO TAKE PLACE SAFELY**

- Tuesday:** 10am - Macandrew Bay House-group
- Wednesday:** 10am - Mid-week communion at St Michael's
- Thursday:** 10am - St Nicholas' Playgroup
- Sunday:** 10am - Holy Communion at St Nicholas', Waverley

## **Notices**

### **Changes to Sunday Services**

Please note that our Sunday service rotation will change from this month, and onwards.

The 10 am Sunday service on the first and second Sundays of the month will be held at St Michael's, and the 10 am Sunday service on the third and fourth Sundays of the month will be held at St Nicholas'.

Vestry has approved these changes to accommodate The Rev'd Dr Tony Martin's programme, to enable Tony to take services in the Parish on the first and third Sunday of each month; the first Sunday being at St Michael's and the third Sunday being at St Nicholas'.

If you're unsure where Church will be on any given Sunday, the Pew News for the week will always have this information.

Amended service and church rosters have been prepared and sent out this week. Please advise of any problems.

### **Missions**

Thank you to all who attended Vivienne's final service last Sunday and who contributed so generously to Missions as our thankyou to Vivienne.

Just a reminder that Mission box contents will be collected at St Michael's this Sunday.

### **Contact Details**

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Tuesday 1 – 5 pm

Thursday 1 – 5 pm

## **PRAYERS**

### **The Wider Church**

We pray for the Province of Polynesia including the people of Samoa, Tonga and American Samoa. We give thanks for the teams for volunteers who work in these areas.

### **In the Diocese**

Our prayers this morning are for the Diocese of Polynesia Bishops, University and Polytechnic Chaplaincy and the University of Otago Department of Theology.

### **In our Parish**

**Those who have asked for prayer** - Natalie Ellis Wilson and H Robert Wilson

### **From the Parish Roll**

This Sunday in our prayers we remember Ann Forss, Christine Gabbusch, Samuel and Madeleine

### **In the Community**

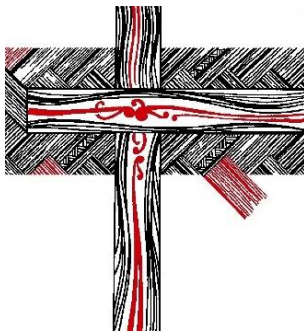
We pray for teachers, students and families as they begin school holidays. May they enjoy relaxation and recreation after a difficult term.

### **St Michael's:**

Elliot Street,  
Andersons Bay

### **St Nicholas':**

Dunrobin Street,  
Waverley



### **Next week's readings:**

Amos 5: 6-7,10-15

Ps 90: 12-17

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Mark 10: 17-31