

St Marks, Raumati Beach
9.30 am

St Paul's, Paraparaumu
8.30 am & 10 am

St Peter's, Paekakariki
10 am

Kāpiti Anglicans

28 FEBRUARY 2021

Welcome to worship on this second Sunday in Lent.
May you meet the Lord Jesus today and know his delight in you.

In today's gospel reading we have Mark's brief version of Jesus' rebuke of Peter. Matthew's gospel gives us so much more detail. I see myself in Peter. It is never easy when we hear bad news about someone's health or welfare- it is even more difficult when it is someone we know and love. Denial is one of our first reactions- "No!", "surely not", "have you had a second opinion?" perhaps even "don't talk like that". Peter was devastated that Jesus was talking about his own suffering and death as if it were immanent- the rising again part meant nothing to him at this point- He took Jesus aside and began to tell him off for speaking that way ("God forbid it Lord! This must never happen to you" (Matt 16:22)). Here, Jesus then looks at the disciples as a whole and rebukes Satan (In Matthew he rebukes Peter). He sees his disciples as being used by the enemy to move his focus from his mission, which would require his willingness to be put to death and not to deviate from the path set before him.

Jesus' harsh rebuke is hard for us to swallow, until we realize that if Jesus himself had been side tracked to an agenda of dwelling on the pain or injustice of what he was about to endure, he couldn't have been the key to completing God's plan for the salvation of the world. Instead he stayed focused on God's agenda- laying self aside.

We all face challenges that have the potential to shake our foundations and raise difficult questions for us and for the people we love. When we are discouraged or at risk of losing heart we are challenged to look to Jesus (Heb 12:1-3), not in a fleeting glance but with eyes fixed on him, so that we can run the race set before us, whatever that may be, with courage and perseverance.

May God's peace be with you



A special welcome to all who are visiting with us today.

We are family, we are disciples, we care for the last, the lost and the least.

<i>Readings</i>	28 February	7 March
First Testament	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Exodus 20:1-17
Epistle	Romans 4:13-25	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel	Mark 8:31-38	John 2:13-22

Sentence and Collect for the Day

Sentence: "If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow him (Mark:34)

Collect: Servant God, grant us the opportunity and give us the willingness to serve you day by day; that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens, may be our sacrifice to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 28 February 2021 **2nd Sunday in Lent—Violet**

Psalms 22:23-31 A prophetic psalm anticipating the Messiah's suffering to come, calling on us to praise the Lord who has dominion over all things.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Twenty-four years after leaving his homeland at God's command, Abraham is offered a covenant by the Lord. Abraham will father a numerous race, and the Lord will be their one God; his barren wife Sarah will bear him a son, from whom many nations and kings will arise.

Romans 4:13-25 Writing from Corinth to Christian friends in Rome around 56.A.D., Paul reminds them of Abraham's faith. Paul emphasises that following Abraham's example, 'faith through grace' not good works or obedience to the law, is the key to righteousness and salvation.

Mark 8:31-38 Jesus, having just been acknowledged by Peter as 'the Messiah', now warns his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer, be rejected and persecuted by the Jewish authorities; he will be killed, and rise again three days later. He urges those who would follow him, to risk everything for the glory of God.

Chris Durrant

Parish Daily Prayer Services are offered both morning and evening. You can join this prayer group by using the Zoom links below:

- **Morning Prayer:** 8am Tues to Fri

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/703543297?pwd=VlVVeEUvWHA0Qzc2KzJFaDhTYnZsdz09>

- or use meeting ID is 703 543 297. Password: 6NpsHP

Evening Prayer <https://movementonline.org.nz/evening-prayer>

Tuesday—Saturday at 9pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 211-936-7784 Password: *prayers*

Envelope Giving-

we are approaching the time when new envelopes will be issued. As cheques are no longer accepted by the banks we encourage folk to consider moving their giving to automatic payment which can be arranged via online banking or with your bank. If you have already moved to giving via auto payment, or are intending to and no longer require envelopes please let the office know. We are using up the last of our pre printed, divided envelopes. Future envelopes will be larger, pre stamped, with space to write your donation to missions, to general funds, as you determine and the total amount included.

World Day Of Prayer

Friday 5 March 1.30pm
You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at Lady of Kapiti,
1 Presentation Drive, Paraparaumu.
Offerings will be used to support projects in Vanuatu and New Zealand, as well as to contribute towards local and international world day of prayer.

Te Hahi

Commissioning service

March 7th at Raumati Beach Church
7pm. Please come and support our team and this Combined churches of kapiti initiative.

Whanau Fun

Summer Harvest Thanksgiving

3pm 14th March, St Paul's
Devonshire Teas, Decorate biscuits,
Potato weigh in, Make your own
garden angel

Food Fair

12 March If you are able to provide a dish for the Food Fair or sweet, or help on the night serving please let the office know.

Shared Lunch

Open house—Bring and share lunch
12.30pm at Julian and Fee Thomson's
place, 6 Cranbrook Grove
(022 442 676). All welcome

Building Blocks For Your Discipleship Journey

Join Anglican studies in 2021 for a range of courses designed to further your formation as a follower of Christ. Courses are open to all of us, and can be credited towards a diploma of Christian studies.

Semester Courses available are: 'Doing Theology' 12-14 Feb & 7-9 May and 'The Bible Story'- New Testament 23-25 Jul, 3-5 Sep

There will also be three short courses offered via online video conference. Designed to equip us as disciples, these last for 5-7 weeks and can be completed by anyone.

Holiness and Social Action with Bishop Justin begins week of 1 March and Later—Radical Discipleship from June and The Church for Others from 18 October. For more info contact Rev. Dr Joe McGarry on joe@anglicanmovement.nz

4+ More Children's Programme

Is for children aged 4 years and older.
The programme includes a wide range of fun activities to educate, inspire and develop individuals.
We meet for a weekly session at St Paul's Parish Hall, Wednesdays 3.30-5.00pm during school terms.
\$4 a session. Sign up Forms at the Parish Office.



Just a reminder about keeping yourself safe:

- ◇ **Stay home** if you are feeling unwell
 - ◇ **Wash your hands** thoroughly
 - ◇ **Hand Sanitiser** is provided for your use
- Covid tracer app available throughout buildings for those who wish to use it.

For Your Diary

March

- 6 Training Day for all—Samuel Marsden Collegiate, Wellington 9.30-4pm
- 12 Food Fair—5.30pm St Paul's Church Hall
- 14 Whanau Fun
- 13 Prayer Meeting for our family—St Paul's Lounge, 11am
- 14 Evensong—5pm St Mark's Church
- 22 Marksmen—6.30 St Paul's Lounge

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