

We made over \$700 from this event; a big thanks to Chris Pullin for this good choice of film.

Christmas Cakes – Yes it is that time of year again! If you are able to bake, supply ingredients or give money towards ingredients please ring Chris Pullin on 09-2336243 with what you are prepared to offer. We need big ones and small ones. This has always been a good fundraiser so the more we can make the more we can sell. If you should have an outlet for them please let Chris know as soon as possible – they make great Christmas presents.

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THIS WEEK 1-8 October

Sunday 8 October

9:30am Family Communion Service and Sunday School at St Mary's, Pokeno followed by morning tea
Only service in the Parish on this day

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3: 4b-14;
Matthew 21: 33-46

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1 October 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome & Gathering

A very warm welcome to you, and especially to any visitors, as we gather to praise and worship God this morning.

Theme

God's Sustaining Presence

Today's service can be found in the Family Service folder...

Sentence of the Day

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6: 1a, 2b

Prayer of the Day

**Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.**

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Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7; Philippians 2: 1-13; **Matthew 21: 23-32**

Reflection

In today's reading Paul says, 'in humility regard others as better than yourselves'.

It is a timely reminder for us to reflect on ourselves not in a selfish way but in a thoughtful mode. It is so easy for us to think of our needs as a priority. In our busy lives there is a danger of putting ourselves first. We can see it happening everyday with the people around us. As another writer expressed the meaning of humility, 'humility is not thinking less of yourself it's thinking of yourself less'.

Paul's point, of course, is that we should follow the example of Christ. 'He humbled himself and became obedient even to the point of death'. Just as Jesus' life was in the service of God, so too should we seek to think of others first. What can we do to make the lives of those around us better, especially those whose needs are greater than ours?

Perhaps Mahatma Gandhi has the answer. 'I claim to be a simple individual, liable to err like any other person. I own however, that I have humility enough to confess my errors and to retrace my steps.' I wonder? Do we have that humility?

Blessings.

Have a good week.

Bruce

Prayers Bidding: O God, work in us:
 Response: but your will, Lord, be done.

The congregation are invited to sit after the offertory hymn for the Great Thanksgiving Prayer.

During the week please remember in your prayers

In our intercessions we pray for our three Tikanga Church and our Bishops, Bishop Ross and Assistant Bishop Jim, and Bishops Kito and Winston. We pray for all ministry units and chaplaincies in our Diocese. We pray for our country and for those who hold leadership roles and positions of responsibility. In particular we pray for those who are unwell or in need and for those who provide support to them. We pray too, for the faithful departed and for those who grieve.

Goodwill offerings – Your contribution for the work of our church will be collected during the Offertory Hymn. Our regular parishioners contribute by envelope or by automatic payment. One off or regular payments can be made on line. Our bank account is **Bombay Pokeno Parish 02-0404-0013078-00**. Include your initials and name to be eligible for tax deductions. It costs our parish about \$1600 per week to run.

Food Bank – The Manurewa Anglican Parish Foodbank Programme continues to welcome your contributions of food to support families in need.

NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Ministry Planning Workshop – We are organising a Workshop to be held at St. Peter's Bombay on Saturday 14th October 9.30am – 2pm (including a light lunch) to draw out some ideas and approaches to extending ministry from our Churches. We will focus on extending ministry to families with children, our future activity at St. Jude's Mercer, ministry with youth and young adults and further activity in the new areas of Pokeno. All who have an interest in these matters and some hopes, ideas and energy to share are invited to join our Vestry members for this Workshop. Further details will soon be circulated. Contact – Andrew Beyer.

Film Afternoon Event – A big thank you to all that supported our visit last Sunday to the showing of the film "Victoria and Abdul".