



Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch North

NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 12 JULY // 15 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD OF GOD

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus speaks about the parable of the Sower, the parable appears simple but is meaningful enough to be applied in our lives.

Jesus compares the ones who meditate on His word and acts on them as the good soil that produces remarkable results in their lives and in the lives of the people around them.

The word of God is important in our day to day life, it shows us the path to act as messengers and followers of Christ in the world, without our effort to spread the good news, God will do nothing in our lives and the lives of others around us.

He needs our co-operation and sustained efforts to produce a good harvest. Hence the core of this parable is really the different types of soil, or the responses of different types of people to the sower sowing the Seed in their lives.

When our response is a hundred percent to the word of God than we not only change our lives for the better, but we also influence and change the lives of those around us.

Bruce Larson tells about a young African woman who came to the U.S. from Angola. Her name was Maria. One day she went to a meeting on evangelism in her church where they were talking about pamphlets, missions, campaigns, and all the rest. At one point, someone turned to Maria and said, "What do they do in your Church in Angola, Maria?" "In my Church," said Maria, "we don't give pamphlets or have missions. We just send one or two Christian families to live in a village. And when people see what Christians are like, they all want to be Christians themselves."

As sincere Christians in the world, we can be the good soil that has received the word, acted on them and produced a good crop, a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown."

Very few are familiar with the word of God as read in the Bible, but they certainly see the word of God in action through our lives. I love this poem that describes so well the influence we have on others through our lives lived according to the word of God.

### The Gospel According to You

by Anonymous

If none but you in the world today  
Had tried to live the Christlike way,  
Could the rest of the world look close at you  
And find the path that is straight and true?

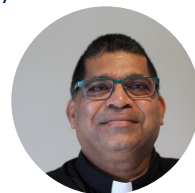
If none but you in the world so wide  
Had found the Christ for his daily guide,  
Would the things you do and the things you say  
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friends of the Christ, in the world today  
Are many who watch you upon your way,  
And look to the things you say and do  
To measure the Christian standard true:

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ  
With its love so unfailing and true,  
But what do they say and what do they think  
Of the gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter to men  
Take care that the writing is true;  
'It's the only gospel that some men will read,  
The gospel according to you.

Father Edwin



Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19 // Romans 8:26-27 // Matthew 13:24-43

**Mass Times:**

**Vigil Masses (Saturday)**

5 pm - St Matthews Church  
6 pm - Christ the King Church  
6 pm - St Gregory's Church

**Sunday Masses**

8:30 am - St Gregory's  
9 am - Christ the King  
9:30 am - St Matthew's  
10 am - St Gregory's  
11 am - Christ the King  
5 pm - St Gregory's

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday**

7 am & 9 am - Christ the King

**Tuesday**

7 am & 9 am - Christ the King  
9:15 am - St Gregory's

**Wednesday**

7 am & 9 am - Christ the King  
9:15 am - St Gregory's

**Thursday**

7 am & 9 am - Christ the King  
Noon - St Gregory's

**Friday**

7 am & 9 am - Christ the King  
9 am - St Alban's Catholic  
School Library (during school  
terms)  
9:15 am - St Joseph's Centre  
(during school terms)

**Saturday**

9 am - Christ the King  
9:15 am - St. Gregory's

**Reconciliation Times**

Saturdays

Christ the King  
9:30 - 10:30 am

St Gregory's  
9:45 - 10:45 am

St Matthew's  
4:15 - 4:45 pm

St Gregory's  
5:15 - 5:45 pm

[ or by appointment ]

**Adoration**

Christ the King, Mon - Fri  
7:30 - 8:45 am

St Gregory's Perpetual  
Adoration Chapel

To request prayer, text:  
021 413 659

# From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The project of transitioning to one new Parish will conclude at the end of July.

I want to thank Brendan Woodnutt for his work as project manager and the small project team for getting us to this point.

The first planning meeting of the new leadership team will be on the 5th August. The team will gather for Mass and then spend the rest of the day at Replenish Healing Centre at Okuku.

Greg McNeill will be facilitating the day and he has already given us some homework to do!!! This planning day will be looking at what we would like the parish to look like in 3-5 years in light of our parish vision and then what we will need to focus on in the next 12 -18 months as we begin to unfold this vision.

I ask you to be patient as we begin this wonderful task. The Leadership Team will also need to do further training. We still have much to do in the parish; looking further at our systems, our pastoral care, sacramental programmes, and inviting feedback towards the new church, parish centre and presbytery. At the same time we must maintain our essential sacramental programmes and pastoral work.

We hope to be in the shared office space at St Gregory's centre by early August. This work began last Friday.

God Bless Fr Rick

***Our Vision for the Catholic North Parish is of a missionary parish bringing people to come to know Jesus Christ personally, helping them grow as disciples, and going out to others with the Gospel message.***



## Youth Led Mass Training

KEEN TO GET INVOLVED IN SERVING FOR  
OUR YOUTH LED MASSES?

JOIN US FOR OUR TRAINING SESSIONS  
FOR MUSICIANS, READERS & GREETERS  
THESE HOLIDAYS

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY**

**12PM-3PM**

LUNCH PROVIDED -RSVP FOR FOOD

CTK CENTRE, 90 GREERS ROAD

CTKYOUTHNZ@GMAIL.COM

Kaclyn Graham

# Parish Notices

## NEW PARISH DECREE

The Bishop has issued new decrees for the amalgamation of our city and Selwyn parishes to reflect the fact that all assets are now able to be transferred to the new entities along with employment agreements and other rights and obligations. The decree for our new parish being established becomes effective on the 12th of July 2020. A copy of the decree is on the diocesan website and on the Church foyer notice board.

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021 - MARIAN COLLEGE

Marian College is a Catholic community with a love of faith, learning and service for the common good. In 2021, there will be three classes of Year 9 students.

To avoid disappointment please submit your daughter's enrolment application by our closing date of 31 July 2020. We are offering opportunities to discover Marian College through video, on our Facebook page and website.

To enrol please visit our website <http://www.mariancollege.school.nz/> to download our application form. Contact us at [exec@mariancollege.school.nz](mailto:exec@mariancollege.school.nz) or phone (03) 3858 449.

## DOMINICAN EX PUPILS

DOMINICAN EX-PUPILS: Are you interested in having the annual lunch August 2nd if so please advise "kaypricenz@gmail.com" or 0210772057 by the 17th July and a decision will be made

## IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL.

It is important when a family member enters hospital, that their next of kin or carer, makes sure they are registered as Catholic. Due to privacy laws, some hospitals do not now provide names of Catholic patients to our Catholic Chaplains. So if a patient or a family wishes to see the Catholic hospital chaplain please ask the ward staff to ensure that the chaplain is contacted. If you know you will be entering hospital then you are able to ask your parish priest to anoint you prior to going into hospital.

**A Catholic priest is always available for urgent calls by asking hospital staff to contact him.**

**Fr Alister will be away from 8th - 15th July**

## ST GREGORY'S CENTRE

We have been looking at temporary offices for the New Parish and due to the excessive cost of having a temporary office block onsite, the leadership team and finance committee have decided to transform the current centre at St Gregory's into an open plan office for our priests and staff.

Unfortunately this means that this space will no longer be available from the 6 July.

The kitchen will still be accessible and once renovations are completed a small meeting room will be available for use.

For bookings going forward the Christ the King Centre, St Joseph's Centre and Holy Trinity Hall are available please contact Jennine 351 5795

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC YOURSELF?

There is an opportunity for you or someone you know who is not Catholic to take a leap of faith and journey closer to Jesus within the Catholic Church.

The last inquiry sessions is being held

**7.30pm on Tuesday 14 July  
at St Joseph's Parish Centre**

If you have any questions please contact Alex Chia on 021 175 7121 or Dan Martin on 022 1751 789.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Next meeting **Thursday 16 July**  
St Joseph's Centre, Vagues Rd  
at 1.30pm

Everyone welcome to come and hear Father Edwin speak to us.

## St Joseph's Centre 9.15am Mass

**Please note a change from last weeks bulletin  
Friday 9.15am Mass at St Joseph's Centre will  
now always be at St Joseph's Centre for the  
time being. It will not be at St Gregory's  
during the school holidays. This will begin from  
next Friday. Thank you to those that gave  
feedback. - Fr Rick**



# Photo of the recipients of the Papal Awards Congratulations



Daphne Thorose    Ron Healing    Fr Rick    Pat McQuinn    Pat Carroll



Last Sunday some of our Altar servers got together for a practise

**"The new North Parish Website is live!  
Check it out at <http://christchurchnorth.org.nz/>"**

**Bulletin & Noticeboard Deadline 9am Thursday Morning.**

Please email notices to [holytrinitybryndw@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitybryndw@gmail.com)  
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Graeme Wilson

# Winter has Arrived

Do you have blankets surplus to requirement?  
Buried in your linen cupboard that you no longer need?  
The Society of St Vincent de Paul are in desperate need for blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need in our community this winter.

Blankets can be dropped to one of our three stores Papanui, Richmond or Hornby or placed in our clothing bins located throughout the city.

Bin Locations can be found on our website [www.svdpchch.co.nz](http://www.svdpchch.co.nz). Thank you for helping us help others !



## North Parish First Communion Programmes

### St Joseph's at St Gregory's Church

First Holy Communion Mass Sunday August 2nd at 10 am

### Bryndwr at St Matthew's Church

First Communion Mass Sunday 16th August at 1pm

### Christ the King Church

First Communion Mass Sunday 23rd August at 11am



We are excited to be welcoming the children and their families to Mass, as we celebrate our children receiving Jesus for the first time. All parishioners are welcome – We will be inviting the families of the children to sit in the front rows.

Please pray for these young people as they embark on their lifelong journey of being Catholic.



#### Special Intentions:

Beryl Ivory (Death Anniversary); Margaret Collins; Maureen McEvedy (RIP); John Coe (RIP); Lyn Spencer (RIP Ann); Bernice McCaw (RIP Ann), Moira Walsh (RIP Ann) Herbert Shaw (RIP Ann) Lorna Duggan (RIP Ann);

#### Those who are sick:

Gerard MacManus; Noeline George; Susan Steele; Rosemary Milburn; Honor Bond; Kathleen Ellis; Johanna Van Zuylen; Russel Steel; Hillary Buckland, Barbara Rowe;

#### Those who have died:

Stephen Cassidy; Sr Enid Lagan RSM; Jocelyn Rusbatch; Carlo Roberto Leopoldo Barbafigera; Sr Mary Boyes RSM; Yvonne Rita Wilkes; Noelene Davie; William 'Bill' Mehalski; Gwen Kane; Leo Steel; Glenice Shirley; Bishop Basil Meeking; Kym Will; Kalani Jack Pasene-Hanson, Andrew Donnithorne, Annie De'Costa