



Catholic Parish of
Christchurch North

NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 5 JULY // 14 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Great Comforter

I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE OF HEART.

These beautiful and comforting words form the basis of today's readings at Mass.

Gosh –almost every word from all the readings and Psalm today are life giving.

- Praise Your name for ever
- My King and my God
- Shout with gladness
- He will proclaim peace for the nations
- The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in love
- How good is the Lord!
- The Lord supports all who fall
- I am gentle and humble of heart
- Come to me all you who labour, and I will give you rest

When we sit awhile and reflect on these words – surely life seems to have a sense of purpose. The challenge for us is that we can so easily forget that God is there for us – **always**.

How often do we fall and stumble and forget to call out to God? I know this is true of myself. However, the moment I come back to these comforting words in Scripture, I am lifted up and reenergised.

The joy of being in community with you as fellow Parishioners, is a great comfort too, knowing that we are all in this journey of life together, trying our best to love God and love others.

Going forward as a new Parish, we must look out for each other. There may be some bumpy parts of the merge ahead of us, and I am sure some of us will feel quite overwhelmed with all the changes. However, with the help of God and the knowledge that we can lean on Him, we will create a wonderful new Parish, that honours God, honours the Mass, serves the needs of each-other and reaches out to the wider community.

As we leave Mass this weekend – keep the image of God – the great comforter with us.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest"

Irene Maguire
Discipleship Coordinator



Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11 // Romans 8:18-23 // Matthew 13: 1-9

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
Noon – St Matthew's Church
Hall (during school terms)

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 Parish
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

Youth Ministry Update

Dear parishioners,

As you all know, as of Pentecost this year, I was appointed the Youth & Young Adults Coordinator for the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North. Part of my role is to plan and oversee the merging of the Youth Groups for the new Parish from the former Christ the King and St Joseph's Parish. In my recent communication, I mentioned that we would leave Youth Groups as they are until the end of the year.

Unfortunately, due to a shortage in leaders (both young adult and high school), and more of a realisation of the task in front of us of merging and beginning a new youth ministry, Fr Rick, Fr Alister and myself have decided that we will **no longer be continuing with the Burnside Junior Youth Group** on Friday afternoons for the rest of the year. This means that Friday Youth Group at Christ the King, Burnside This means that we will not be having Friday Youth Groups starting up again in Term Three at Christ the King, Burnside.

I want you all to know that this is not a decision we have made lightly, but after taking time to reflect, pray and discern, we feel that it is the best choice moving forward to rationalise our Youth Groups as we begin to set up the new Youth Ministry for our new North Parish. This will give Fr Alister and I more of a chance to build up our team of leaders as well as equip and train them to lead our youth groups.

What this means is that in term three, there will be a **new youth group for students in Year 7 and 8. This is open to all students across our parish!** This Youth Group will meet in the interim for the rest of the year on Sunday evenings at the **St Joseph's Parish Centre (4 Vagues Road, Papanui) from 6 – 7.30 pm.**

It is also our hope and intention to work in collaboration with Megan and Monique, our Parish School Coordinators to still be able to do something for the younger years in the future. Thank you for your understanding.

Many thanks and God Bless,

Kaelyn Graham



Congratulations to Pat McQuinn, Pat Carroll, Daphne Thorose, & Ron Healing who will receive their Papal Medals & Awards at Masses this weekend. These medals are a recognition of their service to their former parish communities over the years.



Congratulations to Fr Alister who celebrated his **30th** Birthday a few weeks ago



Fr Alister will be away from 8th – 15th July

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 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.

Please note Friday Mass at St Gregory's Church on Friday the 10 and 17 July due to school holidays .

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



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & PIZZA

Sunday 5th July - 12:30 pm
Christ the King Church, Burnside

All altar servers from St Gregory's, St Matthew's and Christ the King are invited to a combined Altar Server Training Session.

Any children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to become altar servers - and are more than welcome to come to this training session.

Pizza will be provided after the training session!

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 Parish holding several inquiry sessions in the next few weeks, the first one being held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 7 July at Christ the King Parish Centre.**

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

BELIEVE - REFLECTIONS ON THE CREED

You are invited to join us for a six week CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) course streaming online, commencing **Wednesday 8 July at 7.30 pm.**

More information and registration here:
<https://www.fdm.org.nz/believe>

Photos From Last Sundays BCIA



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Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice

What is the **Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice** cross?

The Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (for Church and Pope) is the highest honour that can be awarded to the laity by the Pope. The Diocesan Bishop petitions the Holy See with the names and biographical information of those whom he wishes to receive the award. Normally it is conferred on those individuals for their distinguished service to the Catholic Community.

In 1888, Pope Leo XIII established this medal to commemorate his 50th Sacerdotal Jubilee and was given to the men and women who had helped and promoted the jubilee. In 1898, it became a permanent papal distinction and in 1908, Pope Pius X reduced it to a single class.

The version we have now was introduced by **Pope Paul VI** and is only awarded in gold. The obverse (the side of a coin or medal bearing the head or principal design) depicts the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul in the centre of the cross with the inscription *Pro Ecclesia* (For Church) is stamped on the left arm and *Et Pontifice* (And Pope) on the right.

Three small crosses are situated at the end of the left, bottom and right cross arm. During the pontificat of Paul VI and John Paul II, the top arm of the cross carried the coat of arms of the reigning Pope and his name in Latin on the bottom cross arm. The decoration's ribbon shows is yellow and white: the colors of the Papacy.

Further changes were made to the design under **Pope Benedict XVI** where the individual coat of arms of the pope in the top arm was replaced by a small cross, and the coat of arms of the Holy See in the bottom arm replaced the small cross in the bottom arm. The name of the current pope no longer appears on the front side.



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);

Those who are sick:

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

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