



Catholic Parish of
Christchurch North

NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE // 13 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Journey Begins!

This weekend our Northern Parish celebrates five people becoming Catholic. As we well know, one of the consequences of Covid-19 lockdown was not being able to come together at Easter and celebrate our Saviour's death and resurrection together. This was even more significant for our **Elect** (non-baptised) and **Candidates** (baptised in other dominations) as it meant that they could not become Catholic and join us fully in the faith at the high point of the Church's year.

For **Vanessa, Lachlan**, and **Colette** at Christ the King and **Justine, Jeremy** and **Sera** at St. Gregory's, Easter was full of mixed emotions of disappointment but also peace as they knew it was the right thing given the circumstances.

Each in their own way, they came to faith in Jesus through different paths and circumstances and felt it was time to join the Church. They have been preparing to join us fully in the Catholic faith since this time last year. During that time, they have asked lots of questions, engaged in discussions about the faith and prayed with each other. They reflected on how God has revealed himself throughout human history, especially in the life and death of Jesus and the way the Church carries on His ministry today. In doing so they have deepened their relationship with Jesus, and they have grown in both grace and peace.

This weekend, after a bit of a delay, they will not reach the end of the journey, but will **be initiated into the beginning of it!** They will be filled with the amazing grace of Jesus' divine life through being washed cleaned and being adopted as children of God through Baptism. They will be totally united to His body in the Eucharist for the first time and Confirmed in the faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. All six of our courageous and excited new Catholics will begin the adventure of living the life of Jesus in the world which largely doesn't know Him. **This weekend please welcome Vanessa, Lachlan (Vanessa's son), Colette, Justine, Jeremy and Sera** as new members of our community and keep them in your prayers as they strive to mature as Christian disciples within the Catholic Church.

Dan Martin

with Alex Chia & Lauren Butler



Next Week's Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16 // Romans 6:3-4,8-11 // Matthew 10:37-42

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

Introductions

Meet some of our **administration** team. They will look after the day to day administration and financial aspects of the newly amalgamated North Parish.

It is a privilege to have been appointed part of the leadership team as administration coordinator in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North, as well as PA to Fr Rick and our three assistant priests.



MELONIE DE ROO
Administration Coordinator

With support and encouragement from my future husband and his family I made a significant change in my life and became a Catholic. We have raised our four children within the Catholic education system at Christ the King Primary School, Villa Maria & St Bede's Colleges. We now have two children at Victoria University in Wellington and two currently at St Bede's College. We have enjoyed being part of the Christ the King parish family since our return from overseas in 2002.

Office management and administration is my background and I look forward to transitioning our administration team from three parishes into one. I have enjoyed my time at Christ the King and getting to know many of you, I look forward to maintaining these existing connections as well as developing new connections in our new parish of Christchurch North.

My name is Jennine and I started working as a parish secretary in 2007 when Fr Rick Loughnan employed me to be the parish secretary at the former Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St Albans.

Sadly after the earthquakes the church needed to be demolished and our little parish of St Albans merged with St Matthew's Bryndwr to become the new parish of the Holy Trinity Bryndwr and now with the vision of the Bishop we have merged to become the new Catholic Parish of Christchurch North.

We are all living in changing times and as they say a change is as good as a holiday. I am not too sure if I see this as a holiday, but I am looking forward to meeting new faces and working alongside an amazing group of people dedicated to the new Parish. My new role is going to be administration and reception so please introduce yourselves so I can get to know you.

Te aroha me nga manaakitanga.
Love and blessings.



JENNINE BAINES
Administration &
Reception

★CONGRATULATIONS★

We welcome to the Catholic family Vanessa, Lachlan, Colette, Justine, Jeremy and Sera who will be initiated into the Catholic Faith this Sunday, 28th June.

We keep you in our prayers as you begin your Catholic journey! May God bless you and your families and continue to ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with its joy and peace!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children from the former Holy Trinity & Christ the King Parishes who will celebrate their First Reconciliation this weekend. We continue to pray for all our young people who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion across our Parish.

Parish Notices

With us being at Level 1, there are no longer restrictions for Masses.

- There is no need to register for Sunday Masses. Each Church has a QR Code if you would like to keep track of where you've been.
- Holy Communion can be distributed from the Chalice
- Holy Communion can be received on the tongue.
- We can shake hands at the sign of peace.
- Holy Water will be available in the Holy Water Fonts in our Churches.

If you are not comfortable in receiving from the Chalice, or shaking hands during the sign of peace at this point in time, there is no obligation to do so.



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.

POTLUCK LUNCH

Thursday 2nd July, 12:30 pm

St Gregory's Parish Centre, Bishopdale

All are welcome (especially parishioners of the former Papanui Parish) to the potluck lunch at St. Gregory's Parish Centre.



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 30th June 2020 at the 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.

CHARISMATIC MASS

First Friday of the Month (3rd July - 7:30 pm)

Christ the King Church, Burnside

We welcome everyone who wishes to join us for a Charismatic Mass with praise & worship, prayer ministry, and fellowship. Please bring a plate for the shared supper.

Any enquiries, please contact Maureen: 0275688338

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>

THE COAST TO COAST ROSARY FOR LIFE AND FAITH

Sunday 15th August, 3 pm

Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, please go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 0221912886

Update from the parish priest!

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PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE PAPAL AWARDS

Next weekend we will be presenting *Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice* papal awards to **Ron Healing** and **Daphne Thorose** at the 9:30 am Mass at St Matthew's Church, to **Pat Carroll** at the 6 pm Saturday Vigil Mass, and to **Pat McQuinn** at the Sunday 9 am Mass at Christ the King Church. These four people between them have provided a service of love in the two former parishes of Holy Trinity and Christ the King over many years.

We celebrated these awards to them at a combined thanksgiving at the end of last year but the actual awards had not arrived!! Next weekend we will present these awards to them and say thank you again.

These four people remind us of the service and love of so many of you in our three former parishes. The thanks we give them with these awards is also a thank you to all of you who have been involved and are still involved in so many ways.

COMBINED CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW PARISH

We are still planning a weekend to farewell our three former parishes and welcome ourselves to the new parish. There will be **one Mass on the Saturday evening** and **one Mass on the Sunday morning** across the whole parish. We are currently asking St Bede's College if we can celebrate these two Masses in their Gymnasium and we hope to have as many parishioners as possible from our parish schools and wider parish community. We are hoping for a weekend in August.

Please watch this space!

PRAYER TEAMS

At Christ the King we have prayer teams available once a month to pray for people who may have a need. We do this at the end of the vigil Mass and both Sunday Masses. We will continue to do this at Christ the King on the first weekend of each month and the next weekend our prayers teams are available is the 4th & 5th of July. We are planning to do this once a month at each of our three Mass centres from September.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Just a reminder that if anyone is unwell or going into hospital for surgery, please do not hesitate to contact the priests for the Sacrament of Anointing. Also, if you know of anyone who is in Christchurch Hospital, or are going into hospital yourself, please let the hospital chaplain know so that you may be visited by a member of the chaplaincy team or a priest.

NEED TO TALK?

Perhaps you may just need to talk to a priest? Fr Edwin is very happy to be a listening ear. Feel free to contact him on 021 109 8436

TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACES

You may remember I talked of a temporary office for the Administration and Leadership Teams to be placed on the St Gregory's church site. Unfortunately the cost of this building escalated to the point where we did not feel justified in spending that amount of money. For considerably less we have decided to convert the St Gregory's Parish Centre into the North Parish temporary offices. This is actually a far more satisfactory option and we have taken the proposal to the parish finance committee this week. We are just waiting for the final quotes to come in before we go ahead.

We understand that we will lose the St Gregory's Parish Centre facility, but we will still have some space available at St Gregory's for smaller gatherings and access to the kitchen. We will still have the use of Christ the King Parish Centre, as well as the St Matthew's Church Hall.

God bless,

Fr Rick Loughnan



Please note that there are members in our community that are cautious about shaking hands at the sign of peace. Please respect their decision to not shake hands during these times - and may instead offer a nod, bow or a smile.

Please don't be offended if they do not exchange a handshake during this time.

Why do Catholics eat fish on Fridays?

For centuries Roman Catholics have abstained from eating "flesh meat," such as beef, pork, or poultry, on Friday. Moving beyond the somewhat far-fetched theory that Friday abstinence was a medieval invention designed to help the fishing industry of the time, this weekly act of abstinence is, according to canon law, **a sign of penance on the day of Our Lord's crucifixion.** It also aptly symbolises a rejection of "carnality." There is a certain theological appropriateness to abstaining from the meat of an animal whose blood has been shed on the day in which the blood of the God-man was shed, the absence of the former reminding us paradoxically of the latter. Fish would be an exception to this rule because of its symbolic association with Christ and the Eucharist.

Because Friday abstinence from flesh meat was mandatory for most Roman Catholics prior to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), restaurants were quick to offer appropriate fare for the day. Even McDonald's added the *Fillet-o-Fish* burger to its menus in 1962 after Louis Groen, owner of the chain's Cincinnati franchises, noticed that his restaurants experienced a sharp drop in sales every Friday. And even today, restaurant menus on any given Friday in the United States continue to be influenced by the old custom. For example, it is still common to see on Friday a seafood dish as the special of the day or clam chowder as the *soup du jour*.

Technically speaking, Roman Catholics are still required to abstain from meat on Fridays unless they replace it with some other act of penance or good work (such as the Stations of the Cross), or unless their local bishop has officially decreed an alternative. Most Catholics, clergy as well as laity, are oddly unaware of this obligation, though they do at least know that the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

Taken from 'Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday? The Catholic Origin to Just about everything.' by Michael P. Foley

The NZ Bishops' Conference has stated that Catholics in NZ may fulfil the law of common practise of penance by performing **any one** of the following acts of piety or charity:

- a) Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- b) Abstaining from alcoholic drink, smoking, or some other form of amusement.
- c) Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual.
- d) Giving what is saved as a result of fasting and abstinence to the needy at home or abroad.
- e) Going out of the way to help somebody who is poor, sick, old or lonely.
- f) Making an extra effort in terms of family prayer, participating in the Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, or praying the Stations of the Cross.



Please pray for the
following intentions

Special Intentions:

Beryl Ivory (Death Anniversary); Margaret Collins; Maureen McEvedy (RIP); John Coe (RIP); Those recently received into the Catholic Faith; Those preparing for receiving their First Holy Communion;

Those who are sick:

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

Those who have died:

Erin Vermeeren; Jill Lever; Nora Collier; Stephen Cassidy; Sr Enid Lagan RSM; Jocelyn Rusbatch; Carlo Roberto Leopoldo Barbafiera; 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;