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NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY / THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## From the Parish Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Happy New Year!

I recently came across, again, the Surrender Prayer by Fr Dolindo Ruotolo.

You may have seen it. I thought it would be a great way of us starting the year together as a parish.

In the Gospel this weekend we see Jesus at the beginning of his ministry calling the first disciples to follow him.

He calls us too, as his disciples, to follow him into this new year.

In the Surrender Prayer we pray,

**O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.**

In this devotion Fr Dolindo heard Jesus say to him,

**"Why do you confuse yourself by worrying?**

**Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to Me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations."**

and

**"How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need turns to Me, looks at Me and says to me, "You take care of it," then closes its eyes and rests.....and when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you. I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river."**

We have much to do this year, things to plan alongside the ordinary life of the parish. The same will be in your homes. This surrender does not mean we do not have to act but rather that we have this attitude of surrender and trust at the bottom of our hearts.

**O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.**

I will be away this weekend celebrating my great nephew Oliver's baptism in Auckland.

God Bless,

Mgr Rick Loughnan



Next Weekend's Readings (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time): Deuteronomy 18:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 / Mark 1:21-28

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday, 9am-2pm

The priests are available for emergencies by phoning the presbytery directly on **03 359 0444**

## FOR ANY PRAYER REQUESTS.

**TEXT 021 413 659**

## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY (THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME)

On the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Word of God Sunday, we join Catholics throughout the world in re-committing and deepening our engagement with Sacred Scripture. The theme this year is from John 8:31 "Remain in My Word." Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and Sacred Scripture.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

*Below are some suggestions for this Sunday with reference to Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Motu Proprio Aperuit illis (2019).*

**Focus attention in the liturgy.** "It is important that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's word."

**Pray for Proclaimers of the Word.** Take the opportunity on Word of God Sunday to pray for those who are entrusted with reading the Scriptures at Mass.

**Commit time to reflect on the Word.** Read the scriptures of the following Sunday as a companion for daily reflection and ministry. Share with others your own reflections for the following Sunday's readings.

**Lectio Divina.** Listen to the scripture readings each day. Lectio Divina is a method of prayer for listening to scripture with our hearts.



*Proclaiming the Scriptures, St Peter's Basilica Rome 2020. CNS photo/ Stefano Del Pozzolo*



# Girls' Summer Youth Group

Year 9 - 13 girls are invited to our Girls' Summer Socials!

For more information, and to register, visit  
[christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth](http://christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth)  
(or email Hannah - [hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz))

Wednesday 31st January, 14th February & 28th February.  
6pm - 8pm / St Joseph's Pastoral Centre.

### FEEDBACK ON LOCATION OF CATHEDRAL

Following on from Bishop Michael's pastoral letter regarding the future Cathedral precinct, we ask for your continued prayers during this process. We remind you that Bishop Michael invites the community to share feedback via the online survey form available on the website. Online feedback is encouraged, but if you wish to submit a paper copy, these are available in the foyer at St Gregory's Church. The feedback process concludes at the end of March 2024. To access the survey and information on our website, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>



**Our vision for the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North 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.**



### **PARKING AROUND ST GREGORY'S CHURCH**

We ask that you please respect the parking rules particularly in relation to parking near corners and vehicle entrances. Residents should be able to access their homes safely.

### **ACCESS AND PARKING AT ST BEDES COLLEGE CHAPEL**

When attending Mass at St Bede's College Chapel, please use Momorangi Crescent to access the car parks as there is no parking available via the main entrance. Please treat Momorangi Crescent as a ring road, you are able to access the car parks through the side gate.



### **CHOOSING A PATRON FOR OUR PARISH**

Visit [christchurchnorth.org.nz/patron](https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/patron) for more information regarding the upcoming process on discerning a Patron for our Parish. Next weekend more information will be provided on how to make your submission.

### **ST. GEORGE'S SCOUT GROUP**

This scout group is sponsored by our parish and meets in the Christ the King Pastoral Centre. The group is in need of more adult leaders and cannot run without them. If you, or you know anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Edmund le Grelle. Ph 021 2619369.



On the weekend of 3 - 4 February we will have Rebecca Taylor-Hunt from the Catholic Enquiry Centre in Wellington with us here in the parish. She will be speaking at Masses over this weekend and will be available to chat if you have any queries on the materials they provide.

### **ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED**

Hello, I am a 25-year-old single female looking for somewhere to live. I am a youth worker and I work afternoons and evenings. I have a 3-year-old cat named Bob who I would love to have move with me. I am happy to pay a pet bond if needed and my parents in Dunedin would be more than willing to give an accurate account of his behaviour. I am a fashion graduate and am in the process of setting up my label which means I need a bit of extra space to work and keep my machines. I am an introvert, but I do enjoy socialising on occasion. I am hoping to find somewhere I can strengthen my faith and be in community with others. If you think you may be able to help, please send me an email: [tabitha.mcmillan322@gmail.com](mailto:tabitha.mcmillan322@gmail.com)

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NIGHT**

**Friday 9th February, 7pm - 9pm**

**Lamb of God Centre (21 Thames Street, Mairehau)**

Join the Bishop and women across the diocese, for an evening to connect and be inspired.

Register now as spaces are limited. Visit

<https://events.humanitix.com/catholicwomensnight>

### **YOUTH GROUP RESUMES FOR 2024!!**

**Sunday 4 February, St Bede's College PAC**

Year 7 - 8 Students: 4 - 5pm

Year 9 - 13 Students: 6:30 - 8pm

Mass at 5pm & Dinner at 6pm.

We'd love you to come, and feel free to bring a friend! Register at <https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth>

### **ANNUAL NORTH PARISH YOUTH CAMP**

**Friday 15 - Sunday 17 March, Waipara Adventure Centre**

We invite any young person who are Year 7 - 13 to come and join us for our annual Parish Youth Camp. This year, we are heading back to Waipara Adventure Centre to have fun, learn more about our faith, and enjoy each others' friendship and food. We even have some activities planned, such as Rock Climbing, Archery and even Bridge Building!

Visit <https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth-camp> for more information and to register.

### **WE ARE HIRING - FEMALE YOUTH GROUP LEADER**

We are looking for Youth Group Leader whose primary role is to support the Youth & Young Adults Coordinator in running our Parish Youth Groups.

For more information visit [christchurchnorth.org.nz/jobs](https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/jobs)

For a position description, email Fr Alister.



## *Upcoming Events*

- 29 Jan** Submissions for Parish Patron open  
*Closes on Sunday 4 February*
- 9 Feb** Altar Servers' Pizza and Practice  
*4pm - St Gregory's Church*
- 11 Feb** Health Care Mass  
*6pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral*
- 14 Feb** Ash Wednesday  
*Lent Begins*
- 18 Feb** Parish Picnic  
*11:30am, The Groynes Park*

**Please send all bulletin messages and noticeboard posters to [bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz)  
Deadline - 9am Wednesday Morning and are at the discretion of the Priests and Administration Team.**

## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm- St Gregory's Church

6pm - St Gregory's Church

### SUNDAY MASSES

8 am -St Gregory's Church

9 am - St Bede's Chapel

10 am - St Gregory's Church

11 am - St Bede's Chapel

5 pm - St Bede's Chapel

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### **Monday - Friday**

7 am & 9:15 am (No 7 am on Public Holidays)

#### **Tuesday & Thursday**

Noon - St Gregory's Church

#### **Saturday**

9:15 am (Reconciliation follows)

#### **Wednesday** (during term)

7:30 am - St Bede's Chapel

*\* Please note: a Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass \**

## RECONCILIATIONS

### **Wednesdays**

6pm - 6:30pm

Christ the King Pastoral Centre

### **Saturdays**

9.45 am - 10.45 am

St Gregory's Church

[ or by appointment ]

## ROSARY

St Gregory's Church

**Mon-Sat** - After 9.15am Mass

**Wednesday** - 2 pm

**Thursday** - 11:30 am

**Saturday** - 5.40 pm

**BAPTISMS** are held on the fourth weekend of each month. For more information view the Sacrament page on our website.

## CATHOLIC STALL

St Gregory's Church

Sunday after the 8am & 10am Mass

## CHURCH PHYSICAL ADDRESSES

St Gregory's - 26 Cotswold Ave  
St Bede's Chapel - 210 Main North Road (entry off Momorangi Crescent)

## PREFERENCE TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Please see the link below, this will direct you to all information relating to obtaining preference for your child to attend a Catholic primary or secondary school. Please note that the **next preference signing will be Friday, 2 February between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

<https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/schools-enrolment>



**19 Jan:** Ngaire Taylor, Fr Seamus Clenaghan, Chiu Ley Ling, Margaret Clifford.

**20 Jan:** Michael Heenan, Litiana Safi-Gorman, Peter Dempsey, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Liddy, Joan Chapman.

**21 Jan:** Gerard Blanken, Raymond Empson, Theresa Lagan, William Boeyen.

**22 Jan:** Noeleen Fenton, Margaret Roach, Olive Gallington, Agnes Fitzsimons.

**23 Jan:** Bede Cullen, Jonathon Gaffaney, John Nolan, Janet Duffy.

**24 Jan:** David (John) Joseph, Maurice Forde, Joseph Cullen, Thomas White, Margaret Hodgins, Rona Clancy, Berdien Thoen, Maisie Hill.

**25 Jan:** James McCarthy, Stanley Nicolson, Dorothy Rondel, Mary Blank, Rachel McMillan, James McCarthy.

**26 Jan:** Kathleen Phillips, Katherine Murie, John Waterhouse, David Selby, Gregory Sugrue, Robyn Kennedy, Cecile Beins, Joseph Chan.



**Those who have recently died:** Julie McFadzien, Ena Courtney, Theresa Wall.

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Collins (Ann.), Maeve Collins (Ann.), Anatacia Cormio (Recently deceased - Australia).

### **Those who are sick:**

*If you know someone who needs our prayers please let Melonie know in the parish office.*

**Please note** that names submitted will remain on the list for a month. At the end of this time they will be removed. If you would like them to remain on for longer please let us know.

**Please pray for those who need our prayers and those who have nobody for pray for them.**

## *This week's Feasts and Memorials*

MON 22	TUES 23	WED 24	THU 25	FRI 26	SAT 27
St Vincent		St Francis de Sales	The Conversion of St Paul	Sts Timothy and Titus	St Angela Merici