



NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY / FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint? Title of Mary? Title of Christ?

When I was preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as a school student, I remember not knowing which saint to choose as my Confirmation Saint. I had absolutely no idea! It wasn't until the week before that my mother suggested St. John Bosco. She recommended him because my dad had some of his education through the Don Bosco institutes in the Philippines. I had no clue who he was or what he did. I even thought that 'Don' was his first name!! (Found out it was not; 'Don' means 'Father' in Italian).

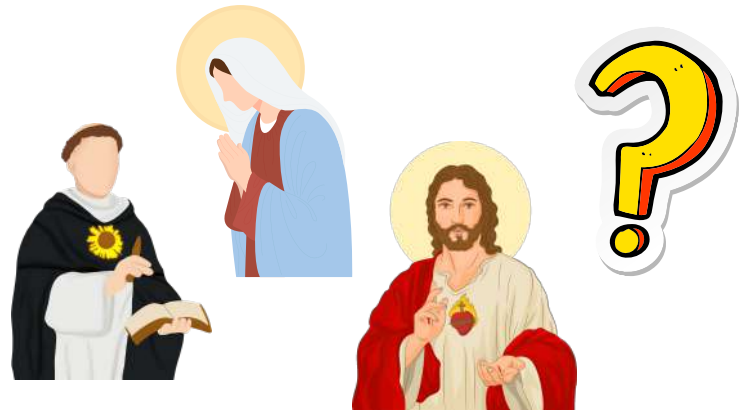
Looking back and finally doing research on this Saint, I truly believe he chose me as his Confirmation Saint. At the time, I was heavily involved in Youth Ministry, and upon reading his life, I discovered the amazing work he did with poor children in Turin, Italy—especially the street boys. Because of his work with young people, he is one of the Patron Saints for Youth. I found it really cool that this Saint—a patron saint for young people—was now praying for me as a youth worker. You might have a similar story that involves a saint "choosing" you.

From Monday, January 29, to Sunday, February 4, we are inviting you to submit your suggested patron. We ask that you take some time to reflect, discern, and pray about whom you might suggest. Consider the history and story of your chosen patron, ponder the significance they hold, and perhaps you will identify a connection between the patron and the context of our parish.

As a reminder, and to help with your discernment, our vision statement for the parish is: *"The Catholic Parish of Christchurch North is 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."*

You might have a patron in mind that incorporates our vision statement, as well as our spiritual, community, and historical context.

There are **two ways** to submit your suggested patron.



1) THROUGH THE PARISH WEBSITE

Visit <http://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/patron> to find the electronic form (and to find more information about the process).

2) PHYSICAL COPY OF THE SUBMISSION FORM

From **Monday, January 29**, there will be physical copies of the submission form in the foyer of St. Gregory's Church, alongside the box where you can place your submissions.

As a community, I encourage us to pray to the Holy Spirit this weekend for inspiration. Let's open ourselves to the Holy Spirit in guiding us as we begin this exciting journey.

In addition to the resources on the parish website, I will film and release short videos that will provide you with information on the current process. These videos can be found on our Facebook Page and also on our YouTube page. The video titled 'Choosing our Patron - Submissions' is now up and running for you to watch (<https://youtu.be/88QYrDeyjDI>)

Finally, we keep in our prayers our students and teachers who are preparing to begin a new academic year.

Mā te Atua e manaaki, *Fr Alister Castillo*

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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

Fr Rick is away on retreat from the afternoon of Sunday 28 January until Wednesday 31 January. Please keep him in your prayers.

Fr Alister is away Thursday 1 February until Tuesday 6 February.



Please note:

The Noon Mass on Tuesday 30 January will be a Requiem Mass for the late Frances Barltrop (RIP). Parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass.

TESTIMONIES FROM PILGRIMAGES

Last year our parishioners generously supported the fundraising efforts for two different pilgrimages - World Youth Day in Portugal and Christus Rex in Australia. We would like to invite all parishioners to attend an evening session on Wednesday, 21 February, at 7pm in the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, where our pilgrims will share testimonies and highlights from their pilgrimage.



DADS DAY AT THE BEACH

This event is for dads and their children to come down to Spencer Park Beach for fun in the sun.

Sunday, 10 March 1pm (weather dependent)

BYO food and drink

Come prepared for a sand castle competition by the surf club and beach cricket. If you would like to help with this event or need more information please call Andre de Roo 0220824143.

Hope to see you there.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

As men of Christ, we are called to live a life of virtue. Living this life is a great challenge. The Men's Prayer group is a chance for like-minded men to come together, share, and support each other to become better versions of ourselves and live a life of true virtue.

The Men's Prayer Group will recommence meeting again at

St Gregory's Church on Wednesday, 7 February at 7:30pm

If you would like more information, you can contact Andre de Roo on 0220824143.

2024 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Open to those in Year 8 and above

Registrations for the Confirmation Programme open on

Monday, 5 February. For the list of the session dates, Confirmation Camp dates and other relevant information please visit the parish website.

christchurchnorth.org.nz/confirmation



Join us at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre beginning Thursday, 15 February at 7pm for an unforgettable journey. Over 12 weeks, we'll be watching and discussing Fr. Dave Pivonka's video series, The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. He will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, and peace. This series will also help you experience a deeper relationship with the third person of the Blessed Trinity and invite you to experience the very heart of God.

To watch the introductory video, and to register online visit

www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/the-wild-goose

For inquiries to Judith on 027 261 5655 or pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

**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.**

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 For a position description, email Fr Alister.

Applications close on Wednesday 31 January.



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

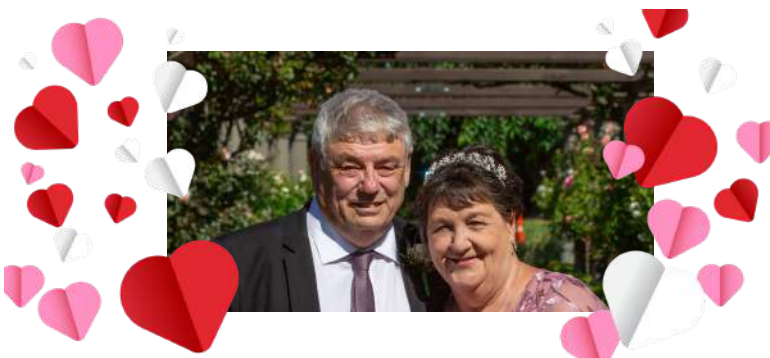
We invite any young person who are Year 7-13 to come and join us for our annual Parish Youth Camp.

The cost is **\$80 per child** (\$130 for two siblings, and \$60 for each subsequent child). Please don't let the cost deter you from sending your young person to camp. Please contact Hannah if you cannot afford or pay this cost, and we'll sort something out. Visit <https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth-camp> for more information and to register.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Hi, we are Ben and Hannah Morton-Jones, we are recently married and are on the hunt for an affordable place to rent. We are a tidy couple who love fitness, gardening and adventures. We are passionate about the Faith, Hannah is the Youth and Young Adults Coordinator for the Parish with Ben helping out as a Youth Leader.

If you know of any places that could suit please call Ben on 021 023 85323 or email Hannah at hannah.mischewski@gmail.com Thank you.



**Congratulations to Judith and Brendan Woodnutt
who were recently married.
May God Bless you as you begin your new
life together.**

TAKE 5-MINUTES TO HELP OUT THE CDF

Since 1968 the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) has helped the Bishop of Christchurch provide for the educational and pastoral needs of our diocese.

To help them make the fund's offering the best it can be in 2024, please take their anonymous five-minute survey

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WEEKLY MASS AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Beginning Monday 5 February, 9am in the Hall (Jeffreys Rd)

All parents, grandparents and parishioners are invited to join the students and staff for weekly Mass in the Hall at St Patrick's School during term time. *Please note: no Mass Feb 12 & Apr 1.*



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.



Next weekend, 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.



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
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>



Book of Memories

27 Jan: Irma Scannell, Betty Donnes, Leonard Crump.

28 Jan: Colleen Maangi, Edith Donnithorne, Warwick Whelan, Monsignor James Harrington.

29 Jan: Elizabeth O'Connor, Aileen Ryan, Catherine (Kit) Glue, Mike Forrest.

30 Jan: Dorothy Cronin, Kathleen Davies, Richard Fay, Patrick Doig, Brother Luke, Elva McNaught.

31 Jan: Jane Page, Joan Stewart, Patricia Nevin, Anna Welch, Cynthia Swinney, Neville Stevens.

1 Feb: Alma Frame, Margery Thompson, Paula Burley, Mary Butler, Veronica (Rona) Leeming, Monica Erasmuson, James Burnell.

2 Feb: Claire O'Connell, Barry Rea, Eileen Dorreen.



Please pray for the following intentions

Those who have recently died: Julie McFadzien, Ena Courtney, Theresa Wall, Frances Barltrop, Derek Conway.

Mass Intentions: Margaret Collins (Ann.), Margaret Daly (Birthday), Doreen & Patrick Ford (Ann.), Members of the Vercoe, Ford & Throll Families, Johnny Halpin (Rec. Dec), Margaret Hurton, Members of the Hurton & Lynch Family.

Those who are sick: Marie Walker, Margaret Frost

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 29 | TUES 30 | WED 31 | THU 1 | FRI 2 | SAT 3 |
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| | | St John Bosco | | The Presentation of the Lord | St Blaise St Ansgar |