



NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY / FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus Heals

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately begins to serve Jesus and his disciples. I always struggled with this sentence. Simon's mother-in-law, not named in this encounter, is healed of her illness, and immediately proceeds to serve everyone. In my humanness I think, goodness she has been unwell, almost at death's door and now she gets up and starts serving everyone. But on reflection, I see that Jesus' healing is complete and total. There would not have been any lasting effects to her fever, unlike us if we take a Panadol and trying to struggle to carry on in our own strength.

When Jesus heals his healing transforms us. We are changed completely. I believe that Jesus still heals today. I pray for healing of family and friends, and some receive a healing touch from Jesus, although not always in the way we anticipate. Jesus knows the healing they need. Sometimes a spiritual healing is more important than a physical healing. Jesus still heals today! Do you pray for healing for yourself or others? We can also ask others to pray for us perhaps at prayer ministry times or by texting your request to the prayer line (number in the bulletin). Prayer was important to Jesus. In this Gospel we also see that Jesus rose early in the morning, took himself away from the crowds, and went to a quiet place to pray. This shows us how important prayer is. We need to be connected with God through prayer each day. This helps us, especially when we face difficulties or need direction and guidance in our lives.

We begin Lent in ten days time. It is a good time to start praying about what you can "take up" during Lent. There are some extra opportunities for prayer and for growing your faith, such as Lectio Divina or the Wild Goose series. You can sign up now.

Please remember that we all have until midnight on Sunday, 4 February to submit a suggested Patron for our parish, you can do this by either of the following ways

1) THROUGH THE PARISH WEBSITE

Visit [Add a little bit of body text](#) to find the electronic form (and to find more information about the process).

2) PHYSICAL COPY OF THE SUBMISSION FORM

There are physical copies of the submission form in the foyer of St. Gregory's Church, alongside the box (located in the main foyer) where you can place your submissions. In addition to the resources on the parish website, there is a film and 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>)



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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

No 7am Mass on Waitangi Day (Tuesday 6 February).
9:15am and Noon Mass on Waitangi Day only.
The parish office will be closed on this day.



MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY)

7am, 9:15am, Noon and 7pm

(All Masses will be celebrated at St Gregory's Church)

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE ON ASH WEDNESDAY

There are only two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Catholics are also instructed to abstain from meat on each Friday during Lent.

Fasting is a sign of repentance and helps us embody our spiritual hunger for Christ, who himself fasted in the desert for forty days preceding his death and Resurrection.

The Catholic Church requires able members from age 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday. The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those 14 and older.

Fasting allows for one full meal and two smaller meals (that combined do not equal a full meal), with an expectation to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. Exemptions are available for those with special physical needs.

**We also invite you to return your blessed palms from last year to be burnt for ashes.
There will be baskets in the foyer at St Gregory's.**

The Time is Now! Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!

Caritas Lenten Reflections.

Make Lent a special time with prayer, Lectio Divina, group sharing on the Lenten Sunday Gospels and a Faith in Action case study.

Two sessions to choose from: **Wednesdays (starting 14 February), 10.00-11.30am at St Gregory's** led by Kathleen Rushton RSM (352 7533, kprushton@gmail.com) or **Thursdays (starting 15 February), 7.30-9.00pm at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre (upstairs)** led by Marie Kelly (352 2707, marieannkelly@hotmail.com)

Sign up on the sheet in foyer for group sessions or for a copy of the booklet for individual or family reflection.



**The Time is Now!
Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!**

THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



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.**

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>

Please note that there will be no youth group next weekend, 11 February due to Hannah and Ben being away.

CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE

We welcome Rebecca Taylor-Hunt from the Catholic Enquiry Centre - Wellington. 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.

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.



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.

WEEKLY MASS AT ST PATRICKS SCHOOL

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

Please note: no Mass Feb 12 & Apr 1.

WEEKLY MASS AT ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Beginning Friday 9 February, 9am in the school chapel (entrance off Somme Street)

All parents, grandparents and parishioners are invited to join the students and staff for weekly Mass during term time.

CATHOLIC STALL - ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

We have copies of the children's "My First Interactive Mass Book" back in stock - \$32 per copy.

The stall is open after our 8am and 10am Mass each Sunday or during office hours.



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



COME ALONG TO OUR FIRST YOUNG ADULTS EVENT OF 2024

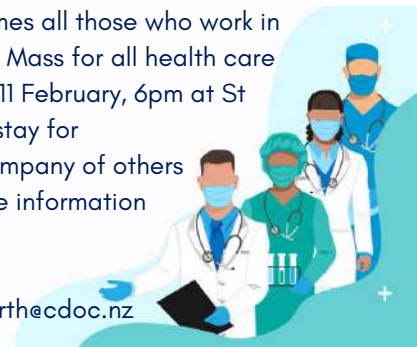
When: Thursday, 15 February, 6-8pm @ St Gregory's Church

What's happening: Join us for a good old kiwi BBQ and yarns, followed by speaker Dr Robert Loretz who will be presenting a talk on Friendship. We'll finish up the night with Adoration in the Church.

Who: All young Adults 18-35. For those with young children, feel free to bring them along 😊

HEALTH CARE MASS

Bishop Michael warmly welcomes all those who work in health care in Canterbury to a Mass for all health care workers to be held on Sunday 11 February, 6pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Please stay for refreshments and enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For more information contact: Paula Avery, email averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, email mstopfortheccdoc.nz or phone 027 539 8542



VALENTINE'S MASS

Come and celebrate with an early Valentine's Day! Due to Ash Wednesday being on 14th February, the St Valentine's Day Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 13 February, 6.30pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Hospitality to follow.

Upcoming Events

- 4 Feb** Submissions for Parish Patron close
We encourage everyone to submit!
- 9 Feb** Altar Servers' Pizza and Practice
4pm - St Gregory's Church
- 11 Feb** Health Care Mass
6pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral
- 13 Feb** St Valentine's Day Mass
6.30pm, 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, 9 February between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

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



Book of Memories

3 Feb: Nellie Kelly, Philip Cumming, Patricia Roche, Philip Fenton, Scott McGrath, Joyce Goodwin, Johanna Bosustow, Vonda Adams.

4 Feb: Sr Mary Rose Healy RSM, David Beaumont, Mary Donnelly, Barbara Koroï.

5 Feb: Keith Long, Elizabeth Cochrane, Moyra Rowe, Noeline Hall, Maurice Molloy, Patricia Ioane.

6 Feb: Nesta Kennedy, Myrie Chisholm, Margaret Eccleton.

7 Feb: Michael Maunsell, Sheila Murphy, Raymond Butler, Rema McDonald, Blanche Young, Shona Carey, Sister Ellen Duffy RSM.

8 Feb: Hugh Ryall, Wayne Thomas, Aileen Allen, Wayne Simons, Gerard Thoen, Cyril Pugh, Aileen Gallagher, Denis Mullany, Brenda Cunneen.

9 Feb: Clifford Morrison, Robyn Stevens, Pauline Devonport, Glenis Stone.



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.), Valerie Furness (Recently dec), Royston de Silva (RIP Ann).

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 5	TUES 6	WED 7	THU 8	FRI 9	SAT 10
St Agatha	Waitangi Day	Sts Paul Miki & Companions	St Josephine Bakhita	-	St Scholastica