



NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY / SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Embracing Transformation in Lent

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we gather in community on this 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are reminded that even in the midst of our daily routines and ordinary moments, God's grace is always present, inviting us to deepen our relationship with Him. Today's Gospel reading from Mark 1:40-45 recounts the transformative healing of a leper by Jesus, illustrating the power of God's mercy to bring about profound change in our lives. This encounter serves as a poignant reminder of the transformative nature of the Lenten season, which begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday.

In the preface used during Lent (more specifically Preface III of Lent), we are reminded of the transformative power of this holy season. **It is a time set apart for self-denial, giving thanks to the Lord, humbling our sinful pride, contributing to the feeding of the poor, and ultimately, imitating God's kindness in our own lives.**

Lent beckons us to **pause** amidst the busyness of life, to reflect on our journey of faith, and to renew our commitment to living as disciples of Christ. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we are invited to draw closer to God and to one another, as we strive to live out the Gospel message in our daily lives.

As we approach Ash Wednesday - the Season of Lent - let us embrace the call to conversion with open hearts and willing spirits.

Let us use this sacred time to examine our lives, to repent of our sins, and to turn back to the Lord with sincerity and humility. And let us journey together as a community of faith, supporting and encouraging one another along the way.

On the second page of this weekend's bulletin, you'll see some practical ideas on things we can do during the Lenten Season. There are many more ways in putting our faith in action.

May the season of Lent be a time of grace and renewal for each of us as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the highpoint of the Church's liturgical year.

Finally, an update regarding the **Patron Submissions**. Thank you to all who submitted suggestions. We received 133 submissions. The leadership team met last night and, among other things, discussed the patron submissions. We have decided that we need more time to discern, so we have pushed the process out by another week. We aim to present the possible patrons next weekend (17/18 February).

Mā te Atua e manaaki,

Fr Alister Castillo



NORTH PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024 / 11:30AM - 3 PM

THE GROYNES

BBQ (BRING YOUR OWN MEAT) / ORIENTEERING FROM 1PM / GAMES

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OUT! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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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



MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

(WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY)

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

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

**We 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.**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday in Lent (Beginning 16 February), 7pm
St Gregory's Church**

BECOME AN ADORER

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel are always looking for people to commit to an hour a week to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Matt if you are able to commit to an hour (or two) on 027 536 9407 or chchadoration@gmail.com

Check out the content on FORMED.

Visit <https://daily.formed.org/lent> for ideas on what to watch during Lent. Great content for adults and children.

FORMED



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. All welcome.

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.**

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS

ONLINE via 'ZOOM'

Tuesday, 20th February at 1.00-2.15pm and 7.00pm-8.15pm.
Register with Clodagh on cward@cdoc.nz

OR

IN PERSON WORKSHOP

Tuesday 19th March at 1.00pm - 2.30pm and
7.00pm - 8.30pm at Cathedral Parish
St Mary's Pro Cathedral - Assisi Lounge

Any volunteer and minister regardless of role is required to attend a Safeguarding Workshop every three years. Any queries can be directed to Melonie, Safeguarding Officer at the parish office 03-359-1438

You are invited

I invite you all as a parish community to a gathering at

**St Joseph's Pastoral Centre
Sunday, 3 March from 2-4pm**

You will have the opportunity to meet the new Leadership Team, the Finance Committee and the Building Committee. Each of these groups will present their plans for the year ahead, and answer any queries that you may have.

Please put this date in your diaries.

God Bless

Mgr Rick Loughnan



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Please join us at Uraidla, 54 Chapter Street, St Albans at 1.30pm on Thursday, 15 February for afternoon tea and meeting, plus a look around the doll and teddy display. Donations to Motor Neurone Disease Assn. Please RSVP by Monday, 12 February by phoning 352-2707 or 355-6580.

2024 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Open to those in Year 8 and above

Registrations for the Confirmation Programme **are now open!**

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

christchurchnorth.org.nz/confirmation

**NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEKEND (Sunday 11 February)
due to Hannah and Ben being away.**

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 😊

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.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are needing more people to join our Altar Linen roster. This involves washing and ironing the Altar Linen in the Parish. Full training will be given. If you can assist please let Judith know: pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

WEEKDAY MASS AT ST BEDE'S CHAPEL - CHANGE OF TIME Wednesdays 1:05pm during term time.

In an effort to encourage more student participation in Mass, the College and the North Parish Priests have decided to change the weekday Mass time from 7:30 am to 1:05 pm, coinciding with the students' lunch break. **This change will take effect from Wednesday, 21 February (N.B. No 7:30am Mass on Ash Wednesday)**

All members of the parish community are welcome to join the staff and students for Mass at the new 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.

Lenten Reflection Black Books have been ordered. If you would like a copy please let the parish office know. They will arrive next week.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- 19 Feb** Mass at St Patrick's School
9am, School Hall (Jeffrey's Road)

**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)

1:05pm - 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, 1 March between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

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



Book of Memories

10 Feb: Sarah Riley, Raymond Casey, Leonard Earl, Paula Burley, Bernardus (Ben) Mentink.

11 Feb: Peter Cadigan, Bernard Sansom, Mary (Cath) Bartlett, Mary (Bette) Wright, Steven Forrester, Frederick Mercer, Thomas Hannan, Margaret Hilliam, Patrick Kelly, Elaine McCormick.

12 Feb: Charmaine Lewis, Kevin Barry, Leonardus Straver, Marion Macintosh, Anna (Jo) Doonerwind, Peter Falconer, John McIllegrew, Peter Ward.

13 Feb: Helen McCrea, Bishop Barry Jones, Susan Steel, Barbara Rowe.

14 Feb: Bernice Schaab, Barbara McCormick, Ronald Burt, Thomas Cochrane (Snr), Mary Arscott.

15 Feb: Sheila Schimanski, Molly Goossens, Marie Empson, Corrie Jansen, David Edmonds, Amy Fitzgibbon, Frank Kazukaitis, Jacqueline Walkey, Kelvin Smith.

16 Feb: Britta Mordaunt, Robert Hayward, Josephine Whelan, Rona Polaschek.



Please pray for the following intentions

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

Mass Intentions: Margret Collins (Ann.), Valerie Furness (Recently dec), Royston de Silva (RIP Ann), Anna Eddington (RIP), Denis Mullany, Margaret Daly (Jnr - RIP Birthday).

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.



John Paul II Centre for Life - Grief Support

A welcome invitation for those who have lost loved ones. Join us for a Holy hour of Adoration and a Seven Sorrows Rosary on the 4th Sunday of each month. Commencing 7.30am - Sunday, 26 February, at St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri St, Riccarton (after the 7am Mass) God Bless Megan Emery (Pastoral Support @JP2)