



Catholic Parish of  
Christ the Redeemer

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NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 7 APRIL / SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## The Mercy of Christ our Redeemer

Dear Parishioners,

At the Vigil of Easter last weekend we heard the words of the Exultet:

*"O happy Fault...which gained for us so great a Redeemer."*

In Pope St John Paul II's Encyclical Letter *Redemptor Hominis*, he writes: *"In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son... (Hebrews 1:1-2), by the Son, his Word, who became man and was born of the Virgin Mary. This act of redemption marked the high point of the history of humanity within God's loving plan."*

Following the announcement of the bishop last weekend our parish now sets off on our journey under the patronage of **Christ the Redeemer**. What a grace that will be for us! During the year we will be led in the liturgy and in our lives to explore the riches of Christ as our Redeemer.

This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, the emphasis is on the mercy of our Redeemer.

In the Gospel of John, the Risen Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He breathes the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and says for those whose sins you forgive; they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

*"Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late."*

*(Divine Mercy in My Soul, Diary of Saint Maria Faustina, Book V, 1448)*

God bless,

*Monsignor Rick Loughnan*

Next Week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 John 2:1-5 / Luke 24:35-48

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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**



*Do not forget to turn your clocks back.*  
*Daylight saving ends at 3:00 am on*  
*Sunday 7 April.*

**ANOINTING MASS**

Our Anointing Mass will be celebrated at the **Noon Mass on Thursday, 18 April**. A light luncheon will follow. Please offer to transport those you know who need assistance to attend this Mass.

*Thank you*



The Parish Leadership Team would like to thank all our volunteers who help in whatever way, for all you do in the Parish of Christ the Redeemer. Your help in the Parish is a blessing to us all. As a small token of our thanks we would like to invite you to an afternoon tea to be held at

**St Joseph's Pastoral Centre on Sunday 21st April 2024 from 2pm -4pm**



**PENTECOST PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

We are going to have two combined Masses at St Andrew's College Chapel for Pentecost Weekend.

**Saturday 18 May - 5:30pm / Sunday 19 May - 10am**

*There will be no other Masses celebrated in the parish this weekend.*



*Save the Date*

**RETREAT DAY**

All are invited to our "Year of Prayer" Retreat Day in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. Join us as we focus on Prayer for this special day retreat. More details to follow. You can register online via our [website](#) or contact Judith at [pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz).

**We will gather on Saturday 4 May, 10am - 4pm at Lamb of God Centre, Thames Street.**



*Can you help?*

We are looking for leaders to assist Hannah and Maria for our Confirmation Programme which is running in term 2.

**Did you have a child that was confirmed last year?**

**Perhaps you could assist this year?**

**Would you like to be involved in the journey of others in the parish?**

Monday 6 May: 5-7.30pm (Session 1)

Monday 13 May: 5-7.30pm (Session 2)

Friday 24 (Evening) - Sunday 26 May (Midday): Confirmation Camp

Monday 10 June: 5-7.30pm (Session 3)

Monday 17 June: 5-7.30pm (Session 4)

**Sunday 23 June: CONFIRMATION MASS, 2pm**



**Volunteers needed**

**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 welcome to the Catholic Family Edward, Henry and Arthur who will be baptised at the 10am Mass on Sunday.

May God bless you and your families as you begin your journey of faith.



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 7 APRIL 2024**

All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at **St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch.**

Reconciliation from 12.30pm and Holy Mass at 2.15pm. The celebrant for the Mass is Monsignor Rick Loughnan. Please see the notice board for details or telephone 359 2087 or email [info@divinemercy.co.nz](mailto:info@divinemercy.co.nz)



If you'd like to make a donation to the works of the parish, we now take **Contactless Donations!** These can be found easily at both entries of St Gregory's Church, and in the foyer of St Bede's College Chapel. *Please note that receipts are unavailable for contactless payments.*

### **SVDP NEEDS OUR HELP**

One of our SVDP conferences is in need of a good sized refrigerator in good working order, either new or second-hand. If you can help with this please contact Melonie at the parish office on 03-359-1438

### **PRISON CHAPLAINCY VACANCIES**

There are currently two vacancies for prison chaplains within the Canterbury region. Please note, these positions are with Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa (TTPCA) not the Catholic diocese. These are permanent roles which are advertised on the TTPCA website and on Seek. <https://www.prisonchaplaincy.org.nz/vacancies/>

## *Fr Alister's Top* **FORMED** *Videos for Easter*

### **The Search Continues**

How do we know Jesus rose from the dead? Dr. Michael Barber and Chris Stefanick discuss various oppositions to the truth that Jesus actually died and rose from the dead.

<https://watch.formed.org/easter/videos/did-jesus-really-rise-from-the-dead-1>

### **Easter in Art: The Resurrection (Part 2 of 3)**

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss a famous painting of the Resurrection of Christ and the theology behind it.

<https://watch.formed.org/easter-in-art/videos/easter-in-art-the-resurrection-part-2-of-3>



### **COMBINED YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEKEND!**

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL, 6PM - 8PM, ST BEDE'S PAC**

This week's Youth Group will be a Combined Youth Group - as it's the final Youth Group of Term 1 :( All students Years 7 - 13 are invited to come join us for an evening of food, fun and faith at St Bede's College PAC. Bring a plate for dinner (6pm).

### **CATHOLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Calling all Catholic Health Professionals to come meet some of the Catholic hospital chaplains, come have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two and a chinwag with the chaplains and other health professionals from around Christchurch. Bring along any questions you have for the chaplains and meet other like minded people working in the health industry.

**Saturday 4th May, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, 2-4pm**

### **CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

**Monday 8 April, 7pm - 8pm**

**Christ the King Pastoral Centre (Greers Road)**

Parents who have registered their child/children for the Confirmation Programme are invited to attend this information evening.

### **MARIAN COLLEGE ENROLMENT OPEN DAY**

**TUESDAY, 21 MAY - 2.00 - 6.30PM**

Bookings for a tour to meet our students and staff and see the new school on Lydia Street are essential. **You can book via [www.mariancollege.school.nz/enrolments](http://www.mariancollege.school.nz/enrolments).** Limited car parking will be available onsite.

### **VILLA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY THURSDAY, 23 MAY**

- Year 9 intake sessions at 9am and 1pm
- Year 7 intake session at 11am

Hear from our Principal and student leaders before taking a tour of our facilities to see Villa in action. **Registration is not required** - we look forward to seeing you.

## *School Masses*

**8 Apr St Patrick's School Mass - 9am**  
School Hall

**9 Apr Christ the King School Mass - 9am**  
Christ the King Pastoral Centre

**10 Apr St Joseph's School Mass - 9.15am**  
St Josephs Pastoral Centre

**12 Apr St Albans School Mass - 9am**  
School Chapel - entry of Somme Street

*Parishioners are welcome at all of the above parish school Masses.*

**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)

1:05pm - St Bede's Chapel

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

## RECONCILIATION

### 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, 12 April between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

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

## TAX RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of planned giving envelopes (6 months supply) and tax receipts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 will be available for collection from **next weekend**. They can be collected from the foyer of St Gregory's Church.

The following six months supply will be issued later in the year once re-indexed and re-named Parish of Christ the Redeemer. If you need to update us with any new details please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.



## Book of Memories

**6 Apr:** Olive Murphy, Francis Bowden, Joan Everest, Mary Hawker, Frances Moore, David Fowke, Jessie Ballinger.

**7 Apr:** Kathleen Sanderson, Gladys Allen, Mervyn Chick, Amy McIntee, Murray Seales.

**8 Apr:** Monica Boomer, Eileen Fisher, Evelyn Coxon, Lucy Butler, Thelma Main, Brian Ford.

**9 Apr:** Maxwell McQuinn, Olive Taylor, Herbert Machirus, Ellen McCabe.

**10 Apr:** Patrick Fox, Colleen Sullivan, Patricia Scheltinga, Joan Reilly, Thomas Burke, William (Des) Casey.

**11 Apr:** Dorothy Haddon, Clifford (Cliff) Horgan, Dreva Stewart, Brian Joyce, Agnes Morris, Eileen Crowe, Gwendolyn (Gwen) Freeman.

**12 Apr:** Sue de Leijer, Cecilia McAuliffe, Paul Smith.

## Please pray for the following intentions

**Those who have recently died:** Derek Conway, Veronica Gray, Michael Hughes, Jerry Kuipers, Lesley Walker, Beverley McLorinan, Mary Arscott, Jim Costelloe, Diane Milne, Pamela Arthur, Margaret Frost, Martin Hendren, Kevin Lawrie, Gerard Stocks.

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Collins (Ann.).

**Those who are sick:** Marie Walker, Judy Gilmore, Michael Hegarty, Gerard Clark.

**Those who need our prayers:** Hearty Ashwell.

*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 8	TUES 9	WED 10	THU 11	FRI 12	SAT 13
Annunciation of the Lord	-	-	St Stanislaus	-	St Martin I