

NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 31 MARCH / EASTER SUNDAY

From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Firstly, may you have a very blessed Easter!

May the Risen Lord fill you with joy and peace on this Easter Sunday.

We have walked the journey of Lent and Holy Week, and now the joy of his Risen presence is renewed within and among us, in Sacrament, family, gathering, and quiet. I hope you have been able to deepen your friendship with Jesus, growing in holiness, and finding a new depth of strength in your hearts to follow the crucified and Risen Lord.

However, don't be discouraged if that is not your experience. As Mary Magdalene said on first discovering the empty tomb, **"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,"** she said, **"and we don't know where they have put him."**

Until this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

(John 20:1 - 9)

Yes He is Risen, Alleluia. He is at your side. In sorrow and joy find your rest in him.

I would like to say thank you to all who have contributed to the life of the parish this Lent, and those who have volunteered to make our Easter Liturgies and Masses a really joyful occasion.

Secondly, I welcome Matthew Clark, one of our Christchurch seminarians, who has been with us on pastoral placement this week. Matthew will be making his home with us during his seminary holidays; please introduce yourselves if you see him.

Finally, I am pleased to announce to our Parish that Bishop Michael has discerned our patronal name and has chosen Christ the Redeemer as the patron for our Parish.

"It is my hope that in confirming Christ the Redeemer as your patron your parish will bring hope, faith and joy to all. Christ is our redeemer and the world needs him now more than ever." - Bishop Michael Gielen

From the 27 March, our parish will now be known as the **Catholic Parish of Christ the Redeemer**, and the decree can be found on our website, and in the foyer of St Gregory's Church.

Thank you for your prayerful discernment over the process, and may Christ the Redeemer guide and strengthen us under his patronage.

God bless,

Monsignor Rick Loughnan



Kia ora everyone. My name is Matthew Clark and I am a first year seminarian for the Diocese of Christchurch. I am originally from Wellington, so I still support the Hurricanes. It is my absolute pleasure to be spending Holy Week and my holidays in this parish. I look forward to meeting you all, and please pray for me on this journey!

God Bless.

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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



Congratulations!

We welcome to our Catholic Community new members who have been journeying with us during this year.

Congratulations to Fay and Julia who will receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and Amy and Jacqueline who will receive Confirmation and Eucharist.

We welcome them with great joy as they enter into full communion in the Catholic Church.

Please continue to pray for them as continue their journey of faith.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? DO YOU THINK GOD IS CALLING YOU TO FAITH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

We have had several inquiries from people wishing to join the Church, so we are going to start with a new group in the next few weeks. If you know of someone who is interested in joining the

Catholic Church invite them to sign up via our website

<https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/becoming-catholic>

or contact Judith in the office pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS WHO ARE CELEBRATING EASTER WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

We hope you feel at home in our parish!

If you'd like to be a part of our community, we invite you to fill out a new parishioners form via our website. <https://chchnorth.elvanto.com.au/form/53f658ea-f2b1-4a71-93b9-bd44ca8a329c>

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.



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

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.



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**

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 pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz.

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



RIGHT TO LIFE NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Friday, 5 April - 7.30pm

Where: Christ the King Pastoral Centre, 90 Greers Road. The guest speaker will be Paulo Garcia MP who will talk on "Defending the Right to Life in 2024"

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP - meets at St Gregory's Church on Wednesday, 3 April at 7:30pm. If you would like more information, you can contact Andre de Roo on 0220824143.

ANOINTING MASS

Our Anointing Mass will be celebrated after Easter, 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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Open to Year 8 students and above. **Registrations are still open - these close on April 5**. Please register via the website. Please ensure that you upload your baptism record when you register. <http://christchurchnorth.org.nz/confirmation>

Congratulations to Monica & Michael Hegarty

who will celebrate their 65th Wedding anniversary this Saturday, 30 March. They will celebrate with their family - 8 children and partners, 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. They, as a family are very blessed with these two very special people. May God Bless you both.

Happy Anniversary



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



FROM ST ALBANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lyn from St Vincent de Paul came to school to collect the wonderful Easter egg donations from our school community. We are a small school of 79 families and the donations that came from our families shows their generosity and care for those in our community who are struggling in our current financial climate.



Photo from left to right
Lyn (SVDP) Saoirse, Lily, Luka, Mr Atherton, Toby and Sybil

School Masses

- 3 Apr** St Joseph's School Mass - 9.15am
St Josephs Pastoral Centre
- 5 Apr** St Albans School Mass - 9am
School Chapel - entry of Somme Street
- 8 Apr** St Patrick's School Mass - 9am
School Hall
- 9 Apr** Christ the King School Mass - 9am
Christ the King Pastoral Centre

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

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 **

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, 5 April between 3-4pm at our parish office.**
<https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/schools-enrolment>

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



Please note for the time being there will be no Reconciliations on Wednesday evening at Christ the King Pastoral Centre. Saturday Reconciliation remains unchanged (or by appointment)

Book of Memories

30 Mar: Ellen Smith, Michael Whiting, Leonie Williamson, Ann O'Sullivan.

31 Mar: Noreen McCormack, Eugene Egan, Kathleen Back, Maureen Handisides.

1 Apr: Marie Lonsdale, Barry Doody, Sr Mary Cosgrove.

2 Apr: Mary Richardson, Michael (Mick) Coughlan, Dingena Nagelkerke, Ann Tate, Margaret (Gwen) Gillespie, Francisus Ceelen, Neil Crowe, Marjorie (Mary) Dawber.

3 Apr: Trevor Grimwood, Eileen Dooley, Frank Fischer, Freda Taylor, Patricia (Dawn) Dawber, Bruce Palmer, Irena Coates, Alfred Welch, Raymond MacDonald.

4 Apr: Walter Hobby, Matthew Robinson, Clara Ingpen, Betty Hogan, Bernice Le Nedelec, Eileen Phillips, Leanne Enright, Pauline Sprang, Noel Brown, Brian Eccleton.

5 Apr: Daniel Quilatan, Thelma Keenan, Michael Sullivan, Ailsa Doidge, Graham Calder.

Please pray for the following intentions

Those who have recently died: Frances Barltrop, 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.), Maeve Collins (Ann.).

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

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.



EASTER CEREMONIES 2024

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Gregory's Church - 7pm

(Adoration to follow until 10pm, 9:45pm Night Prayer)

(There are no 7am, 9:15am and Noon Masses on Holy Thursday)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

St Bede's Chapel - 10am

St Gregory's - 10am

(led by the Marralomedra Community)

The Passion of the Lord

St Gregory's Church - 12 noon & 3pm

(Reconciliation follows)

St Bede's Chapel - 12 noon & 3pm (Reconciliation follows)

Holy Saturday

Reconciliations 9.00am - 10.30am St Gregory's Church

(There is no 9:15am Mass on Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil Mass

St Gregory's Church - 8pm

(includes Baptisms and Reception into the Church)

St Bede's Chapel - 9pm

Easter Sunday

Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord

St Gregory's - 8am & 10am

St Bede's Chapel - 9.00am & 11.00am

(note no 5pm Mass at St Bede's Chapel today)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. This is an initiative of the Pope Francis "to maintain a strong bond between the faithful around the world and the Holy Places."

