



# NORTH PARISH

# Weekly

SUNDAY 17 MARCH / FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## *The Discernment Continues...*

### **Kia ora e te whānau,**

We have concluded the process of discerning our Patronal Name, and Msgr. Rick has sent a letter to Bishop Michael for review. This letter contains a detailed explanation of the journey and process leading to our results.

The Bishop, after discerning will get back to us, issuing a decree on our new Patronal Name. (Please note that our process is advisory, and ultimately the Bishop has the final decision.)

Last Sunday, we invited all those who were present at our Sunday Masses to vote before the final blessing. We also received votes via email, and we invited our parish schools and those who are sick and housebound to submit their votes early.

Overall, we received **1,205** votes, and the results are as follows:

- **Christ the Redeemer: 574**
- **St. Teresa of Calcutta: 388**
- **St. John the Evangelist: 243**

### **How did we get here?**

From Sunday, December 10th, to Sunday, January 28th, we invited the entire parish to start praying to the Holy Spirit, helping us think of worthy patrons for submission.

Then, from Monday, January 29th, to Sunday, February 4th, we invited everyone to submit a suggested patron for consideration and discernment.

We received 134 submissions during this period.

From the 134 submissions, we had 67 unique suggestions for patrons. We narrowed the suggestions down to the top 9, which were then sent to the Priests, Leadership Team, and Parish Staff.

We were going to present the top three suggestions on February 10th and 11th, but we extended the period of discernment.

During this extended period, we had to exclude St. Joseph (as this was a prior parish patron), and with West Parish now falling under Holy Family, we also had to exclude Holy Family. This narrowed the suggestions down to the top seven.

We then sent the revised top seven suggested patrons to the parish staff, priests, and leadership team for them to rate the top three patrons in order of preference, using a point system. This allowed us to establish a rating system that would bring us a top three

The top three were **Christ the Redeemer, St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.** However, after receiving direction from Bishop Michael, we had to remove St. John the Baptist as an option. Consequently, the Leadership Team agreed to select the next top patron - **St. Teresa of Calcutta.**

After a period of discernment, we invited the parish to vote over the weekend of March 9th and 10th.

On behalf of Msgr. Rick, the priests, the leadership team, and parish staff, we thank you for your prayerful discernment throughout this process. May the Holy Spirit now guide Bishop Michael as he makes his decision on who will be our patron.

**Mā te Atua e manaaki,**

*Fr Alister*

**Please note that the 4:30pm Vigil Mass on Palm Sunday Weekend (Saturday 23 March), will be celebrated at 4pm for this weekend only.**

**6pm Mass remains unchanged.**

**Sunday Mass Times remain unchanged.**

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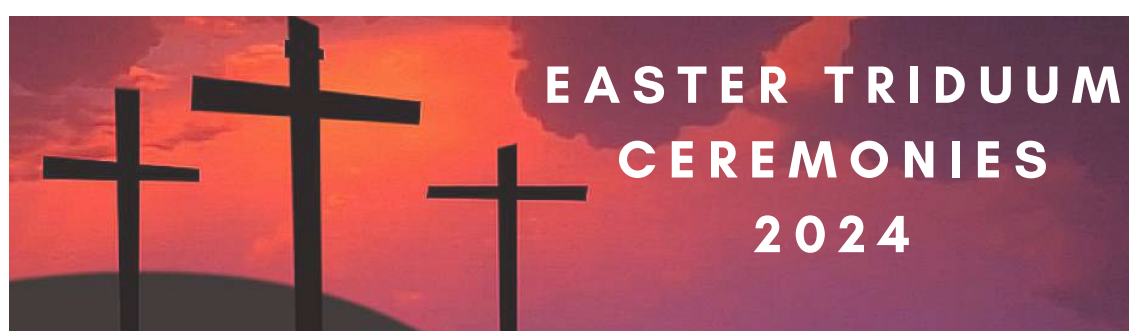
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Tuesday - Friday, 9am-2pm  
*The priests are available for emergencies by phoning the presbytery directly on 03 359 0444*

**FOR ANY PRAYER REQUESTS.**  
**TEXT 021 413 659**



### Holy Thursday

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

St Gregory's Church - 7pm

*(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 Marralameda 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)*

### LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS

Tuesday 19 March and Wednesday 27 March  
7 - 8pm at St Gregory's Church

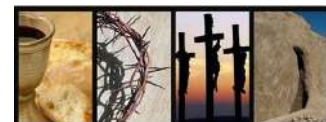


### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, 7pm at  
St Gregory's Church

### EASTER ROSTERS

Rosters for the Easter Triduum will be in the foyer from this weekend. We invite you to please sign up for a ministry on one of the Masses during this holy season. Any queries please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or email [pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



### DO YOU HAVE MACROCARPA THAT NEEDS TO BE PRUNED?

If you can help supply some branches for Palm Sunday Weekend (23/24 March), please let Judith in the Parish Office know. Also, if you have any big or medium actual palm fronds/leaves to decorate the Church, let us know as well. We are more than happy to come and help prune, or you can drop them off at St Gregory's on Friday 22 March.

### EASTER FLOWERS

White, yellow, orange or red flowers are required for our Easter celebrations. There will be buckets placed near the Catholic stall on Good Friday morning. If you have any queries, please phone Brenda on 359-6693. Thank you.

**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 FOR YOUR DONATIONS

With technology changing so much in our world, the parish has looked at other ways of receiving donations.

- Many thanks to those who give regularly by automatic payment and envelopes and cash in the collection basket. You may consider a change to AP (automatic payment) – bearing in mind tax receipts are not issued for loose cash donations. Our bank account number is **03 1592 0207367 20**. Please use your **Surname and Christian name as a reference and PG (planned giving)** or indicate if it is a special collection, so these monies can be forwarded to the appropriate recipient.
- All donors on our planned giving programme receive “special” brown envelopes. At the moment these are the Lenten Appeal, with the Holy Places and Easter collection just around the corner.
- There is also a ‘donate’ button on our website, QR codes in the foyer, and we are trialling a PayWave system at St Gregory’s Church.

With the end of the financial year in sight, it might be timely to look at your options. Please contact Wilma in the parish office on 359 1438 or email [finance@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:finance@christchurchnorth.org.nz) with any questions.

## DO YOU ATTEND MASSES AT ST BEDE’S COLLEGE CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS?

If you do, then you might like to assist on one or more of our liturgical ministries at the 9am and 11am. We are especially looking for people for greeting, reading, projectionists, offertory and taking up the collection. If you can help please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or email [pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

## CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

SVDP – Bryndwr Conference requires someone to join our team as a Treasurer. Ideally this would be someone with accounting or past accounts experience and a working knowledge of Xero. We are a friendly group who meet monthly, in the early evening. If interested, please contact Melonie in the Parish Office for further details -03-359-1438 or [admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



## 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>

## FRIENDSHIP/DINING GROUP

This month we will meet at Christ the King Church on Thursday, 28 March at 11.30am. We will share transport and travel to a surprise lunch destination. Please RSVP to Michele Ward 358-4304 before Tuesday, 26 March. This is an ideal outing for retired people. Bring along your friends as everyone is welcome.



## NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEKEND DUE TO YOUTH CAMP

**Youth Group resumes next Sunday (Sunday 24 March)**  
Please keep Hannah, Fr Alister and all the young people in your prayers while they are on camp this weekend.

## Please note a change to our 12 noon Mass this coming Tuesday

A Requiem Mass for the late Kevin Lawrie will replace our usual 12 noon Mass this coming Tuesday, 19 March.

## ANOINTING MASS

Our Anointing Mass will be celebrated after Easter, at the **Noon Mass on Thursday 18, April**. A light luncheon will follow.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Christchurch North branch are meeting on Thursday, 21 March at 1.30pm in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. We will pray the Stations of the Cross. Kaelyn Graham will tell us about her pilgrimage to World Youth Day last year. All Welcome.



## School Masses

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| 18 Mar | St Patricks School Mass - 9am<br>School Hall                         |
| 22 Mar | St Albans School Mass - 9am<br>School Chapel - entry of Somme Street |
| 3 Apr  | St Josephs School Mass - 9.15am<br>St Josephs Pastoral Centre        |
| 9 Apr  | Christ the King School Mass - 9am<br>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](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\**

## 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)



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

The celebration of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday give all of us an opportunity to once again celebrate the Paschal Mystery and to welcome new members who have been journeying with us during this year.

On Holy Saturday (Fay and Julia) will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Candidates, (Amy and Jacqueline) will celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist as they are welcomed to full communion in the Catholic Church.

Please continue to pray for them as they prepare over the next few weeks for these celebrations.

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 or contact Judith in the office [pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



*The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Monday, 25th March at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.*



## Book of Memories

**16 Mar:** Catherine Hudson, Hannah McAlpine.

**17 Mar:** Johanna van Hulten, Johannes Bruin, Antonius (Tom) Van Irsel, Jsoeph Renwick, Thomas (Syd) Bonshor, Joel Shaw, Dephine Buckley.

**18 Mar:** Rosalie Brankin, Sophie Coady, Barbara Morris, Monica Baker, Alexander Oulton.

**19 Mar:** Elizabeth Bell, Joan Wilson, Lois Ryan, Teresia Trip, Rosalie Cave, Noeline Robinson.

**20 Mar:** Patricia Alderton, Irene Robinson, Leo Beard.

**21 Mar:** David Morrison, Rosemary Stickings, Raymond Davey, Robyn Gamble.

**22 Mar:** Barry Norton, Gregory Shirley, John Saffrey, Karen Walsh, Terrance Bligh, Margaret Dolan, Natalie Simpson, Johanna Stikkelman.

## 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:** Margret Collins (Ann.), Barbara Morris (Ann.), Maeve Collins (Ann.), Jim Gill (Ann.)

**Those who are sick:** Marie Walker, Judy Gilmore.

*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.**