



# NORTH PARISH

# Weekly

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY / FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## The Fun of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

I hope, like me, you are looking forward to the opportunity that God provides us in Lent! In this season we are called to take stock of our lives. God gives us grace in a special way this season to grow in the love of God, of our neighbour, and those in need.

### All God asks of us is.....

- **to take time each day to pray.** This could be in the morning when we get up, or during the day when we have 10 minutes of quiet. It could be attending daily Mass. We have a 7am Mass in the parish Monday to Friday. It could be popping into the Church on the way home or spending an hour in the Adoration Chapel which is also situated in our parish. You will also see other opportunities further in the bulletin.
- **to support others financially.** There are so many ways to do this. One really good way for us is the NZ Catholic Bishops Caritas Lenten Appeal. There will be envelopes available this Sunday in the foyers. Those on our Planned Giving Programme will have envelopes in your pack.
- **to fast.** This can be done in so many ways. Apart from the fast days of Ash Wed and Good Friday we are asked by the Church to fast from food or visit someone who is sick or do some extra prayers every Friday of the year. In lent is there something we could give up so as to be stretched a bit for God to work more deeply in us? Is there someone I could special in some way out of love for God?

Let us get close again to the Lord Jesus this Lent. He is never outdone in generosity. He wants to bless us far more than we realise. And do not forget to take the opportunity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On **Sunday 3rd of March** at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre the Parish Leadership Team, Parish Finance Committee and Building Committee will be updating the parish on where we are going this year. You are cordially invited to this general parish gathering. It will be an opportunity for questions and sharing and feedback.

God bless

*Msgr Rick Loughnan*

### NOTICE TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH NORTH

Our Finance and Building Committees intend to request that Msgr. Rick submit a petition to Bishop Michael for the approval to deconstruct St Matthew's Church.

The process being followed is that defined by the Diocese to ensure that steps taken are in keeping with the specific sections of Canon Law.

At the meeting on 3 March, the Building and Finance Committee Chairs will speak to and be available to discuss this process

*Robert de Roo - Building Committee Chairperson  
Graeme Wilson - Finance Committee Chairperson*

## 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**

# 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, 10.00-11.30am at St Gregory's** led by Kathleen Rushton RSM (352 7533, kprushton@gmail.com) or **Thursdays, 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**

## 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

## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

This weekend our catechumen and candidates will celebrate the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion. This liturgy will take place on Sunday (18 February) at St Mary's Pro Cathedral at 2.30pm. It is an important event for those in the parish OCIA process as it ritually highlights the progress of their journey toward baptism and/or full initiation/communion.

Through the Bishop's presence as celebrant, it also shows how these individuals are linked beyond their local parish to the Universal Church. All invited. Please keep our candidates and catechumens in your prayers.

## THREE PILLARS OF LENT

<b>PRAYER</b> More time given to prayer during Lent will draw us closer to the Lord.	<b>FASTING</b> "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind."	<b>ALMSGIVING</b> a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

*These 40 days*

@CFChrist

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.

## You're 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*



### STORIES FROM OUR PILGRIMS

**Wednesday 21 February, 7pm**

**St Joseph's Pastoral Centre**

Last year our parishioners generously supported the fundraising efforts for two different pilgrimages - World Youth Day in Portugal and Christus Rex in Australia.

All parishioners are invited to come and hear our pilgrims share their testimonies and highlights from their pilgrimage.



### CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for more people to assist with ministries at St Bede's College Chapel for Sunday morning 9am Mass. If you can assist please let Judith know: [pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

### 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](http://christchurchnorth.org.nz/confirmation)

### PASTORAL CHAPLAIN VACANCY AT MARIAN COLLEGE

Marian College is looking for a part-time (25 hours per week), permanent Pastoral Chaplain to support the spiritual growth and wellbeing of the students of the College, to begin in Term 1 2024 by negotiation. Support for the Special Catholic Character of the College is a condition of appointment. Please apply on College forms available from our [website](http://www.mariancollege.school.nz). Enquiries and completed application documents are to be forwarded to [princ-pa@mariancollege.school.nz](mailto:princ-pa@mariancollege.school.nz) by **10am, Friday, 8 March 2024**.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service will be held at St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, 94 Farrington Avenue at 10 am, on Friday, 1 March. The liturgy this year is prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. All welcome."

### FRIENDSHIP AND DINING GROUP

Our year begins with us meeting at Christ the King Church on Thursday, 29 February at 11.30 am. We will share transport and travel to a local venue this side of the city for lunch. Please RSVP to Michele Ward 358-4304 by Tuesday, 27 February. Bring along your friends and join us.

### YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday we are all heading over to the Groynes for the North Parish Picnic! This runs from 11.30am - 3pm. There will be a BBQ, sports and games, and the Youth Group will be taking part in orienteering from 1pm. Bring a packed lunch, or some meat for the BBQ and we'll see you there!

## Upcoming Events

- 18 Feb Parish Picnic**  
11:30am, The Groynes Park
- 19 Feb Mass at St Patrick's School**  
9am, School Hall (Jeffrey's Road)
- 28 Feb Girls' Summer Youth Group**  
6pm, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre
- 3 Mar Parish Community Gathering**  
2-4pm, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre

### 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](mailto: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 queries can be directed to Melonie, Safeguarding Officer at the parish office.

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)

## 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

**17 Feb:** Wilhelmus (Bill) van Berkom, Ian Andrews, Aaron Wylie, Nancy Nevin.

**18 Feb:** Margaret Austen, Julian Loughnan.

**19 Feb:** Margaret Rea, Reginald Hooker, Antonia van Berkel, Clarence Atkinson.

**20 Feb:** Catherine Gregory, Adam Hopkins, Laraine Sillifant, Lionel Hodnett, Margaret (Fay) Claxton, Loreto Creagh, Charles Clifford.

**21 Feb:** Keith Truman, Mary Schroeder, David Morley, Ronald Benge, Joan Burke, Coleen Parker, Nonnie Palmer, Barbara Wright.

**22 Feb:** John Donnithorne, Patricia (Pat) Nolan, Kelly Maynard, Elizabeth Mangan, Peter Donnelly, Annie (Nancy) Osborne, Dominic Bell, John Craig, Ernest Pyle, Ian McKinnel, Br Peter Burke, Helen Chambers, Christopher Smith, Patsy Grant.

**23 Feb:** Mary Worthington, William (Hammy) Harris, Helen Haynes, George Ignatowicz, Julia (Pat) Roughan.



## Please pray for the following intentions

**Those who have recently died:** Julie McFadzien, Ena Courtney, Theresa Wall, Frances Bartrop, Derek Conway, Veronica Gray, Michael Hughes.

**Mass Intentions:** Margret Collins (Ann.), Maeve Collins (Ann.), Sue Steele -nee Anderson (Ann.)

**Those who are sick:** Marie Walker, Margaret Frost, 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.**



## 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)