



# NORTH PARISH

# Weekly

SUNDAY 21 APRIL / FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Vocation - A Call

**Pope's Vocations Day message: 'Be pilgrims of hope, builders of peace'.**

As we gather in prayer and reflection, let us contemplate what God calls us to do with our lives. The word vocation means a "call." Everybody is called by God to know, love, and serve Him, but the difference lies in how each one responds to this call.

It's important to remember that individual vocations vary, whether it's to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or even a single life. These vocations are threads woven into the rich tapestry of our faith journey, where we are called to be pilgrims of hope and builders of peace, as Pope Francis has urged us. We pray for an increase in priests and religious, but we also recognize that every baptized person shares in Christ's priesthood. Our lives can serve as vessels of hope through which we discern our unique gifts and use them generously.

Today, as we pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, let us also remember, on ANZAC Day, all those who have died in service to our country and pray for a future of peace worldwide.

If you ever hear God whispering in your ear, do not be afraid. God never gives you more than you can bear. If God thinks you are ready, you probably are. Be like Simon Peter and answer God's call. A call is nothing without a response.

**How will you respond to God's call?**



*Fr Edwin Colaco*

*Peace is not the product of terror or fear.  
Peace is not the silence of ceremonies.  
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.  
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.  
Peace is dynamism.  
Peace is generosity.  
It is right and it is duty.*

St. Óscar Romero



### Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

*By Pope Francis*

Lord of the Harvest,  
Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.  
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.  
Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving – for vocations blossom in good soil of faithful people.  
Instill those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

### National Vocations Awareness Week 21 - 27 April

*Ideas on what you can do during this week (and beyond):*

- Pray **daily** for vocations
- Pray the **9-day Novena** for vocations to the priesthood starting on 21 April (available in the foyer & website)
- Attend our **Holy Hour for Vocations** on **Tuesday 23 April, 8am - 9am at St Gregorys.**
- Dedicate **every Thursday** to pray for our priests, seminarians, and vocations (Bishop Michael has asked we dedicate Thursdays to this intention as we have done in the past).

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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**

## **ANZAC DAY - THURSDAY 25 APRIL**

**Please note that there is no 7am Mass on this day.**

**9:15am and Noon Mass are as usual.**

**The Parish Office will also be closed on ANZAC Day.**



# 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, Cnr Vagues and Main North Road this Sunday**  
**21st April 2024 from 2pm -4pm**

## **ANNUAL SEMINARY APPEAL**

Each year the fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and is designated as the 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'.

A special collection is taken up in parishes across all the dioceses on this Sunday; it is the main source of income for the training of seminarians in New Zealand.

For those who are on our planned-giving, you will have special envelopes.



## **INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS**

Individual donations made directly to Holy Cross Seminary greatly aid necessary funding for student education, formation, accommodation, teaching, and administration needs and costs.

Such donations are much appreciated and gratefully received.

**For those who are not on our planned giving program but would like to donate to the National Seminary, you can donate directly to Holy Cross Seminary.**

Holy Cross Seminary Ponsonby

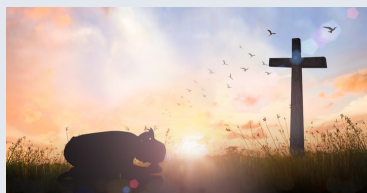
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Please include 'Donation' as reference and your name.

If you require a receipt please email us with your details - [office@holycross.org.nz](mailto:office@holycross.org.nz)

## **"LORD TEACH US TO PRAY" 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 will be 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. You can register online via our [website](https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz) or contact Judith at [pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz).



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



## **TAX RECEIPTS AND PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The next set of planned giving envelopes (six months supply) and tax receipts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 are available and 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. Thank you.

**Our vision for the Catholic Parish of Christ the Redeemer 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.**

### **CAN YOU HELP? VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR SVDP**

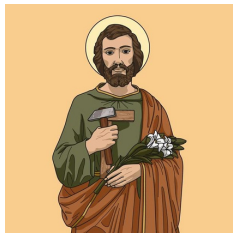
The Bryndwr Conference requires someone to join their team as a Treasurer. Ideally this would be someone with accounting or past accounts experience and a working knowledge of Xero. This would involve 3-4 hours per month. They are a friendly group who meet monthly, in the early evening. If you are interested, please contact Melonie in the Parish Office for further details 03-359-1438 or [admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

### **CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH MASS AND RECONCILIATION**

On Wednesday, 1 May it is the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker. This is a Mass for all men and is being offered for all men in our parish and the wider world.

#### **Reconciliation at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30 pm**

Please bring a small plate for supper to share after Mass.



This is a great chance for us as men of the parish to not only reset our hearts with God through the sacraments, but also pray for each other through the intercession of St Joseph. For more information Contact Andre de Roo on 0220824143.

### **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**

To RSVP or for any questions email [christchurchcma@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchcma@gmail.com)

### **FRIENDSHIP/DINING GROUP**

This month we will meet at Christ the King Church on Friday, 26 April at 11.30am. We will share transport and travel to a local restaurant this side of the city for lunch.

Please RSVP to Michele Ward 358-4304 before Wednesday, 24 April. This is an ideal outing for retired people. Bring along your friends as everyone is welcome.



### **EARTH DAY - 22 APRIL**

On Earth Day we are called to honour and celebrate our remarkable planet. The 2024 Theme is **"Planet vs Plastics"** Let us join Earthday.org and stop purchasing plastics for our homes, churches, schools, offices, and presbyteries. Please take time to research other products - break the cycle. Stop buying bottled water, plastic bags for home use, plastic folders for office use. Please seek alternatives.

For more information: [www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024](http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024)

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Last weekend the building committee presented an update at all Masses. For those parishioners who missed this update there is a copy in the foyer for you to take or it is available on our website <https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/towards-our-future>

### **OPEN DAY AT WESLEYCARE**

**WesleyCare** is hosting an Open Day on **Sunday 5 May at 2.30pm**. Come along to meet the WesleyCare Manager Donna Coxshall for afternoon tea, take a tour around our modern 108-room home. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience WesleyCare's warm and caring atmosphere first-hand and to find out from Donna and other senior staff members the details that will empower you to reach an informed decision about issues such as care options and quality of care. Please RSVP [online](#) or contact Glenda at [glendam@mmsi.org.nz](mailto:glendam@mmsi.org.nz) or 375-1464.

### **DIOCESAN OFFICE MOVE**

Please be advised that the Diocesan Offices will be closed on Monday 29 April, whilst they move from Washington Way to their new site on Moorhouse Avenue. They will reopen at the new premises on Tuesday, 30 April. Anyone visiting the Diocesan office after 30 April must report to reception at the primary entry point at 391 Moorhouse Ave. Please call 03 366 9869 if you have any queries. Please note: The CDF remains available on April 29, either via email or CDF Online. If you need to contact the CDF on that day, please email [cdf@cdoc.nz](mailto:cdf@cdoc.nz)

### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

**TUESDAY 23 APRIL, ST GREGORY'S CHURCH, 8AM - 9AM**

You are more than welcome to join us as we pray as community for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood, Consecrated Life and to Marriage. All are welcome!



## **Christ the Redeemer Parish is organising a Family Club**

We welcome parishioners, with their families and friends to participate in these family activities that will be held each Friday, commencing 26 April.

**Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm**  
**Venue: St Joseph's Primary School Hall, Vagues Road, Papanui**

**Come and join us.**  
**For more information please contact Fr Edwin**

**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 7am Mass 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 the 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, 3 May between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

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

**HOATU FUND** - Applications for Hoatu Fund are now open The Hoatu Fund provides funding to assist vulnerable women, children and families with material and spiritual needs. Parishes, Schools and Organizations are invited apply. The Hoatu funding allocation process is also used to distribute the funds the Bishop receives annually from The Tindall Foundation. Details about the fund can be found online at <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/ho...> 2024 The funding round closes on 10 May. Please contact Matt on 366-9869 or [hoatu@cdoc.nz](mailto:hoatu@cdoc.nz) for more info.



**20 Apr:** Joyce Burrell, Margaret McGuinniety, Wynand Folkers, Maureen Thomson.

**21 Apr:** Judith Egan, Norah Murphy, James Whitiri, Catherine Conaghan, Bernard Neame.

**22 Apr:** Mildred Gregory, Owen Queree, Duncan MGowan, Elizabeth Johnstone, Marlene Pereira, Sr Rosemary O'Malley.

**23 Apr:** James Rusbach, Leonie Siemelink.

**24 Apr:** Colin Bunting, Michael Kavanagh, Elizabeth Kovacs, Kevin Brown, Kathleen Adams, Helen Stockman.

**25 Apr:** Francis Dobbs, Terence Kiesanowski, Bruce Columbus, Russell Birss.

**26 Apr:** William Madore, Margaret Denton, John Hailes, Jocelyn Rusbach, John McNamara, Patricia Kiddey, John Manning.

## Please pray for the following intentions

**Those who have recently died:** Michael Hughes, Jerry Kuipers, Lesley Walker, Beverley McLorinan, Mary Arscott, Jim Costelloe, Diane Milne, Pamela Arthur, Margaret Frost, Kevin Lawrie, Gerard Stocks, Judith Joseph, Kath Crosbie, Una McGregor, David Murphy.

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Collins (Ann.), Isaac Levings (Ann.), Mary & Leo Bowden (70th Wedding Anniversary - both deceased)

**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 22	TUES 23	WED 24	THU 25	FRI 26	SAT 27
-	St George	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen	ANZAC Day	St Mark	St Louis Grignon de Montfort