



NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 24 MARCH / PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

The cross is our most precious symbol.

It is the first sign put on us in Baptism.

***Many people wear a cross around their neck
as a protection against evil.***

***The cross stands atop our churches,
and will stand vigil over our graves.***

The cross is a symbol of hope and love.

***It is a symbol of love because it reminds us
that Jesus laid down his life for us.***

And it is a symbol of hope

because we see it in the light of Easter.

- Flor McCarthy sdb. New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

This week we begin the holiest of weeks in the Church's Liturgical year. These celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are also known as the **Easter Triduum**. It's here that our hearts turn towards the cross - the enduring symbol of our faith. From the moment of our baptism, when it is first marked upon us, to its presence atop our churches and at the foot of our graves, the cross stands as a beacon of hope and love.

During **Holy Thursday Mass**, we gather to commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus humbly washed the feet of His disciples and instituted the Eucharist. This sacred moment reminds us of the call to serve one another with selfless love, echoing the example set by our Saviour.

On **Good Friday**, we somberly reflect on the Passion of Christ, His suffering, and His death on the cross. As we participate in the Passion Liturgy, we unite our own struggles and pain with those of Jesus, finding solace in His immense sacrifice and unwavering love for us.

But the story does not end there. **Easter Sunday** dawns with the glorious Resurrection of our Lord. The empty tomb stands as a powerful testament to the triumph of life over death, filling us with renewed hope and joy. As we proclaim, "Christ is risen, alleluia!" we celebrate the victory of love over sin and the promise of eternal life.

In these sacred days of Holy Week, let us journey with open hearts, embracing the cross as our guide and source of strength. May we be inspired by Christ's example of humility, service, and sacrificial love, and may the joy of Easter fill us with renewed faith and courage to live as joyful witnesses of the Gospel.

Just a couple of things to note:

- Don't forget that the 4:30pm Vigil this Saturday will be celebrated at 4pm due to the longer Mass
- The 3pm Good Friday Liturgy and the 9am Easter Sunday Mass at St Bede's will be livestreamed. Visit the parish website to access these later next week.

Fr Alister Castillo

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 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)

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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

INTRODUCING IGNITE ARCHITECTS

The Building Committee is pleased to announce that we have engaged Ignite Architects to commence the site planning and conceptual design work for the Papanui site.

We found that the Ignite Architect team provided the best blend of talent, skills and depth to take on this significant project for our community. There will be further communication after Easter where we will have the Ignite team introduce themselves.

The site planning and conceptual design activity is where we look at the site as a whole.

The goal is to determine the most effective use of the site to deliver on the ideas that were collected during the Parish consultation phase. This is where we looked at Spirituality, Belonging, Church and Pastoral Centre for which 2,500 inputs were collected.

We will be working with St Joseph's Primary School and the Catholic Education Office to ensure that a cohesive solution is developed for the Papanui site. A proposed site plan and concept will be shared with the Parish, providing the opportunity for feedback before we confirm the proposed design.

Robert de Roo - Building Committee Chairperson

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



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 pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz**

LENTE RECONCILIATION

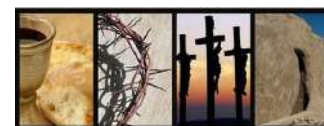
Wednesday 27 March, 7 - 8pm
at St Gregory's Church

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 to those you know who need assistance to attend this Mass.

EASTER ROSTERS

Rosters for the Easter Triduum will be in the foyer again this weekend. Please add your names to any roster where you will be in attendance. Thank you. Any queries please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz



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.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES

Please remember your special collection envelopes this Lenten/Easter Season. The NZ Bishops' Conference has also asked for parishioners to consider supporting the Bishop's Lenten Appeal for Caritas NZ - envelopes are available in the foyer.

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.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP

After a full-on weekend at Waipara Adventure Centre for our annual Youth Camp, we are back this Sunday at St Bedes!

This Sunday marks the start of Holy Week! At Youth Group we will do some sport, Easter-related games, and explore what Holy Week means for us!

Sunday 24th March

4-5pm (Junior Youth Group Year 7 & 8)

5pm (Mass)

6-6.30pm (Dinner - provided)

6.30-8pm (Senior Youth Group - Year 9-13)

If you are Year 9-13 come and join us!

GIRL'S GROUP

Held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, our next Girl's Group is **Wednesday 27 March from 6-8pm.**

Dinner will be provided! So come along for good food, games, chats, and discussions!

If you would like to register for Youth Group or Girl's Group, or to find out more, email Hannah at hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz

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 pastorale@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

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>

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



As you can see, fun was had by the young people and the not so young last week at youth camp

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.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE

St Patrick's School Hall currently has vacancies available for hire. This could be a regular or one off booking, time slots available for:-

- Week days and after school
- Week nights
- Saturday and Sunday

Great facilities available with carpeted floor, large kitchen and supper rooms, heating, wheelchair accessibility and off street carparking. Ideal for meetings, exercise/dance classes, community groups, music lessons, craft groups, children's birthday parties etc. Please contact the school office to enquire on the availability and conditions of hire. You are welcome to make a time to come and view the hall. Office hours, Monday-Friday 8.30am - 4pm, 03-351-5590 or email office@stpatricks.school.nz Hall address: 108 Jeffreys Road

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)

LOST PROPERTY

If you attend Mass at St Gregory's church please take the time to check the lost property to see if there is anything there that belongs to you. The lost property is located at the door to the rear carpark. If items are not collected before Easter they will be disposed of.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

in Reefton will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) in May. For details please email tonyfortune52@extra.co.nz

School Masses

25 Mar & 8 Apr St Patricks School Mass - 9am
School Hall

3 Apr St Josephs School Mass - 9.15am
St Josephs Pastoral Centre

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

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 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

23 Mar: Edward Blazey, James Shannahan, Brian Johnstone, Johanna Ahern.

24 Mar: Mary Stribling, Evelyn (Molly) Dolheguy, Iris Jamison, Ernest Upton, Marie Preston, Alister Lyon, Samson Faderagao, Joan Walkey, James Olsen, Bernice Kelleher.

25 Mar: James Benyon, Teresa (Tess) Lynch, Audrey McCarthy, Teresa Fitzgibbon, Colin Wade, James (Jim) Fraher.

26 Mar: Cornelis (Cees) Stikkelman, Antonius (Ton) Snelder, Angel Madrid, Valerie Hines, Cornelis Vermeeren.

27 Mar: Anthony (Drew) Gray, Joyce Woodhouse, Harry Kerr.

28 Mar: Desmond Morrison, Harry Mitchell, Virginia Campbell, Josephine Jones.

29 Mar: James Galloway, Timothy Douglas, Molly Rothsay, Terence Austen, Brian Lake, Gordon Mannering, Leo Frost.

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.), Kevin Lawrie (Recently dec'd), Brendan Daly (Special intention).

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.