



# NORTH PARISH

# Weekly

SUNDAY 14 APRIL / THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Peace Be With You

Last week we had the privilege to take a few days away following the busyness of Easter. It was great to get away for some down time and to reflect on all that we experienced over Holy Week and the Triduum. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort so many people put into making our Easter celebrations a wonderful and moving experience, and I sincerely thank you on behalf on the Parish team. The Easter Vigil on Saturday night at St Gregory's where four wonderful women were received into the Church was a particular highlight for me. I always feel so emotional witnessing the culmination of months of prayer, study and discernment for those on this journey. Please keep them in your prayers as they navigate the next stage of this journey as Neophytes.

In this week's Gospel we read about Jesus appearing to the disciples after they had just heard from the two who had had the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Jesus came to them and stood in their midst and greeted them with a greeting "Peace be with you." Have you ever wondered why he would say this? I was thinking that if I had seen Jesus die then saw him appear before me, I would need to hear those words, or others such as "It's OK, calm down, it's really me". I would have been terrified in one sense and amazed in another. Perhaps even some disbelief would have crept in. I would definitely have needed calming down. The disciples thought he was a ghost. However, when Jesus appeared, he did not appear as a ghost or spirit or a figment of their imagination. Jesus also touched them and invited them to touch him. He even ate a meal with them. It really was Jesus, the one who had been crucified, who had returned from the dead. He was not like Lazarus, the daughter of Jairus, or the son of the widow of Naim, all people who had been raised only to die again. Jesus has triumphed over death. Alleluia, we cry, He is risen, He is risen indeed. Pope St. John Paul II is quoted as saying **"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"**

So, after the solemn days of Lent let us now celebrate the joy of the remaining weeks of the Easter season.

To conclude I add a piece from Living Space/Sacred Space (Irish Jesuits) ..."And out of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection comes the mission to proclaim reconciliation with God through Jesus to the whole world. Jesus tells them: You are witnesses of these things. It is their mission to carry on the establishment of the Kingdom throughout the world. Or, as it is put here: ...that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in [the Messiah's] name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. The Kingdom is being realised when people go through that process of radical conversion and change of life (i.e. 'repentance' - metanoia) which brings about a deep reconciliation of each one with God, with all those around them, and with themselves - when all divisions fall away, when fear and hostility are replaced with a caring love for each other."

If you know someone who is searching or asking questions about faith, please invite them to contact the OCIA team or enrol via our website, we would love to journey with them.

God bless

Judith Woodnutt



### THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

*Come and see what being Catholic  
is all about!*



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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**



Fay, Amy, Jacqueline & Julia receiving their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Photo Credit: Brendan Woodnutt.

## A GREAT REASON FOR US TO CELEBRATE!

Four of our newest Catholics were either Baptised or Received into the Church at Easter this year. What a rich blessing to have them now in full communion with us. We have been greatly encouraged by their engagement with the parish over their months/years of preparation.

# 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 on Sunday 21st April 2024 from 2pm -4pm**



## 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*

## "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](#) 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.**



## ANOINTING MASS

Our Anointing Mass will be celebrated at the **Noon Mass next Thursday, 18 April**. A light luncheon will follow. Please offer to transport those you know who need assistance to attend this Mass.

If you can assist in the kitchen for the luncheon, please contact Judith 027 261 5655



**REMINDER: There are no Wednesday 1:05pm Masses St Bede's & 9am Masses St Albans and St Patrick's school, as well as Christ the King Pastoral Centre during the holidays. These will resume again at the beginning of Term 2 (the week of Monday 29 April).**



**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.**



### 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 **this weekend**. They 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.

### 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)

### SVDP NEEDS OUR HELP

One of our SVDP conferences is in need of a good sized refrigerator in good working order, either new or second-hand. If you can help with this please contact Melonie at the parish office on 03-359-1438



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The branch meeting of Catholic Women's League Christchurch North branch will be held on Thursday, 18 April in the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre at 1.30pm. The speaker will be Kerri Pring of the Canterbury Fire Service. All welcome.



### 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.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTOR FOR OUR PARISHES

Catholic Social Services have now employed a Community Connector who will deliver much needed social services expertise to our Catholic parishes. Katie Gould is our Community Connector at Catholic Social Services; if you or someone you know is in need of information or support of any kind please call 03 379 0012 or make a referral online through <https://www.catholicocialservices.nz/request-referral>. We are looking forward to serving our parishes and community with social services this year. To see more information about what CSS offers, check out their website <https://www.catholicocialservices.nz/>

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS

### ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY, 7 MAY - 9AM - 12 NOON**

Prospective students for 2025 enrolments and their parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. More info via the website

<https://www.stbedes.school.nz/enrolment/>

### ST THOMAS' OF CANTERBURY OPEN MORNING

**TUESDAY, 14 MAY - 9AM**

Our 2024 Open Morning will be held on Tuesday 14 May, beginning at 9 am with tours (please head to the school hall from 8.30 am). Principal's address will be at 10 am in the hall. **Register here**. There will be parking available on the sports fields, opposite the front gate.

<https://www.stc.school.nz/enrolment-at-st-thomas/>

### MARIAN COLLEGE ENROLMENT OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY, 21 MAY - 2.00 - 6.30PM**

Bookings for a tour to meet our students and staff and see the new school on Lydia Street are essential. **You can book via [www.mariancollege.school.nz/enrolments](http://www.mariancollege.school.nz/enrolments)**. Limited car parking will be available onsite.

### VILLA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY THURSDAY, 23 MAY

- Year 9 intake sessions at 9am and 1pm
- Year 7 intake session at 11am

Hear from our Principal and student leaders before taking a tour of our facilities to see Villa in action. **Registration is not required** - we look forward to seeing you.

## Christ the Redeemer Parish is organising a Family Club

We welcome Parishioners, with their families and friends to participate in these Family activities which will be held every Friday

**Time : 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

**Venue : St. Joseph's school hall, Papanui**

**Come and join us.**

*For further information please contact Fr. Edwin*

## 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, 3 May between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

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

## YOUTH GROUP ON BREAK OVER THE HOLIDAYS

After an awesome term of Youth Group we are having a break over the school holidays.

Our first Youth Group for Term 2 will be on Sunday, 5 May.

In Term 2 we are going to welcome our two new Youth Leaders to assist Hannah with the running of the Youth Groups - Madalyn and Eunseong.

I hope everyone has a nice break over the holidays and see you next term 😊



**13 Apr:** Preston Gorman, Brenda Gallen, Raymund (Ray) Ahern.

**14 Apr:** Lilian Quinlan, John Austin, Georgette Cocorempas, Neil Lanyon, Gerald Rooney.

**15 Apr:** William Bowbanks, Shirley O'Flarety, Paul Burley, Melville Kelcher, Sr Teresa Lappin, Edward Ward, Eileen Gallagher, Mary Dynan, Neil Davies.

**16 Apr:** Joan Jones, Nellie Brown, John Krippner, Christine Prendergast, Gregory Cunneen, Janina Keenan, Iris Atkins.

**17 Apr:** Winifred Murray, Margaret Peckham, Ellen Patterson, Mike Dearsley, Cyril Bradley, John Logan, Eric Richmond, Kevin Meates.

**18 Apr:** Elizabeth Price, Raymond Carrara, Maureen Hawtin, Fr Paul Duncan, Marie Inder, Mona Spillane, Bertha Lavender, Merle Morley, Leonie Harrington, Jillian Lever.

**19 Apr:** John Weir, Bernadine Graham, Maria de Freitas, Margaret (Maggie) Bates, Helen Auld, Maurice (John) Donaldson, Isaac Levings.

## Please pray for the following intentions

**Those who have recently died:** 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, Judith Joseph, Kath Crosbie.

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Collins (Ann.), Tom Keenan (Ann.) Janina Keenan (Ann.), Franciscus (Frank) Bierings (Ann.), Alexander (Pat) Crowe (Ann.), Isaac Levings (Ann.)

**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.**