



Catholic Parish of
Christchurch North

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Weekly

SUNDAY 3 MARCH / THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners

In our little intercessory group for the parish last week, we had a lovely 'word' from the Lord which I would like to share with you.

My children. My peace and my love is upon you. Rest in that love, rest in that love that comes from me.....for yes there are many that are hurting and broken and lonely and I want to draw them into my love for many will come these days and this will be a time when much will happen, but again listen to my word, listen to my voice be at peace. Let my spirit guide you and direct you.....It is in my heart and my love that all things will happen.

As we go forward in this year ahead in all the challenges we face, let us take this 'word' as an encouragement for us on this third Sunday of Lent.

This weekend we present to you the three Patrons we will be voting on next weekend. You will find a short biography for each patron in this bulletin, and we ask that you pray and discern during the week with each patron asking the Holy Spirit to guide our community in choosing a worthy patron.

This Sunday afternoon, 2 - 4pm we are having a parish gathering at the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. We will introduce the new Leadership Team and Judith will give a brief report on our pastoral activities, followed by a report from the Finance Committee and the Building Team. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and sharing. The three reports will be available online next week for those who are unable to attend. There is also an analysis of our income and expenditure available in the foyers this weekend for those that take a paper copy of the bulletin. If you would like further information or a complete financial report please contact Wilma Vertogen at the Office.

God bless,

Msgr Rick Loughnan

NORTH PARISH COMMUNITY GATHERING

SUNDAY 3 MARCH / 2 - 4PM
ST JOSEPH'S PASTORAL CENTRE

FINANCE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS
MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM
Q & A

Next Weekend's Readings (Fourth Sunday of Lent): Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23/Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21

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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**

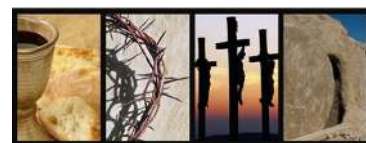
FOR ANY PRAYER REQUESTS.

TEXT 021 413 659

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 pastoral@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, offertory and taking up the collection. If you can help please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

Youth and Young Adults Events

YOUTH GROUP OUTING - SUNDAY, 3 MARCH

This Sunday Youth Group is going on an outing to Victoria Park. Meeting after the 9am St Bede's Mass, we will be taking the van to Victoria Park. We will be walking some tracks, exploring, playing sport and games, and having a great time!

9am - Mass at St Bede's

10am - Leave in CYT van for Victoria Park

2.45-3pm: Arrive back at St Bede's (parent's collect youth outside the chapel)

Bring a packed lunch and water bottle, sunhat and sunscreen, warm clothes and walking shoes.

If you would like to come register at <https://www.cognitoforms.com/CatholicParishOfChristchurchNorth/YouthGroupOuting2>

or email Hannah Morton-Jones at hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz

YOUNG ADULTS - PART 2 OF 'THE ART OF FRIENDSHIP'

All Young Adults welcome to come along to **St Gregory's Church on Thursday, 14 March** for Part 2 of 'The Art of Friendship' delivered by Dr Robert Loretz.

We had an awesome time at our last event, and due to popular demand, we are bringing Robert back for a continuation of his dive into the topic of friendship.

Where: St Gregory's Church

When: 6-8pm

What: Delicious BBQ and yarns, talk by Dr Robert Loretz and Adoration in the chapel

If you have any questions email Hannah Morton-Jones at hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz

ANNUAL NORTH PARISH YOUTH CAMP

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 March, Waipara Adventure Centre

We invite any young person who are Year 7-13 to come and join us for our Annual Parish Youth Camp. The cost is **\$80 per child (\$130 for two siblings, and \$60 for each subsequent child)**.

Please don't let the cost deter you from sending your young person to camp. Please contact Hannah if you cannot afford or pay this cost, and we'll sort something out. Visit <https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth-camp> for more information and to register.

KAI FOR THE COMMUNITY is a charitable trust that provides a two course meal each Sunday for the homeless and vulnerable. They rely on parish groups to provide food, serve and clean up.

This is a rewarding parish initiative for families who participate.

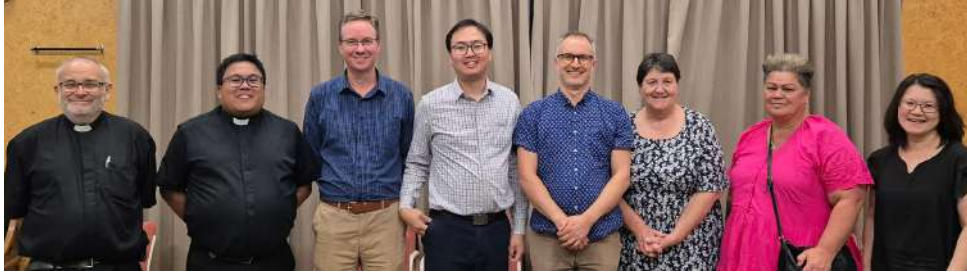
The North Parish has volunteered to do three Sunday evenings this year and the first of these is **Sunday, 10 March**.

We will provide a main meal and dessert to feed approx. 100 persons. The meal commences at 5.30 pm, concluding at 6.30pm. All food needs to be delivered to the Deaf Society premises, 80 Fitzgerald Ave by 5pm or to the kitchen at St Gregory's Church by 3pm on the Sunday. We will be providing a meat, chicken or pasta dish or either a dessert e.g fruit crumble. Each dish you provide will need to feed approx. 8 to 10 persons. Meals are best served in aluminium dishes. Preferably heated on arrival, but heating is available. If you are able to assist please contact John Dooley (coordinator) at helenjohndooley@hotmail.com or telephone/text 021-908-130



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.

Parish Leadership Team



Photographed from the left Msgr Rick, Fr Alister, Dan Martin, Alex Chia, Thomas McNaughton, Judith Woodnutt, Katrina Talanoa and Genevieve Wei

Alex Chia

I'm married to Sarah with two boys. I was born and raised in Malaysia and my family migrated to Christchurch 20 years ago. Christ the King was our first parish with Msgr. Bill Middleton as our parish priest. Sarah and I started going to Mass at St. Gregory's Church when we got married about 4 years ago, just before the amalgamation. I am currently part of the OCIA team, helping non-Catholics in their journey into the Catholic Church. I also currently work in the diocesan office supporting the bishop liturgy-wise and formation/catechesis in parishes. I look forward to being part of this leadership team.

Genevieve Wei

My husband and I have two adult children. I have been an active member of the Legion of Mary for 35 years. I came to Christchurch with my parents and siblings in 1992. With the support of our parents, my uncle and priests, my sister and I managed to start the Legion of Mary praesidium at Christ the King in 1993. With the guidance of Our Blessed Mother and The Holy Spirit, we constantly try to grow deeper in our faith. We thank Our Blessed Mother for choosing each and everyone of us and we responded obediently to Her call. Since being a mother myself, Mother Mary has been my role model. I turn to Her whenever I need Her guidance and She never fails to guide me. I know very well Mother Mary has wanted me to answer 'yes' to Msgr Rick's invitation to become a member of the leadership team, otherwise my own self would have politely declined him. I am very honoured to be invited and will do my best to assist the team in serving our community.

Katrina Talanoa

My husband and I moved to Christchurch with our four children in 2014, not long after we arrived he sadly suddenly passed away. I lived in Australia for over 25 years and was very involved in my parish. I was a part of the Religious Education and Evangelization Committee at the Sydney Catholic Education Office and was a part of the pilot program to implement the Family Educator role, bridging primary school, high school, home and church. I currently work at St Albans Catholic School office, and love every minute of this role. It has filled my heart with so much joy watching our new generation grow in their faith, I too feel very blessed to be a part of that nurturing. I have some thoughts and ideas on how we can help encourage some of our families to implement Mass as a weekly routine, and really look forward to coming together as a group and sharing ideas.

Thomas McNaughton

My wife Amy and I have two children, who both go to St Patrick's school. My mother Rose is also part of the parish, and my late brother Fergus was part of Christ the King until his passing 4 years ago. I went to Christ the King as a child and more recently Holy Trinity prior to the amalgamation. I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to the strategic side of the parish, building upon our ambitious vision to further develop a direction and plans that are really tangible for more of our community. My professional background is what's probably an unusual mix of economist, marketing analyst and more recently management roles of marketing, customer care and community engagement teams. I'm excited about contributing to new ways to engage with the parish and feeding that into decision making.

Judith Woodnutt

I am employed in the Parish as Pastoral Coordinator, this role is a very busy and varied one. I have previously been in similar roles both here in Christchurch and in Ballarat, Australia. I enjoy my job very much, especially meeting and getting to know people in the Parish and how I can best help them in their faith journey. I have three adult daughters and three grandchildren. I recently married Brendan after 18 years of being widowed. I am looking forward to being on the leadership team and working with Monsignor Rick in this next exciting phase of the Parish journey.

Dan Martin

Bridget and I have three children, who attend Christ the King School and Marian College. We moved into the area ten years ago. For most of those years I have been involved with OCIA but stepped back from this ministry last year. I've always liked reading about the faith which got me motivated to start up St. Augustine's Bookshop three years ago. I work at Meridian Energy as a senior data analyst and help gain insight for decision making from the data we collect from our customers. One of my key passions after being touched powerfully by God at University is using my gifts in helping people to know God and his love and excited about how we as a leadership group can help the Parish continue to do this.

Kaelyn Graham - Minute Secretary

We thank Kaelyn Graham for accepting the role of minute secretary to the leadership team.

**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 **

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)

HOW CAN WE BE A SYNODAL CHURCH IN MISSION?

The worldwide Synod 2021-2024, initiated by Pope Francis, continues this year inviting all the baptised to participate. 'After a month of work, in October 2023, the Lord is now calling us to return to our Churches to hand over to all of you the fruits of our work and to continue the journey together. Here in Rome, we were not many, but the purpose of the Synod path called by the Holy Father is to involve all the baptised.' Rome Synthesis report

A New Phase Begins: Continuing our journeying together to grow as a synodal Church, all are invited to listen and share, in a synodal way, discovering concrete ways we can be a synodal church in Mission.

All welcome to participate in a discernment process on:

Saturday 2nd March, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. 10am - 12noon

Registration is required, with your name and email address to synodecdoc.nz

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Meets at St Gregory's Church on Wednesday, 6 March at 7:30pm. If you would like more information, you can contact Andre de Roo on 0220824143.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday in Lent, 7pm at
St Gregory's Church

Upcoming Events

- 3 Mar** **Parish Community Gathering**
2-4pm, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre
- 8 Mar** **Preference Signing (see website)**
3-4pm, Parish Office
- 10 Mar** **Dad's Day at the Beach**
1pm, Spencer Park Beach



2 Mar: John Weir, Alexander Burke, Kevin Cunniffe, Veronica Hannan, Ian Anderson, Ian Batchelor.

3 Mar: Marie Landis, Patricia Roche, Neville Lewis, Wilhelmus Van Pelt, Maria Molloy, Maurice Trengrove.

4 Mar: Antonius Borkus, Peter Connelly, Mary Samson, Charles O'Brien, Lois Bird, Felix McCarthy, James Barnett, Margaret Cox.

5 Mar: Catherine Anderson, Margaret Bowring, Monica Kearns (Sr Mary Cornelia RSM), Richard King, Micelsia Davila, Patricia Findlay.

6 Mar: Albert (Bob) Cater, Frank Nolan, Herta Paulay, Kelvin Pengelly, Patricia Berry, David Penrose.

7 Mar: Donald Sharp, Patrick Keenan, Sheila Cowan, Edna Meehan, Terance (Terry) Newman, Alan Ryder.

8 Mar: Roger O'Hare, Deborah Ritchie, Trevor Smith, Anne Purcell.

Please pray for the following intentions

Those who have recently died: Julie McFadzien, Ena Courtney, Theresa Wall, Frances Barltrop, Derek Conway, Veronica Gray, Michael Hughes, Jerry Kuipers, Lesley Walker, Beverley McLorinan, Mary Arscott, Jim Costelloe, Diane Milne.

Mass Intentions: Margret Collins (Ann.), Ian Anderson (Ann.), Irene Pangan (Recently dec'd in Canada)

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.



THE THREE TOP PATRONS TO VOTE ON

After extending the discernment period following the submission of suggested patrons, the priests, leadership team, and staff have discerned and selected their preferred choice out of the seven top patrons suggested.

These seven patrons are:

St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Vincent de Paul, Christ the Redeemer,
St. John the Evangelist, St. John Paul II, St. Michael the Archangel, St. John the Baptist.

The leadership team, parish staff, and priests collaboratively narrowed down the list of seven to three through a discernment process. Each member ranked their top three choices, and points were assigned accordingly (1st choice = 3 points, 2nd choice = 2 points, 3rd choice = 1 point).

The three top patrons were determined based on the total points received.

Initially, the top three were as follows: **Christ the Redeemer, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist.**

However, after a conversation with the Bishop and upon his request to **exclude** St. John the Baptist from consideration despite its initial ranking in the top three, we replaced it with the next highest-ranking patron, which is **St. Teresa of Calcutta.**

**Therefore, the three patronal names that will be voted on next week are:
Christ the Redeemer, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Teresa of Calcutta.**

Next weekend (9/10 March), at each of the Masses, we will invite everyone present to vote on their preferred patron for our parish. This will be done before the final blessing, and opportunities to vote online will also be provided.

Below you will find a short biography for each patron, and we ask that you pray and discern during the week with each patron asking the Holy Spirit to guide our community in choosing a worthy patron.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

In Catholic theology, the title "Christ the Redeemer" holds profound significance, embodying the central tenet of the Christian faith: redemption through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

As Catholics, we understand Christ as the ultimate Redeemer, whose salvific mission fulfills the divine plan of salvation and offers reconciliation between God and humanity.

There's an encyclical written by Pope Leo XIII, titled '*Tametsi Futura Prospicientibus*' (On Jesus Christ the Redeemer)

It underscores the significance of Jesus Christ as the Redeemer, emphasising His indispensable role in human salvation. Through His sacrifice and redemption, Christ offers humanity the opportunity for renewal and elevation to a higher state. The encyclical portrays the historical anticipation of Christ's coming and the transformative impact of His teachings and example on human civilisation.



FEAST DAY

October 23 (Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer)

A FEW REASONS FROM THE SUBMISSIONS ON WHY 'CHRIST THE REDEEMER'

"Christ stands for the symbolism of our city, a city where Christ is the centre of our Church and cities. At this time of history - redeemer brings hope, faith, and joy."

"After prayer and reflection this name popped into my mind. Christ is the Redeemer of us all."

"Because Christ is our redeemer. We need him to redeem the world, especially in this time when we are faced with so many challenges against Christianity, we need him to watch out for us."

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

St. John the Evangelist, also known as the Beloved Disciple, holds a special place in Catholic tradition as one of the twelve apostles and the author of the Gospel bearing his name.

As the author of the Gospel of John, St. John the Evangelist offers a unique perspective on the life, ministry, and divinity of Jesus Christ. His Gospel emphasises the theological truths of Jesus as the Word made flesh, the light of the world, and the source of eternal life, inviting believers to deepen their understanding of the mystery of God's love revealed through His Son.

St. John the Evangelist is a model of faith, love, and discipleship. His life and writings continue to inspire us to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, and to live as faithful witnesses to the truth of the Gospel.



FEAST DAY

December 27

A FEW REASONS FROM THE SUBMISSIONS ON WHY 'ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'

"St John was one of the first disciples, so very dear to Jesus - present at the transfiguration, the agony in the garden and when Jesus died on the cross - where he was given the most important role of any person on earth. Jesus entrusted the care of his beloved mother to his dear friend. John was a writer of his gospels - and has been described as having 'zeal'. Zeal, i.e. enthusiasm and passion - something our new parish needs - a great hope/dream for the future. He is depicted as the eagle. The eagle, big, strong and it exhibits unwavering loyalty and companionship. Our vision statement uses words like 'missionary parish' and 'go out to others' - know, grow, go out. St John knew Jesus intimately, leant from him and grew closer to him each day. Jesus asked him to 'go out' to the people - to evangelize. This forms part of our vision."

"I choose to recommend this SAINT because every time I read our vision statement it brings to me the MOTTO of this saint to go out and EVANGELIZE not just by WORD but also by ACTION."

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

St. Teresa of Calcutta, universally known as Mother Teresa, is one of the most beloved and revered figures of the 20th century. Born on August 26, 1910, in Skopje, now the capital of North Macedonia, she felt a calling to serve God from a young age.

At the age of 18, Mother Teresa left her home to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland. After completing her training, she was sent to India, where she began her work as a teacher in Calcutta. However, her life took a profound turn when she received what she described as a "call within a call" from Jesus, urging her to serve the poorest of the poor.

In 2016, she was canonized as a saint by Pope Francis, recognizing her holiness and the profound impact of her life's work on the world. Interestingly enough, Mother Teresa visited the former St Gregory's Parish in 1973.



FEAST DAY

September 5

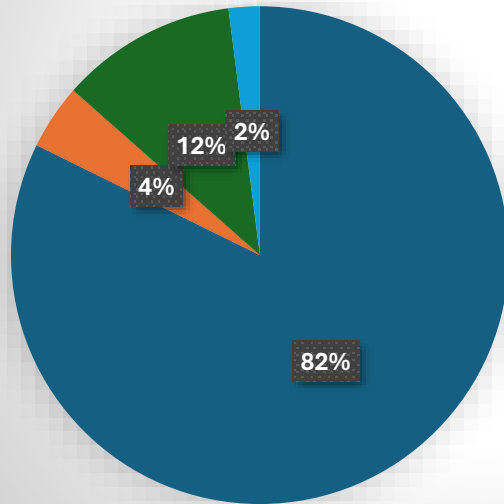
A FEW REASONS FROM THE SUBMISSIONS ON WHY 'ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA'

"A saint of our times exemplifying love for the most unloved and rejected"

"Wonderful saint for us to help us spread God's goodness and love and care to many."

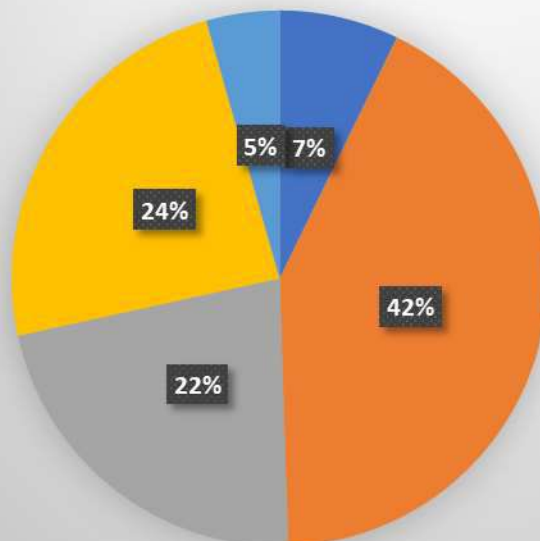
"A visit by a future saint that donated her life to love, peace & missionary work around the world could truly work for the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North... Mother Teresa left a testament of unshakable faith, invincible hope & extraordinary charity. Her response to Jesus' plea: 'Come be my light,' made her a Missionary of Charity & a mother to the poor, a symbol of compassion to the world & a living witness to the thirsting love of God."

Summary of Income for the Period from 1st April 2023 to 31st January 2024



- Gifting - Auto Payments, Planned Giving Envelopes & Cash
- Other Donations
- Rental Income
- Other Income

Summary of Expenditure for the Period from 1st April 2023 to 31st January 2024



- Pastoral Expenses
- Clergy Trust Fund and Diocese Contributions
- Building and Property Expenses
- Salaries and Wages
- Administrative Expenses

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Summary of Income and Expenditure for the Period from 1st April 2023 to 31st January 2024

	Total
Income	
Gifting - Auto Payments, Planned Giving Envelopes & Cash	630,814
Other Donations	32,432
Rental Income	87,961
Other Income	15,459
Total Income	766,666
Expenditure	
Pastoral Expenses	52,416
Clergy Trust Fund and Diocese Contributions	307,194
Building and Property Expenses	160,368
Salaries and Wages	174,522
Administrative Expenses	32,127
Total Expenditure	726,628
Net Operating Surplus	40,038