

BULLETIN IN EXILE

Burnside, Bryndwr & Bishopdale Catholic Parishes



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Fr Rick Loughnan

Hi everyone in our three parishes!

This is our replacement for the Bulletin in the next few weeks. I hope you are hunkered down and have started out well with this lock down period. We three priests and two seminarians are in the bubble of our two houses at Bishopdale. Remember you will have some fun times, some rest times and – especially in families – some busy times. Plus many of you will be working from home. You will also have some frustrating times I am sure, so here's a bit of advice from the parish priest.

I strongly recommend the online Masses especially Sundays at 10am with the Bishop. Keep up some prayers. Make a plan to pray together. Often in families we find it really hard to pray with each other! It is good to have a set time. We priests and seminarians are able to celebrate Mass together and we have agreed to eat our main meal at night and pray evening prayer together before the meal. If you find spontaneous prayer too difficult what about some common prayers together, for example the Our Father, the Hail Mary and Glory Be. The Diocese has some prayer resources on its Website and the times of online Masses.

<https://chchcatholic.nz/2020/03/mass-livestream/>

You could pray the Rosary or some part of it. Or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Simply google Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you have some holy water or blessed salt that is a lovely way to pray for protection. You can walk around the property asking the Lord to protect your family, the property, and even the neighbours! You can do this even if you do not have these sacramentals. Making a plan of how to spend the days is essential. **Do not get discouraged** if you do not always keep to it but just start again.

Remember there is great merit in apologising if we lose our temper and please forgive each other. God bless.

***If you are in need of a priest in case of an emergency, please call
(03) 359 0444 or 021 223 0680***

MONTY'S MUSE

Monty Bamford (Seminarian on Placement)

Jesus makes it abundantly clear to us that among those who inherit the Kingdom of God are those who feed the hungry, satiate the thirsty, clothe the naked and visit the sick and imprisoned (cf. Matthew 26: 31-46). During this time of uncertainty and turmoil, there are people in our parishes and our diocese who are in great need. There are also great organisations like the St. Vincent de Paul society who, with very little fuss, help these needs to be met.

Due to the Government restrictions, the number of people in need of support has increased and the ability of groups like St. Vincent de Paul to provide this support has declined. **I strongly encourage those of us who need help to ask for it.** If you have family or friends who are struggling you might need to ask on their behalf. It was the sisters of Lazarus who approached Jesus about their sick brother. They were not scared or proud to ask for help. **Requests for help can be made to St. Vincent de Paul by telephone on (03) 389 7484 or by text message on 027 358 9400.** I strongly encourage those of us who are in a position to support St. Vincent de Paul financially to make a donation through their website: **www.svdpchch.co.nz.** Our donation is an opportunity to give glory to God as Jesus did and support those in need.

Through our baptism, we share in the same power that Jesus used to raise Lazarus from the dead. This power can be used to help unbind the disadvantaged in our diocese and give them new life in this difficult time. Furthermore, as we prepare to emerge from our own 'tombs' in this dark and difficult Lent, may we prepare ourselves and others to share in the triumph of Jesus's resurrection at Easter.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Fr Alister Castillo

Through these times of lock down we have discovered that communication is extremely important, especially now that our churches are shut. This means that our normal form of communication (printed bulletins and notices) are ineffective as we self-isolate ourselves and minimise contact with each other.

It is here that we are utilising the alternative modes of communication to keep you, our parish community, updated. In light of this, we have created the **Christchurch North Catholic Parish Facebook page** that will bring communications from our three parishes together.

For those who don't have social media, our websites is another great place for communication. I also encourage you to forward any communication to friends and family, as we have had many emails return back to us due email addresses no longer in use.

Our secretaries are working from home so you are able to contact them via phone and email, and also you can ring your priests as well.

Below are the different ways in which you can access important updates and information from our parishes.



Email

Burnside: ctk.parihextra.co.nz

Papanui: pap.bish.rcextra.co.nz

Bryndwr: holytrinitybryndwr@gmail.com



Website

christtheking.org.nz

stjosephspapanui.weebly.com/



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Fr Edwin
Colaco SBD
Feast of the
Annunciation



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