

BULLETIN IN EXILE

Burnside, Bryndwr & Papanui Catholic Parishes

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Fr Rick Loughnan

Easter Blessings to everyone in our three parishes!

I hope the lock down has not been too stressful for you. Please see in the bulletin where you might be able to source help if you are struggling, or you are welcome to give us a call. We will help if we can, or will point you in the right direction.

One of the advantages of the lockdown for me and our transition project group is that we have been able to think through and better plan for the transition of our three parishes to the new North Parish. I have also had the time to join some online seminars on leadership and parish renewal. One lecture (at 5am NZ time) was from the Amazing Parish group with Pat Lencioni—a practising Catholic—who is a consultant on leadership and leadership teams both with businesses and the Church. I found the seminar helpful and inspiring.

One-point Pat made resonated with me. When talking about parish renewal he reminded us that when we look around us we see a huge circle - **a circle of concern**. We see all the possibilities and needs that call to us as a parish. Of course, this is especially true now when we see the damage the effect the Covid-19 virus is having across the world. The temptation is to want to meet every need but where we must work, he said—in trying to spread the Gospel and reach out to others—is in our **circles of influence**. That is necessarily smaller than the circle of concern. Sometimes when we try to do everything we end up doing nothing. This is something that the leadership team in the new parish and all of us in our ministries and vocations will need to take to heart.

We must ask ourselves: Where are the places of influence that you and I are called too? Where are the places of influence that God is calling us to in our new parish and area? What do we want to see in place and effective in our new parish five years, ten years, from now?

In the Gospel this Sunday the two disciples on the road to Emmaus do not recognise Jesus as he walks beside them. They are sad and overwhelmed by what has happened. How could he have risen from the dead they ask themselves. We too can be overwhelmed; at home; in times of crisis; in trying to put into effect a new vision of mission for a diocese, a parish! Sometimes it is because we are trying to do everything ourselves. Sometimes it is because we want to be important. **NO. Jesus is the focus.** It is he who made their hearts burn within them. He is at our side. It is his work, his kingdom.

Let us turn to him in our circles of influence and remember:

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen"

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

****As I write this we are awaiting for the Bishops of NZ to guide us as we move into Alert Level 3. We will let you know of any information as soon as we are able.****

- Fr Rick



'The Road to Emmaus' – Robert Zünd (1877)

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Srs. Kathleen and Mary

This Sunday as we all reflect on the meeting of Jesus with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we can be in solidarity with people in so many countries confined to physical bubbles, yet sharing together the journey of the challenges and growth as we meet God in the circumstances of our lives now. We are both able to continue some of our spirituality ministry from home thanks to modern internet technology that provides for phoning or face-to-face meetings through Zoom and Skype, but this is not as satisfactory as being present in person. While we have plenty of ordinary tasks that we could catch up with, we also get out to enjoy walks in the local area - the autumn trees have been beautiful.

The photo shows us receiving additional grocery supplies from Sister Raylene Dwyer, whom so many of you know from her years of ministry in your midst. Sisters of Mercy in Christchurch are blessed to have Sisters Raylene from Wellington locked down with us in our city and available to assist those of us who are confined to home.

Many of you will also remember our Sister Enid Lagan who died at Nazareth House on Saturday 18 April. Sister Enid lived here in this house in Main North Road following many years of teaching in this diocese and then fifteen years in Tonga. She loved being among parishioners here and she supported staff and children at St Joseph's Primary School for several years assisting those who would benefit from her skills and her interest in them. As her mobility decreased she needed a walker, then eventually a motorised chair. By the time of the earthquakes Enid was in Rest Home care and with damage to Nazareth House she was moved with several other residents to Stoke for a period.

As you remember others who have died in our local parishes during this time, we ask you to include Sr Enid. May they rest in peace.



ZOOM IN ON YOUTH GROUP!!

Burnside & Papanui Youth Ministry Coordinators

Over the course of the lockdown, we've had to think outside the box in terms of ministry.

Because we can't meet together physically under lockdown, we asked the question on how we could connect with our young people in our parish, while allowing them to connect to each other as well.

Our youth coordinators decided that we would hold our high school youth groups over Zoom. Think of it like a virtual youth group! It's a time where we catch up with each other while being in lockdown!

I invite any young people who are **Years 9 - 13** to come and join us! We have two youth groups so feel free to join which ever one that suits you, or you could come join both!!

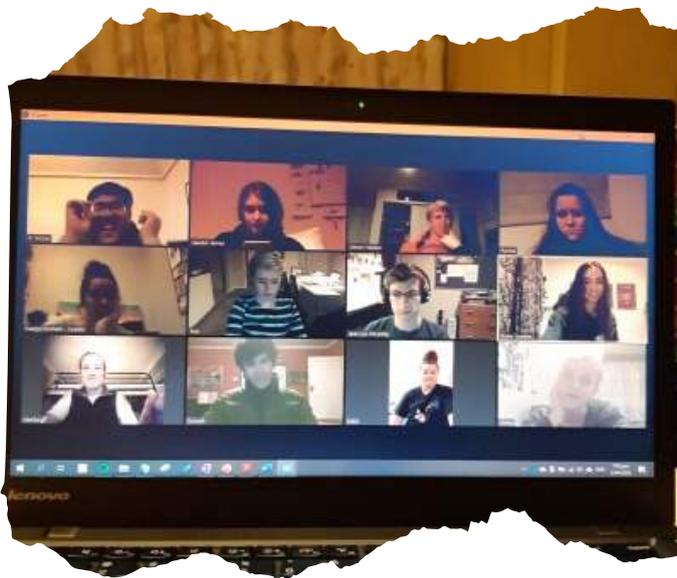
If you'd like to join, contact one of our Youth Leaders and they'll email you the link to the Zoom Youth Groups!
Come and invite your friends too!



St Joseph's Youth Group
Sunday Evenings (during term time)
7pm
Contact Elizabeth for the link to the Youth Group on Zoom!



Christ the King Youth Group
Monday Evenings (during term time)
7pm
Contact Kaelyn for the link to the Youth Group on Zoom!



Christ the King Youth Group via Zoom during the lockdown period!



St Joseph's Youth Group pre-lockdown

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HELLO EVERYONE!

Tang Joseph

My name is Tang Joseph. I come from a Vietnamese family with seven people. We live in a small stone house in the village in Nghe An province, Vietnam. I came here to discern my vocation with the Christchurch Diocese. I am still learning English at the moment. I am sure that you always keep me in your prayers and I assure you of my prayers for your families.

The Gospel of this Sunday speaks of the encounter of the Resurrection Christ and the two disciples who were on their way back to the village of Emmaus in a depressed, sad mood. Jesus shared his experience and spoke the significance of his death through the gesture of breaking the bread and helped the two disciples identify, understand the incidents that had just happened and see the meaning of their own life.

Therefore, the Resurrection of Christ is also coming and accompanying us in each of our living and meeting sessions. He is in each of our joys and tribulations. If we receive him as a companion by listening to the Word of God, learning, and contemplating the Bible, our eyes of faith will open. **Then in his resurrection light, we will find the meaning of life.**

May God bless you!

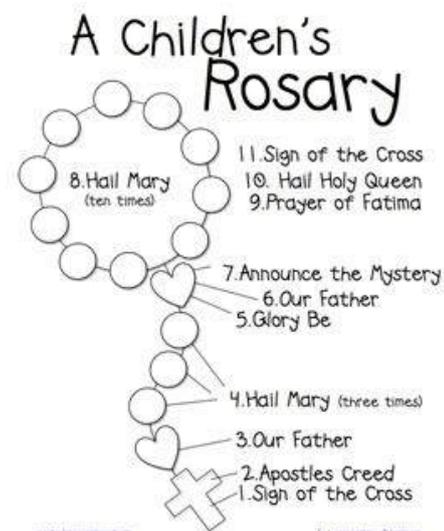


BURNSIDE & BRYNDWR CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Sarah Strachan (Sacramental Coordinator, Holy Trinity)

This week we have been focusing on **prayer**. With the assistance of Angeline from the Legion of Mary we discussed prayer and learning the Rosary. We asked the children to talk to their Grandparents or parents and to discuss their experiences with the Rosary. For their homework, this week they were asked to complete one decade of the Rosary with their family.

We have now completed all of our online lessons. We aim to gather when it is safe in the future for a day of fun, learning and introduction to our service project, with the assistance of the St. Vincent de Paul and the Legion of Mary, before completing our final preparation for our Confirmation Day.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

Irene Magurie (St Joseph's Pastoral Associate)

Our First Holy Communion (FHC) programme is on hold for now, till we have been given direction from the Bishops of NZ and the Health Authorities. A new FHC timeline will be distributed when we all have more clarity. Once we get back into 'normal life' we will re-establish the parent/children meetings and get back to our ongoing preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Until then, we appreciate that our FHC families have been diligently working from home on the last set of 6 worksheets, so at least the children will have completed their written preparation for their FHC.

As a Sacramental Team - we acknowledge how challenging it must be for the parents at home, trying to balance school life and trying to work from home, so we are not going to add any more commitments onto your already busy plates for a few more weeks.

But the simplest advice I can offer you is to **spend time with your children in prayer** - and the best place for that is bedtime prayers.

However - for some of you - you may find time to look at some useful material.

<https://youtu.be/TMSiHGTBdGk>

This is a very informative video from a Catholic online organisation - Busted Halo, called "Sacraments 201 Eucharist - What We Believe". I do recommend you watch it as you may find it very useful for yourself and your children.

Also, there are children activities prepared by Cushla O'Connor and Rory Paterson at the Christchurch Catholic Education Office. Please feel free to look at this link:

<https://chchcatholic.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Prayer-and-Witness-Challenge-Term-2-Week-3-210420.pdf>

Go well and have great hope in God.



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KNOW ANYONE IN NEED OF FOOD?

The St Vincent de Paul society have updated their way of distributing food parcels in light of the lockdown.

Due to the circumstances of COVID-19, we have ceased providing food parcels directly to people's homes. We have directed our Christchurch Vincentians to cease from direct food delivery. To minimize person to person contact, we have now established an electronic voucher system whereby those in need contact us through our welfare line.



To request a food grocery voucher from the St. Vincent de Paul Society Christchurch Area, please follow one of these **four ways** of communication:

- 1) Phone **03 389 7484**, extension 1 (please leave a message)
- 2) Text **027 358 9400** (text 'request voucher', name and address)
- 3) Visit www.svdpchch.co.nz/how-can-we-help-you.html (fill out the request form)
- 4) Email welfare@svdpchch.co.nz (with 'request voucher', name, address and contact number)

**Another contact number for if you need food:
0800 HUNGRY (0800 486 479)**

OUR VINNIES NEED YOU

Our three local St Vincent de Paul conferences have seen an increase of those who are in need in our respective communities.

If you are in a position to be able to support them financially, please consider doing so via internet banking (**account numbers below**) with the reference '**Donation**'.

**SVDP - Burnside Conference (Westpac)
03 - 0802 - 0102340 - 00**

**SVDP - Papanui Conference (Westpac)
03 - 0854 - 0646219 - 00**

**SVDP - Bryndwr Conference (Westpac)
03 - 1707 - 0154067 - 00**



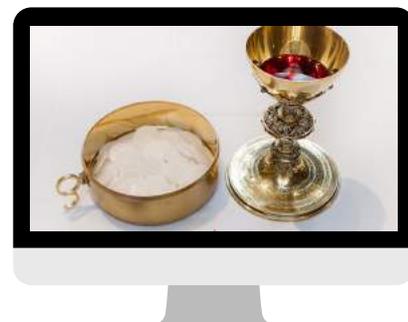
ONLINE MASS SCHEDULES

Did you know that Weekday & Sunday Masses are streamed online? (They can be viewed at a later time too.)

Weekday Mass, Mon - Sat: 9am
Sunday Mass: 10am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbDyKPjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw

Shine TV (Freeview Channel 25 or Sky 201)
Sundays - 2 pm **Please note the new time**



Please pray for the following intentions

For Pope Francis and the Bishops of Aotearoa

For our Civil Leaders

For doctors, nurses and health care workers

For those who have been in hospital recently

For those who are sick:

Bishop Basil Meeking; Gerard MacManus (Papanui Parish); Noeline George (Papanui Parish)

For those who have died, especially during this time:

Brian Eccleton (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Mary Lee (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Anne Attwood (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Brian Joyce (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Erin Vermeeren (Recently Deceased, Burnside Parish); Jill Lever (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Nora Collier (Recently Deceased); Stephen Cassidy (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Sr Enid Lagan RSM (Recently Deceased);



Mon 27 April - St Louis de Montfort (priest)

Tues 28 April - St Peter Chanel (priest, martyr)

Wed 29 April - St Catherine of Siena (virgin, doctor)

Thurs 30 April - St Pius V (pope)

Fri 1 May - St Joseph the Worker

Sat 2 May - St Athanasius (bishop, doctor)

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