

BULLETIN IN EXILE

Burnside, Bryndwr & Papanui Catholic Parishes

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

"THEY SHOWED US UNUSUAL KINDNESS." (ACTS 28:2)

Fr Rick Loughnan

This Sunday we begin the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** asking the Holy Spirit to unite all Christians.

Since Pope Saint John XXIII the popes have called us in a renewed way to work and pray for Christian unity. In the words of Pope Saint John Paul II:

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"The contemporary Church is profoundly conscious that only on the basis of the mercy of God will she be able to carry out the tasks that derive from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, and in the first place, the ecumenical task which aims at uniting all those who confess Christ. As she makes many efforts in this direction, the Church confesses...that only that **love** which is more powerful than the weakness of human divisions can... **bring about that unity** which Christ implored from the Father and which the Spirit never ceases to beseech for us 'with sighs too deep for words' (Romans 8:26)."

I belong to a Ministers Association in Avonhead and we meet once a month. It is a supportive and prayerful group of Pastors and I find it helpful and uplifting. I have asked two of them to provide a prayer in this week's bulletin for Christian Unity.



Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service at St Gregory's Catholic Church this year with Fr Alister Castillo, Rev Dr Tim Frank (St Paul's Anglican Parish) and Rev. Anne Preston (North West Methodist Community).

Please keep an eye out for Fr Rick's letter regarding the structure of the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North early next week. These will be emailed out to you (if you have provided us with your email address), or posted to you.

GREETINGS FROM ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Rev Michael D Brantley (Vicar at St Christopher's Anglican)

Dear members of Christ the King Parish & wider community members,

It is a privilege to join you in this prayer focus. Our Anglican tradition, so close yet to our Catholic roots, provides us some beautiful collect prayers to join us in common prayer. As we journey through Ascension to Pentecost, we lock arms with you, our brothers and sisters, increasing our prayers of praise and intercession.

Today, rather than attempting to create something of my own, I find this prayer, a favourite of mine, so appropriate in our uncertain times.

I make this offering and hope that it is one you will be able to also embrace.

For the hungry and the overfed

May we have enough.

Silence

For the mourners and the mockers

May we laugh together.

Let us be at peace within ourselves.

Silence

For the victims and the oppressors

May we share power wisely.

Let us accept that we are profoundly loved
and need never be afraid.

Silence

For the peacemakers and the warmongers

May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony.

Let us be aware of the source of being

that is common to us all and to all living creatures.

Silence

For the silenced and the propagandists

May we speak our own words in truth.

Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion

towards ourselves and towards all living beings.

Silence

For the unemployed and the overworked

May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.

Realising that we are all nourished from the same source of life,

may we so live that others be not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.

Silence

For the troubled and the sleek

May we live together as wounded healers.

Let us pray that we ourselves

cease to be a cause of suffering to one another.

Silence

For the homeless and the cosseted

May our homes be simple, warm and welcoming.

With humility let us pray for the establishment of peace
in our hearts and on earth.

Silence

For the vibrant and the dying

May we all die to live.

We offer this prayer in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Kia mau, Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui // Hold on, be strong, have courage, be patient!

Ngā manākitanga katoa i roto ia te Karaiti // May you have every blessing in Christ!



St. Christopher's
A joyful community connecting with God and people

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Rev Dale Peach (Parish Superintendent, Christchurch West Methodist Parish)

God, when you were born on earth
you didn't see the difference between the marginal shepherds, who came in from the
nearby hills, and the glorious men who had travelled from afar.
Both were welcomed by you.

God, when you walked this earth
you didn't see the difference between the outcasts with leprosy, ostracised to the
wilderness, and the rich young ruler, who carried the weight of his wealth on his
shoulders.
You had time for them both.

God, when you hung above the earth
you didn't see the difference between the angry soldiers 'doing their duty' and John,
the one you loved, willing to do his duty and take care of your mother.
Both had value in your eyes.

Give us the same heart, God,
to welcome, take time and really see you in all people.
Take away our great desire to judge, categorise and divide.

And, most of all, take away our need to decide others,
who follow you with different words and different songs,
are too different to truly be our sisters and brothers in you.

You prayed that we may be one.
Loving, accepting and welcoming Creator, help us to make
that our prayer too.
Amen.

Dale R Peach, 2020



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/UCbDyKPjjDeYWfpoz_hSDLfw

Shine TV (Freeview Channel 25 or Sky 201)

Sundays - 2 pm

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LEVEL 2 LOCKDOWN UPDATE

Both Christ the King Church, Burnside and St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale are **OPEN** for private prayer and devotions. However, we ask that you observe the following procedures as we continue to stop the spread of COVID-19.

OPENING HOURS OF CHURCHES

CHRIST THE KING, BURNSIDE - **9 AM - 5 PM**

ST GREGORY'S, BISHOPDALE - **8 AM - 6 PM**

- **SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ARRIVAL - LOCATED IN FOYER (PLEASE USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AT BOTH CHURCHES)**
- **RECORD THE DATE, YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND TIME OF ARRIVAL**
- **USE THE PEWS THAT ARE NOT TAPED OFF (PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING IF OTHER PEOPLE ARE PRESENT)**
- **IF THERE ARE 10 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH, WE AS THAT YOU WAIT OUTSIDE THE CHURCH UNTIL SOMEONE LEAVES, OR COME BACK AT A LATER TIME.**
- **WHEN LEAVING, RECORD YOUR TIME OF DEPARTURE AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS AGAIN.**
- **VOTIVE CANDLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AT THE DEVOTION AREAS**
- **BATHROOMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also recommencing under Level 2 Lockdown.

Below are the temporary Reconciliations times [please note that our normal Reconciliation times will recommence when we are able to hold public Masses again]

Reconciliations will be celebrated in the main body of the Church, face to face, while following social distance guidelines. Please note the 10 person limit is applied in the Church so please stagger your times when coming to Reconciliation. We priests will be there for the full time period.

Saturday 23 May

Christ the King Church, Burnside 9:30 - 11 am

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale 4 - 5 pm

Wednesday 27 May

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale 5 - 6:30 pm

[or by request - call 03 359 0444]



Please pray for the following intentions

For Pope Francis and the Bishops of Aotearoa

For our Civil Leaders

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we prepare for Pentecost

For those who are sick:

Bishop Basil Meeking; Gerard MacManus (Papanui Parish); Noeline George (Papanui Parish); Susan Steele; Rosemary Milburn;

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); Jocelyn Rusbatch (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Carlo Roberto Leopoldo Barbafiera (Recently Deceased); Sr Mary Boyes RSM (Recently Deceased); Yvonne Rita Wilkes (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Noelene Davie (Recently Deceased); William 'Bill' Mehalski (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Gwen Kane (Recently Deceased); Leo Steel (Recently Deceased);



Mon 25 May - St Gregory VII (pope); St Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi (virgin); St Bede the Venerable (priest, doctor)

Tue 26 - St Philip Neri (priest)

Wed 27 - St Augustine of Canterbury (bishop)

Fri 29 - St Paul VI (pope)

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