



Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch North

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**NORTH PARISH**

*Weekly*

**SUNDAY 31 JANUARY // 4 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

*Dear Parishioners,*

As you know the diocesan plan, *Our Faith, Our Future*, set in motion by Archbishop Paul, includes the building of a new church, parish centre, and presbytery on the old St Joseph's site on the corner of Vagues and Main North Road. This will mean the eventual closing and selling of the three current mass sites of Christ the King - Burnside, St Matthew's - Bryndwr and St Gregory's - Bishopdale.

Over the last year the parish building committee has been and is continuing a process of consultation about what we might like to see in the new church and parish centre. From this feedback we hope this year to complete a design brief that can be presented to the parish. Because we are progressing well through these initial stages, we think the time has come to realise some of our assets.

Therefore, supported by the leadership team and having taken the advice of both the parish finance committee and building committee, I propose to ask Archbishop Paul for permission to close St Matthew's church - Bryndwr, this year on the weekend after Easter with a suitable liturgy of farewell. We would then ask the diocesan property team, on our behalf, to arrange the demolition of the church and subdivide the land for sale. At the same time, we would put the Bryndwr presbytery on the market. As envisaged in the diocesan plan we would transfer the parish hall to St Patrick's school with both school and parish being able to continue to use it.

So, the reasons for this proposal are,

- ◆ Following the experience of the whole parish gathered at the big masses at St Bede's on the Feast of Christ the King, and the increasing movement between the three mass centres, a move to have only two mass centres would help continue to bring the parish together as we work towards the new church.
- ◆ We are advised this is our most valuable piece of land and the current property market suggests an early realisation of these assets as the best way forward.

This will be a cause of sadness for those of you for whom St Matthew's church has been the centre of so much catholic life and growth over the past 70 years. However, I ask you to continue to journey with us in this process of change.

Before I write to Archbishop Paul with this proposal, I want to offer a chance for people to ask questions and share how this will feel for them. Therefore, there will be two opportunities to discuss this proposal.

**7 - 8pm, Thursday      4 February St Matthew's Church**  
**7 - 8pm, Wednesday    10 February St Matthew's Church**

*God Bless. Fr Rick*



Next Week's Readings: Job 7:1-4.6-7 // 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 // Mark 1:29-28

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**St Albans Catholic** - Ph 355 7538

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**St Joseph's** - Ph 352 8779

Principal - Aaron Richards

**St Patrick's** - Ph 351 5590

Principal - Tom Wallis

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE

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# Parish Notices

**Please Note:**

**No 7am Mass & Adoration on Monday 8th February (Public Holiday)**

#### CHRISTCHURCH NORTH MINISTRIES & GROUPS BOOKLET

This booklet contains all the ministries and groups in the parish. If we have missed your ministry or group, or you would like your notice edited - please email Irene on discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz no later than 9 February. This is a really good way to get our group information out to our parishioners.

#### CATHOLIC STALL AT ST GREGORY'S

If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in our new parish. This may be it! The Holy Stall is looking for people to man the stall once a month for 10 minutes before and after mass. We welcome families, young adults in fact anyone in the parish. Please consider joining this parish initiative by contacting either Lauren or Helen Dooley 021 2802396

#### POTLUCK LUNCH



Join us for a potluck lunch next Thursday in the St Gregory's meeting room. 4 February after midday Mass at St Gregory's. Drop food into kitchen before Mass. Contact Linlee 0211576252

#### BUILDING OUR FUTURE

**Book yourself a place at one of our Building Consultation sessions being held during February**

<https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/events/>

## HEALING SERVICE

with Fr John Reasm

**7.30pm - 19 February 2021**

St Matthew's Hall

108 Jeffreys Rd Bryndwr

#### NORTH PARISH PICNIC - Sunday 21 February

**Spencer Park**

**Noon - 3pm**



**9am MASS at St Albans Catholic School Chapel will resume 5 February 2021**

#### NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNT 03-1592-0207367-20

Please update any current automatic payments to the new parish account. Any queries contact Wilma Vertogen Finance Administrator - 03-359-1438

**Our vision for the Catholic North Parish 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.**

#### **FIRST FRIDAY CHARISMATIC MASS 5 FEBRUARY 2021**

We welcome Archbishop Paul Martin as our celebrant for our First Friday Charismatic Mass to be held at Christ the King, Burnside on 5 February at 7:30pm.

Everyone welcome. Supper and fellowship to follow Mass. Please bring a plate; any enquires call Maureen on 0275688338.

#### **MARIAN GROUP**

A farewell was held for Sister Nau on 19 January. It was a joyous occasion tinged with sadness as Sister has made many friends over her time with us. Sister Nau was thanked for her huge involvement in the parish, and presented with a small presentation in memory of her time with us. Thank you to the parishioners who made this so special for Sister Nau.

The Marion Group will be meeting for the first time this year, on Tuesday 9 February, at 10am at the St Joseph's Meeting Room, Vagues Road. All welcome. Any enquiries phone Therese 741 1306.

#### **ST VINCENT de PAUL**

Papanui St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank all parishioners who donated, packed and delivered, parcels on the Monday before Christmas.

We were able to deliver to eighty families in the Papanui Bishopdale area. This was the largest number of parcels we have done at Christmas time in our 65 year history. We were able to deliver presents for children and a generous food parcel including Christmas goodies. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember our food baskets at our churches, as we help families with emergency help during the year.

#### **SUNDAY GOSPEL SERIES WITH SISTER KATHLEEN RUSHTON**

Thursday 11 February, 7.30 - 9pm at Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College.

In the context of lectio divina, this session will focus on hearing both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor in the Gospel Readings of Lent and Easter from Mark and John as proclaimed for Year B.

Indication of attendance to roho@extra.co.nz or (03) 379 1298.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2021**

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 is for Year 8 Students and above.

The first parent meeting of introduction will be held on 16 March. Confirmation Mass will be held on Pentecost Sunday 23 May. Enrolment forms will be available via schools and our parish website once schools open.

#### **PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP**

Meets every Wednesday morning after Mass at St Gregory's. All welcome.

For more information, phone Janette 3525778

#### **PARISH EVENTS**

The 'events' page on the parish website is now live! If you would like to know what parish events are happening, check this page out. <https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/events/>

Remember to keep up good and safe practices

- Keep a record of where you have been using the tracer app, keeping a list or a diary to record your movements.
- Stay home if you are unwell
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Use basic hygiene
- wash your hands
- Clean surfaces regularly

**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

**Bulletin & Noticeboard Deadline 9am Thursday Morning.  
Content is at the discretion of the Priests and Administration  
PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR BULLETIN NOTICES ONLY  
[bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz)**

**North Parish Website <http://christchurchnorth.org.nz/>**

**CATHOLIC PARISH of  
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH  
MASS TIMES:**

**Vigil Masses (Saturday)**

5 pm – St Matthew's Church  
6 pm – Christ the King Church  
6 pm – St Gregory's Church

**Sunday Masses**

8:30 am – St Gregory's  
9 am – Christ the King  
9:30 am – St Matthew's  
10 am – St Gregory's  
11 am – Christ the King  
5 pm – St Bede's Chapel

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday**

7 am & 9 am – Christ the King

**Tuesday**

7 am & 9 am – Christ the King  
9:15 am – St Gregory's

**Wednesday**

7 am & 9 am – Christ the King  
9:15 am – St Gregory's

**Thursday**

7 am & 9 am – Christ the King  
Noon – St Gregory's

**Friday**

7 am & 9 am – Christ the King  
9 am – St Alban's Catholic  
School (during school terms)  
9:15 am – St Joseph's Centre

**Saturday**

9 am – Christ the King  
9:15 am – St. Gregory's

**RECONCILIATION TIMES**

**Saturdays**

Christ the King  
9:30 – 10:30 am

St Gregory's  
9:45 – 10:45 am

St Matthew's  
4:15 – 4:45 pm

St Gregory's  
5:15 – 5:45 pm

[ or by appointment ]

**ADORATION**

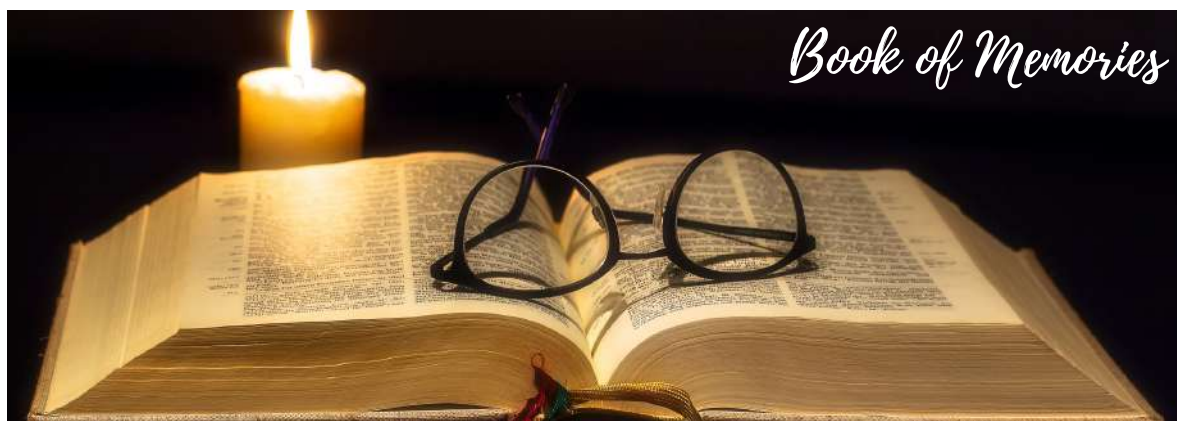
Christ the King, Mon – Fri  
7:30 – 8:45 am

St Gregory's Perpetual  
Adoration Chapel

**TO REQUEST A PRAYER**

**TEXT**

021 413 659



**31 January :** Jane Page, Joan Stewart, Patricia Nevin, Neville Stevens, Anna Welch, Cynthia Swinney.

**1 February:** Brian Pungle, Eleanor Henderson, Monica Erasmuson, Honarah Donnellan, Sarah Critchley, Bishop Denis Hanrahan, Freda Arnold, Paula Burley, William Meates, Mary Butler, Veronica Leeming, Arthur Quinn, Margery Thompson.

**2 February:** Claire O'Connell, Helena Filipiak, Sarah McCartin, Barry Rea, Daniel Walsh.

**3 February:** Percy Chiverton, Philip Fenton, Scott McGrath, Alexander Devonport, Philip Cumming, Dorothy Malone, Nellie Kelly, Bridget Meagher, John Sheehan, Joyce Goodwin, Johanna Bosustow.

**4 February:** Norah Prendergast, John Gilmour, Mary Mahar, Mary Donnelly, Jack McAuley, Audrey Allen, William Young, Grace Porter, Brian Kearney, Barbara Koroi, Sascha Beaumont, Sister Mary Rose Healy.

**5 February:** Ada Isherwood, Clare Cowie, Rex Burland, Keith Long, Elizabeth Cochrane, Pamela Crocker, Moyra Rowe, Noeline Hall, Maurice Molloy, Patricia Ioane, Anthony Nolan.

**6 February:** Vera Nisbet, Ronald Jenkins, Florence Davis, Joan Eccleton, Patrick Brereton, Nesta Kennedy, Agnes Tansey, Helena Basher, Myrie Chisolm.



**Those who have died:**

Johanna Van Zuylen, Violeta Campilan Greig, Gerard Stokes, Margaret Dobbs, Gertrude (May) Harris, Jan Culhane, Joan Hanrahan, Margaret Clifford, Ann Falloon, Julie Herron.

**Special Intentions:**

Margaret Collins (RIP Ann), Brown, Morgan, Dey, Fleming, Wederell Families (Deceased Family Members), Marcella & Anthony O'Doherty (RIP Ann.)

**Those who are sick:**

Susan Steele, Barbara Rowe, Monsignor Bill Middleton, Colleen McCammon, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Mullis, Fr Frank Kelly, Margaret Shannon, Fr Benito Velasco, Mike Crean, Margaret Aynsley, Ron & Betty Burt, John Frame, Trevor Roswell, Russell Williamson, Philip Baird, Paul Tan, Steve Watson.

**MASS INTENTIONS REQUESTS AND ENVELOPES**

Mass intentions envelopes are available in all of our church foyers. Mass intention envelopes can be left at the Parish Office. If no one is in the office, please drop your envelope in the mail drop box located at St. Gregory's Church.



**The priests are available for emergencies by phoning the  
presbytery directly on (03) 359 0444**