



Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch North



# MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

We are excited to share with you all the things that happen in and around our Parish of Christchurch North.

**We truly are an 'alive' Parish!**

In true Christian principles many people in our Parish live out the Gospel message - 'Love God, and Love Others' by their many acts of service. As you read on - allow God's voice to invite you to consider your response to serving Him and serving others.

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## PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST GREGORY'S

The Adoration Chapel has now been open for seven and a half years. The late Bishop Barry said that, "*it is an extraordinary grace that perpetual adoration has been started, and has continued.*"

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is the practice of praying before Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance on an altar 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

St Alphonsus Liguori said that, "*of all devotions ... adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.*"

We are looking for more adorers. For more info please contact Matt O'Connell on 366 9869 or email [chchadoration@gmail.com](mailto:chchadoration@gmail.com)

## ALPHA

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith, and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. The courses typically run over a 10-week period beginning with an evening meal together each week followed by a series of short videos and a time of sharing. The course usually concludes with a weekend retreat.

Alpha will run in our parish two or three times each year.

Contact Brendan Woodnutt - [evangelisation@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:evangelisation@christchurchnorth.org.nz) for more information.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

This is a four week small group course for those who have drifted away from their faith for a variety of reasons.

It is a chance for people to reconnect and refresh their knowledge about the sacraments and the church today in safe, confidential, and friendly environment.

If you would like to discuss your journey today contact Brendan Woodnutt - [evangelisation@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:evangelisation@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



## **B A P T I S M S**

In the Sacrament of Baptism, we become members of the Church. It is through this gift from God that we are united with each other and with our Lord. This is how we become members of the body of Christ.

In arranging baptism, parents accept the responsibility of training their children in the practice of the faith. All parents and godparents attend a baptism class in preparation for the sacrament.

For more information see our website ([christchurchnorth.org.nz](http://christchurchnorth.org.nz)) or contact the Parish Office - [admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz); (03) 359 1438



## **F I R S T H O L Y C O M M U N I O N & F I R S T R E C O N C I L I A T I O N**

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the *"Sacrament of Love."*

We offer this programme to our Year 4 children and older, in their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Eucharist.

The programme typically starts early in the third term and runs for about three months. It is Parish led, with parent support. Children and their families are to attend weekly Mass and complete twelve child friendly lessons. Parents work through one lesson each week with their children.

For more information, please contact Irene Maguire: [discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

## **C O N F I R M A T I O N**

This sacrament is offered to our Year 8 (and older) students. It is the final part of the initiation process where the Candidate receives the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and continues their journey with Christ.

Confirmation is a time for an older child to acknowledge that they want to continue their journey with God and grow their relationship with Him. Our programme typically runs during the first term and the Sacrament is conferred around Pentecost Sunday in the second term of each year.

Contact Irene Maguire on [discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz) for enquiries.



## **DIVINE MERCY**

The Divine Mercy Vigil hour is run on every first Friday at 7 - 8 pm and every third Friday at 3 - 4 pm.

The format is Chaplet of Mercy, intentions, reflections from Diary of St Faustina and Pope St John Paul II, rosary and quiet contemplation.

We pray especially for the sick and dying at that time anywhere throughout the world to obtain the mercy of God for them, particularly those in great despair.

We pray for the Holy Souls, family members and the forgotten souls. We pray for priests and bishops, the Pope and against the many evils which assail NZ and the world and for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All are welcome, no commitment required just come when you can. For enquiries, please contact Pat Barrett, [pat270.barrett@gmail.com](mailto:pat270.barrett@gmail.com)



## **L E N T E N   P R O G R A M M E**

Consider making Lent a special time with prayer and *lectio divina* on the Lenten Sunday Gospels in the context of the letters of Pope Francis. Case studies in Lenten Reflection Group link with the Lent Appeal which is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) to support our work of charity and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Morning and Evening Groups will be led by Grant Segar ([thesegars@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:thesegars@slingshot.co.nz)) or by Kathleen Rushton RSM ([kprushton@gmail.com](mailto:kprushton@gmail.com)) beginning after Ash Wednesday. Perhaps consider doing LRP as a family group or as an individual.

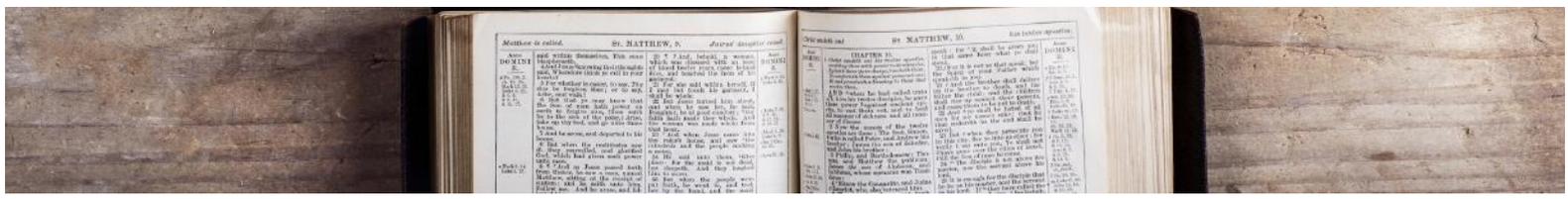
Details on the theme of next years' programme will be available soon from Caritas.

## **P O S T   P R I M A R Y   R E L I G I O U S   E D U C A T I O N ( P P R E )**

Children learn about the bible and the church through craft, games and role playing. Classes run on a Tuesday night during term time. It is aimed at children who attend state primary schools but wish to receive religious tuition. Numbers within the class vary but average around 14 in a session. We have a mix of boys and girls aged from 6 to 12. We also offer ourselves to high school students to assist with their service for school.

We look forward to hearing from you.  
Wendy Martin (021 022 76221) and Ben James





# SCRIPTURE GROUP (CHRIST THE KING)

The scripture group meets weekly on a Monday evening 7.30 pm starting with prayer, next Sunday's readings and some study, using either programmes as below or presenters via YouTube talks.

Over the years we have studied some Ascension Press programs, such as:

- Revelations presented by Jeff Cavins
- Bible Timeline presented by Jeff Cavins,
- Epic (a journey through Church History)
- The Mass presented by Edward Sri
- The Word on Fire; Catholicism, the new Evangelisation by Bishop Robert Barron

Contact Pat McQuinn, patmcquinn@extra.co.nz or (03) 348 2896; 027 281 4096

## LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Lectio Divina or divine reading is a Catholic tradition on the meditation on the Holy Scripture or praying with Scripture. As St Ambrose wrote *"We speak to God when we pray, but we listen to Him when we read His Word."* The Catholic Catechism (#2654) exhorts us that we *"Seek in reading (the Word of God) and you will find in meditating; knock in mental prayer and it will be opened to you in contemplation."*

The Group meets on Thursday forth-nightly to read the following Sunday's readings using the four steps in Lectio Divina - reading, mediation, prayer and contemplation.

If you would like to learn more about Lectio Divina or join a Lectio Divina group that meets every Thursday fortnightly at St Gregory's Church at 10 am, please contact the Parish Office or Vincent Chia on 027 777 4355.



## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

This small group meets once on the first Monday of the month between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm at 4 Blair Avenue, Papanui.

At present we are studying and sharing on the Acts of the Apostles. New members are most welcome. Contact the Parish Office.

# PRAYER MINISTRY

What is Prayer Ministry and who is it for?

Prayer Ministry is simply the term we use when people pray with someone for their needs or for the needs of others. Prayer Ministry is for everyone who would like to be prayed with. No need or concern is too small to bring to our Lord, who is our Saviour, our healer, our brother. You may have a personal need, or you may want prayer for someone else.

Come forward and ask the team to pray with you for that concern or situation. Anything that you say to the prayer team is confidential.

At Christchurch North parish, one or two pairs of parishioners are available to pray after all Masses on the following weekends:

- Christ The King on the first weekend of every month.
- St. Matthews on the second weekend of every month.
- St Gregory's on the third weekend of every month.
- St. Bede's on the fourth weekend of every month.



## FDM TEXT PRAYER MINISTRY

We have a prayer team that can offer prayers for people at any time. We are inviting you to join the team. *So what is expected of you?*

A prayer request will be forwarded to you by text message. Upon receipt of the text, you will pray for the intention. You do not have to go anywhere or make contact with anyone. Just pray where you are, then continue to pray for the intention in your regular prayer time.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact Graeme Scott at [prayer@fdm.org.nz](mailto:prayer@fdm.org.nz) or call 021 413 659

**To request prayer, text details to 021 413 659 (preferred) or email details.**



## PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

We meet every Wednesday after the 9.15 am Mass St Gregory's.

We begin with a cuppa and a chat, then recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the parish intentions, the sick and dying, our personal needs and other special intentions in the wider world.

After praying to the Holy Spirit for guidance we study and reflect on the next Sunday's readings with the aid of scripture commentaries, then finish with the Glory Be. We find this is a great help in appreciating and understanding the Sunday liturgy. Many blessings have been granted and prayers answered through this special prayer time. Contact Janette McKee - (03) 352 5778

# SMALL GROUPS

## GOSPEL SHARING IN SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

We invite you to join with others in your geographical area to form several small groups to meet at individual's homes. The format is starting with Prayer and Gospel Sharing the finishing a cup of tea or coffee and chat.

These informal groups will be the start of what is going to be a fabulous Network of 'Gospel Sharing in Small Christian Communities' going forward into 2021. Pre-prepared booklets with a simple 7 step process of Gospel Sharing will be provided to each small group.

Contact Irene Maguire for enquiries ([discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz))

## OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION)

Are you interested in exploring becoming a Catholic?

Engage in the discernment process by attending weekly session with others to learn about the Catholic faith and grow in your faith and relationship with God.

Start your journey today by contacting Brendan Woodnutt on [evangelisation@christchurch.org.nz](mailto:evangelisation@christchurch.org.nz)



## ALTAR SERVERS

This special ministry is for our young people. The role of the altar server is to attend to the supporting tasks at the altar such as lighting the candles, carrying the Cross, ringing the altar bell, holding the book for the Priest and assisting the Priest during various parts of the Mass.



During special Masses, a senior altar server may also have to use the thurible and assist the Priest as directed. To become an Altar Server, one must have made their First Holy Communion and to be in Year 4 and above.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

During Mass, Liturgy of the Word (LWC) with Children caters for children from 4 years old through to those who have not yet received their First Holy Communion.

It is led by one or two adults with the support, when possible, of a Year 8 helpers. It is a 20/25-minute sessions and while numbers attending varies. Those that attend enjoy the individual focus and the opportunity to experience the readings of the day, songs, prayer, and individual activities at their own level.

Children's Liturgy is celebrated at **St Gregory's at the 10.00 am Mass and St Matthew's at the 9.30 am Mass.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WRITERS

We operate a monthly roster; hence each person gets three opportunities per year to share in this Ministry.

There is a process and a structure to follow when compiling the Prayer of the Faithful and coaching in this area is regularly available.

Have you ever thought about being a contributor and sharing your knowledge and thoughts with the Mass going parishioners?

If you would like that opportunity, please contact Lauren Butler on [worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



## PARISH CHOIRS

At St Gregory's Church there is a four-part choral group of around 25 active members, and we sing the music of the Church. We are directed by Diocesan Sacred Music Advisor Ken Joblin (021 054 2462) and are accompanied by our Parish Organist, Michael Zon.

We meet every Thursday in St Gregory's Church from 7.15-8.45 pm. We sing at Mass twice a month and on feast days and other special occasions.

The Christ the King Choir under the directorship of Melanie Kitane-Williams, sings at Masses twice a month, during the Easter period, at Christmas, and on other special occasions.

We meet for practice every Tuesday evening in the Oratory of Christ the King Church between 7.30 - 8.45pm.  
Contact - [ctk.choirextra.co.nz](mailto:ctk.choirextra.co.nz)



## WORSHIP TEAM

Do you have a special gift of music, either instrumentally or as a singer, and would love to join us to sing our praises to God in Mass?

Once a month at the 10.00 am St Gregory's Mass we offer a more contemporary choice of music, led by keyboard, guitars and other instruments (as available).

Contact Irene Maguire at [discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

## CANTORS AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

At present one of the cantors helps the team, at Christ the King Church select, the hymns for Sunday Masses, preparing a two monthly roster. The Coordinator also liaises with organists.

**New cantors welcome!**

Contact Joseph William - (03) 358 8537 or [jwil3001@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jwil3001@yahoo.co.nz)

## PROJECTIONIST

This important role is to operate the laptop, choose the right responses and hymns for that weekend (these have previously been put on), and to liaise with the organist and/or the musical director before/during Mass as necessary.

Contact Lauren Butler on [worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



## READERS

The role of reader (lector) at Mass is important - you are proclaiming the Word of God therefore it must be read with dignity and honour. You are giving voice and life to the Word of God.

Preparation, tone, pronunciation, and speed are vital.

If you would like to proclaim the Word and join our roster, please contact the following:

Lauren for St Gregory's - [worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

Kaelyn for Christ the King - [youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

Jennine for St Matthew's - [admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:admin@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

## HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME

*'I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'* (Mathew 25: 38 - 40)

Your role primarily is to greet and welcome our parishioners and visitors, with a warm and friendly smile.

Perhaps this could be your small Act of Service for our Parish?  
Contact Lauren on [worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Each week, after Mass each Friday, Sunday, and Thursday, Holy Communion is taken to more than one hundred parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to age or infirmity.

The ministers also read them the Gospel and take the Parish newsletter.

- To become an extraordinary minister to the sick one should be:
- At ease with other people,
  - Be able to deal with the sick, or elderly, in a compassionate, cheerful, and sensitive way.

All Extraordinary Ministers to the sick will be police vetted in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

Contact Irene Maguire at [discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



The Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North believes that the spiritual element in a young person's life is as vital, and that having a relationship with Jesus is not just a good thing for a young person but this relationship allows them to live life to the fullest.

Our programmes and events are all aimed at journeying with youth & young adults to explore life and faith, as well as growing in fellowship with each other.

Follow and like us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening for the Christchurch North Youth & Young Adult Ministry!

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## Y O U N G   A D U L T S

Our young adults group is currently meeting monthly and this is open to all those who are 18 - 35 years old.

Below are our next two events:

### **Wednesday 9th December**

Christmas Party  
7pm

### **Wednesday 27th January**

Adoration and Praise & Worship Night  
7pm

***Both held at the Papanui Pastoral Centre (133 Main North Road)***

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## Y O U T H   G R O U P S

### **PAPANUI PASTORAL CENTRE**

(133 Main North Road)

**Year 7 & 8 students**

Sundays (during school terms)

6pm - 7.30pm

**Years 9 - 13 students**

Sundays (during school terms)

7 - 8:30 pm

### **CHRIST THE KING PASTORAL CENTRE**

(90 Greers Road)

**Years 9 - 13 students**

Mondays (during school terms)

7 - 8:30 pm

Contact Kaelyn Graham for more information  
[youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz) or call / text 027 752 7789

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## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Assisting and supporting our bereaved members of our congregation is a great privilege and here at our parish we have a team of supportive and kind people who, along with the priests, meet the families of a deceased person to help them prepare for their loved one's funeral.

This is to help the families and assist the priests. We also support the families during the Requiem Mass or Funeral Liturgy. Following the funeral, we keep in touch with the family where possible to support them as they journey on without their loved ones.

If this sounds like something you have a heart for - then contact Irene Maguire on [discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:discipleship@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

## CATHOLIC STALL SHOPKEEPERS

We aim to provide parishioners the opportunity to purchase religious gifts and books for giving on special occasions as well as giving people the opportunity to enhance their prayer life.

We are also looking for volunteers to man the stall for ten minutes before and after the morning Masses once a month. The Catholic stall operates at St Gregory's at present. We have the opportunity to do the same at Christ the King.

Contact Helen Dooley on [helenjohndooley@hotmail.com](mailto:helenjohndooley@hotmail.com) to join the team.

## CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League supports and encourages the development of social, intellectual, and spiritual life in order to give Catholic women a voice in both Church and society.

We are affiliated to National Council of Women and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations.

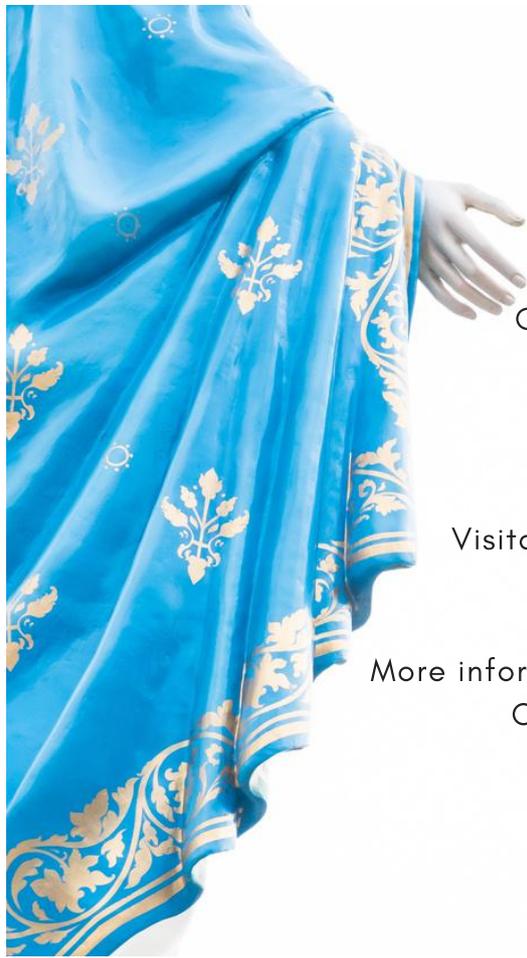
We have interesting speakers and offer opportunities to join with the women of the Diocese and other denominations. We raise funds to support missions at home and abroad.



Papanui: Contact Velma Maunsell - [tandvmaunsell@gmail.com](mailto:tandvmaunsell@gmail.com)

Burnside: Contact Kay Price - [kaypricenz@gmail.com](mailto:kaypricenz@gmail.com)

Bryndwr: Contact Pat McErlain - [p\\_mcerlain@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:p_mcerlain@yahoo.co.nz)



## LEGION OF MARY

Mary Help of Christians Praesidium  
Mary Help of Christians started in April 2017.  
One of the Catholic organisations recognised around the world,  
devoted to our Mother Mary through Prayer and Act of Service.

Our main duties include weekly meetings, prayers and rosary,  
assisting, assigned works from Parish Community,  
Visitation of the Sick, Elderly and Lonely, Home Rosary if requested,  
especially the months of May and October.

More information will be available in the foyer of our churches or contact  
Cherie Roache oncherieroache@gmail.com or call 027 200 4573  
or contact Genevieve Wei on weigtp@gmail.com

## MARIAN GROUP

We are a group of committed people, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the protection of Mary our Mother, who seek spiritual growth through prayer and active work within our Parish.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the Month after the the morning Mass at Christ the King Church.

We visit parishioners in their homes and in care. We organise the Lenten Anointing Mass, and help with transport of parishioners and serve afternoon tea.

We help with hospitality at Funerals in our Parish and also help with other groups in the Parish and social activities living up to our commitment of our Mission Statement.

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL



Our members seek to visit the poor of our parish. This generally takes the form of food parcels or help with power and school expenses.

Thank you for your support and prayer

Papanui Conference - George Varghese  
Burnside Conference - John Burns  
Bryndwr Conference - Tony Tully.



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## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S ATRIUM

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian formation process for children from three years old. The central aim of this faith formation program is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God. The Catechesis is grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the church and framed by Montessori principles of education. This allows the children to hear the Gospels through the use of sensorial rich materials. The children are free to work with these materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.

Contact Katherine Pawson at [chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com](mailto:chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com) for more information.

## CORNERSTONE FAITH AND LIGHT

Faith and Light was born with the desire to help people with an intellectual disability and their families find their place within the church and society.

We are an ecumenical organization.

We wish to reveal to each person his/her unique gift and beauty. Communities are made up of the person with an intellectual disability, their families, and friends.

We meet on the 4th Sunday of the Month, at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre to share friendship, pray time, fiesta, and celebration. We were born in Lourdes in 1971 and now have more than 1500 communities around the world.

We are always looking for friends to join our community. Any queries contact Jos, 021 339 039

## MARRALOMEDA COMMUNITY

Marralomeda is a community supporting 19 people with intellectual disability, sharing their lives, celebrating the gift of each person, and supporting each other on the journey of life. Marralomeda has four homes and an Activity Centre in Redwood.

Our Community Members are fully involved in the community. We host morning teas for Age Concern, deliver Meals on Wheels, do craftwork, and enjoy many local activities like walking groups, choir, cafes, libraries and visiting childcare centres.

Some of our Community Members are part of the North Parish.

We are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested, please contact Karen - (03) 352 8292.

# PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS

**"A family for All" - where everyone is welcome.**

We experience life together & share our Christian values with others (much the same as the early church might have done). Relationships are developed & grown by spending time together enjoying fun, inexpensive activities each month. Community is built in this way within the church to support & encourage one another in times of celebration & need.

Parish Co-Ordinator's:

St Gregory's - Helen & Chris Jordan - jorfamnz@gmail.com, 359 1176 or 027 66 111 81

St Matthew's - Jan and John Hassan - johnandjanhassan@gmail.com or 355 6885

Christ the King - Keith & Kathryn Lewis - lewis.kk@gmail.com, 358 2658 or 021 140 6224

## FRIENDSHIP / ACTIVITIES GROUP

This group is for all ages, but especially for older parishioners and those at home, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

This group meets Noon - 2:45 pm on the **last Thursday of the Month** and begins with a shared lunch, followed by a variety of activities and speakers, including a few bus trips a year.

Contact Michelle Ward - (03) 358 4304 or michelejw@hotmail.com

## THE THURSDAY'S LUNCHEON

Our "Potluck" lunch group share a plate of food, after the midday Mass, **every first Thursday of the month**. This is a very informal get together, where you can meet other Parishioners and get to know them in a relaxed atmosphere. If you do not bring a plate, don't let that bother you, as we have plenty to share - you are welcome, new parishioners, young and old, and those that otherwise would eat alone.

For further information ring Linlee Popham 021 1576252



## CHURCH GARDENERS GROUP / GARDEN

The parish has volunteers that carry out the ground maintenance required our church sites. The role of these volunteers is to keep the gardens and paving areas in a tidy and clean and safe condition suitable for all parishioners and visitors that visit either property that indicates that we good custodians of the church and parish properties.

All gardening equipment is provided by the parish including a sucker/ blower. We are looking for additional volunteers to help reduce the work on the present personal and you do not need to have much experience gardening but a willingness to help.

William MacManus, Gardening Convener 027 4548 425 / 352 3291 macmanusw@gmail.com

# CONTACT DETAILS

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## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th December)

St Matthew's Church, Bryndwr

5:30pm Nativity Tableau / 6pm Mass

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

7:30pm Carols / 8pm Mass

Christ the King Church, Burnside

8pm Carols / 8:30pm Mass

Christ the King Church, Burnside

11:30pm Carols / Midnight Mass



### Christmas Day (Friday 25th December)

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

8am Mass

St Matthew's Church, Bryndwr

9am Mass

Christ the King Church, Burnside

10am Mass