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# NORTH PARISH

# Weekly

**SUNDAY 28 MARCH**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

## PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

**The greatest story ever told is shared with us in our long Gospel reading today.**

Jesus starts his journey on a donkey entering Jerusalem as King of the Jews. This journey was greeted with praise and adulation by the crowds who wanted a king. The tables turn and Jesus is facing his death.

In our lives how often our life journey changes.

We were looking at one goal or plan then the circumstances change and what was planned for success, hope or joy becomes disappointment and a cause of great pain.

When this happens what do we do?

Jesus faced with his death asks the Father to take away the cup of suffering. We also cry out to God to change these circumstances. God will come into our suffering and assist with his love and grace. As Jesus went through his suffering and death he was in the hands of the Father.

Easter Sunday at the resurrection we see the triumph over suffering.

In our lives we face challenges, and these challenges can bring many questions. These questions can cause us to walk away from God, fear God or look outside God for the answers. Because as we see our, or other's suffering, and ask the question **'how can a God of love allow this?'**

Jesus had to suffer for each of us and in his suffering is our redemption. God knows our circumstances even though it feels that we are alone.

God will help us if we ask, and we can also look to the life of the church and scripture as a guide. Alpha also helps us as we ask these questions of God. Does the pain of a life situation still bother us? Sharing that question is also a help.

Please consider the upcoming Alpha programme to assist you in finding the answer to those painful and challenging questions of life. Jesus' journey through pain and suffering led to us all inheriting eternal life.

*Brendan Woodnutt*  
Evangelisation Coordinator



### PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL PROGRAMME

**Thank you** to all who have responded to the parish planned giving renewal programme.

Copies of the planned giving brochure are still available in the church foyers and online.

A helpful guide to how much I might give is one hour of my income.

*God Bless, Fr Rick.*



**We welcome students from St Joseph's School to our St Gregory's 8:30am Mass, students from Christ the King School to our Christ the King 9am Mass and the 65 confirmation candidates to our St Matthew's 9:30am Mass this weekend.**  
**Lovely to have you with us as we celebrate Palm Sunday.**

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43 // Col 3:1-4 // Jn 20:1-9

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

## Monday 29 March

*Chrim Mass: 7:30 pm - St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral*



## Holy Thursday - Thursday 1 April

*Reconciliation: 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Christ the King Church*

*Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm - St. Matthew's Church*

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## Good Friday - Friday 2 April

*Stations of the Cross: 10 am - Christ the King Church*

*Stations of the Cross: 10 am - St Gregory's Church (Led by the Marralameda Community)*

*Celebration of the Passion: 3 pm - St Matthew's Church (Reconciliation afterwards)*

*Celebration of the Passion: 3 pm - Christ the King Church (Reconciliation afterwards)*

*Celebration of the Passion: 3 pm - St Gregory's Church (Reconciliation afterwards)*

## Holy Saturday - Saturday 3 April

*Reconciliation: 9:30 am - Christ the King Church*

*Reconciliation: 9:30 am - St Gregory's Church*

*Easter Vigil Mass: 8 pm - Christ the King Church (OCIA Candidates receiving Sacraments)*

*Easter Vigil Mass: 9 pm - St. Gregory's Church*

## Easter Sunday - Sunday 4 April

*8:30 am & 10 am - St. Gregory's Church*

*9 am & 11 am - Christ the King Church*

*9:30 am - St. Matthew's Church*



**Please Note - there is no 5 pm Mass at St. Bede's Chapel on Easter Sunday**

## MASS TIMES AFTER THE CLOSURE OF ST. MATTHEWS

Thank you for your feedback, we have taken this to the leadership team and discussed. The Archbishop has approved the following **Mass times beginning on the weekend of 17/ 18 April.**

### **Saturday Vigil Mass Times (beginning on the 17th April)**

5pm - Christ the King Church

6pm - St. Gregory's Church

### **Sunday Mass Times (beginning on the 18th April)**

8:30am & 10am - St Gregory's Church

9am & 11am - Christ the King Church

5pm - St. Bede's College Chapel



### **Time and Location**

7:00pm  
Thursday's from 15 April 2021  
Christ The King Church  
90 Greers Road, Burnside

### **Contact Details**

**Register:**  
<https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/alpha>

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**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.**



Our first North Parish Youth Camp, themed '**Community**', was run in Wainui on the 12 - 14 March. We had 26 young people on camp and had a great weekend. Thank you for keeping this in your prayers as it was a great success.

### NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY (EASTER SUNDAY)

Youth group resumes on **Sunday 11 April** at St Bede's College PAC. This is our last youth group for term one. All year 7 - 13 students are welcome.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday.

Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land.

*"This is the responsibility incumbent upon the whole universal Church with regard to the Mother Church of Jerusalem, to which all Christians have an unforgettable obligation."*

Pope Francis.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Starting on Saturday 17 April, the Novena at Christ the King will now be at **4pm** with the change of Vigil Mass to 5pm.

### SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP

Thank you to those 38 volunteers in our parish who attended our recent Safeguarding Workshop. It was a really valuable session.

Attending a safeguarding workshops is a requirement of volunteering/ministering in our Diocese. New Volunteers or people who have not yet been able to attend past workshops are asked to attend. You do not need to RSVP, just turn up and sign in.

The next workshop is being held at West Parish  
**Wednesday 19 May, 7 pm - 8pm, St Teresa's Hall - Riccarton**

### SENIORS BUS TRIP TO OXFORD



### DOVE FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday 10 April, 1 - 3pm at Christ the King Centre**

All women are warmly welcome to join us at our next meeting. Our speaker, Wendy Holden, will share her inspiring story of 'HEALING AND RESTORATION'.

We will finish with afternoon tea. An offering will be taken  
Contact Ann Martin 021 111 3963

Please pray for our **65 Confirmation Candidates**

They have started their journey to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You may like to choose a named card, which the candidates have personally written a prayer request on, when you see them in the foyers of our Churches.



### THE PRAYER COURSE - "Prayer is not an option"

An eight-week journey through the Lord's Prayer

This is a Zoom Online Course. Attend the Course from the Comfort of your Home.

Commencing Wednesday 14 April at 7.30 pm

For more information and registration go to <http://www.fdm.org.nz/prayer-course>

## FUN RUN!



5km, 10km, 15km OPTIONS

### FAMILY DAY OUT

- Bouncy Castles
- Face painting
- Live Entertainment
- Food Stalls
- Family Treasure Hunt
- Spot Prizes



TO BOOK:  
[www.energise.co.nz](http://www.energise.co.nz)

### CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS 2021

<b>Cathedral College:</b>	Tuesday 18 May	6.30pm - 8pm
<b>Marian College:</b>	Tuesday 11 May	4pm - 7pm
<b>St Bede's College:</b>	Wednesday 12 May	9am - 12 Noon
<b>St Thomas of Canterbury College:</b>	Wednesday 19 May	9 am - 12 pm.
<b>Villa Maria College:</b>	Wednesday 19 May	All day

If you require a secondary preference these are done on the first, second and third Fridays at St Gregory's office, Cotswold Ave, Bishopdale, 3-4pm.

Please make sure you have a copy of baptism certificate and completed preference form with you.

**Please send all Bulletin and Noticeboard Notices to [bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz)  
Deadline - 9am Thursday Morning and are at the discretion of the Priests and Administration Team.**

**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

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

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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**

**PREFERENCE TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Preferences are signed on the first, second and third Friday. If you require a preference for your primary school child please make contact with the Parish Office on 359-1438



**28 March:** Brian Walker, Mary Lynch, Anna Hume, Elizabeth Stone, Harry Mitchell, Virginia Campbell, Desmond Morrison, Maria Spiertz, Denis Moore, Wilfred Neave, Gerald Coward.

**29 March:** Ellen Bowyer, Mavis Sullivan, Terence Austen, Brian Lake, Douglas Mannering, Desmond Stokes, John Coffey, William Quirke, Timothy Douglas, Ashley Prattle, Molly Rothsay.

**30 March:** Hugh Molloy, Kathleen McCullough, Arthur Honey, Eunice Isherwood, Caroline Thompson, Leonie Williamson.

**31 March:** Leslie Turner, Hugh Anderson, Evelyn Anderson, William Walker, George London Jnr, Ethel Sullivan, Vivienne Adams, Winifred Brown, Noreen McCormack.

**1 April:** George O'Malley, Jean Young, Marie Lonsdale, Barry Doody, Leslie Madden, Patrick McGuire,

**2 April:** Ethel Rea, Sheila Anderson, Francisus Ceelen, Neil Crowe, Mary Richardson, Michael Coughlan, Dingena Nagelkerke, Anne Marie Tate, Gwen Gillespie, Joan Murphy, Clovis Sisson, Joseph Hitchcock.

**3 April:** Jean O'Neill, Theresa Murphy, Alfred Welch, Raymond McDonald, Trevor Grimwood, Freda Taylor, Frank Fischer, Cyril Ward, Patricia (Dawn) Dawber, Bruce Palmer, Irena Coates, Ilona Lang.



**Those who have recently died:**

Susan Steele, Barbara Rowe, Loreto Creagh, Katherine Bowers, James McKeefrey, Ian Batchelor, Clare Harris, Jo Keating (Agnes), Robert Lendrum, Noeline Robinson, Johanna Stikkelman, Joan Walkey.

**Mass Intentions:**

Margaret Collins (Ann), Brian Heffernan (RIP Ann), Terry Austen (RIP Ann), Brendan, Margaret, Pauline & Margaret Jnr Daly (RIP Ann).

**Those who are sick:**

Monsignor Bill Middleton, Colleen McCammon, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Mullis, Fr Frank Kelly, Fr Bob Wilson, Margaret Aynsley, Betty Burt, John Frame, Trevor Roswell, Philip Baird, Steve Watson, Ann Ryan, Neill Williamson, Joseph Dravitzki, Janice Curragh.

Please keep in your prayers all those who have no one to pray for them.



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

**Please Note:**  
The Parish Office hours are  
**Mon - Fri, 9 - 2pm**