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Weekly

SUNDAY 11 APRIL // 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

FAREWELLING ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

This Sunday Archbishop Paul will close St Matthew's Church, Bryndwr, at the 9.30am Mass, as part of the diocesan plan Our Faith, Our Future.

This is a further momentous and difficult step as we unfold the diocesan vision in the new Catholic Parish of Christchurch North.

This weekend at both the 5pm and 9.30am masses we will remember and give thanks for a great stream of grace poured out in this Church for more than 50 years. Think of the spiritual riches which have come to us over the years; masses, the sacraments, school masses and liturgies, funerals, conversions, renewals of faith, healings, courage and strength to live this life of faith in the midst of tragedy and illness.

Think too of the amazing human support for all this spiritual outpouring; ministries, working bees, group activities, spiritual and social. A feature of the parish and school at Bryndwr and the parish and school at St Albans has been a vibrant social and communal life.

There is pain and sadness at the loss of the Church, but we thank God for this wonderful life.

We are also aware we have not always lived out the Gospel in this place. At times we have forgotten and hurt people. For this we are sorry and ask forgiveness.

I remind all of us at our three other places of worship, Christ the King, St Gregory's and St Bede's, to be particularly kind and welcoming to the St Matthew's members of our parish as they come to join us at our other mass centres.

On Sunday as we leave the Church of St Matthew's for the last time, we will be singing the hymn, City of God. What a wonderful way to set out into the future.

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.

The One who has loved us has brightened our way.

*The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.*

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

*For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

God Bless

Fr Rick Loughnan

Parish Priest



Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:32 - 35 // 1 John 5:1-6 // John 20:19-31

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH

The Early Years

In a city where people travelled by tram, bicycle or by walking, those Bryndwr parishioners with cars often stopped to give their neighbours a lift to Mass at St Joseph's in Papanui. So by 1950 the roots of the Parish was already formed. During his tenure as Bishop of Christchurch, Bishop Joyce created 8 new parishes in the city, in recognition of an increase in population and the growth of suburbs.

St Joseph's Parish struggled with servicing the new housing developments in Ilam, Bryndwr and Fendalton. The Parish Priest Fr Timoney was instrumental in initiating the purchase of property in Bryndwr and on 2 November 1949 Bishop Patrick Lyons appointed Fr Harrison the first Parish Priest of the newly created parish. And on 1 May 1950 the boundaries of St Matthew's were confirmed by the recently appointed Bishop Joyce.



The Exterior of the first church - 1950 (now currently the parish hall)

The name St Matthew's was chosen by Bishop Lyons, in memory of the second Bishop of Christchurch Matthew Brodie. However, Fr Timoney, the Irish Parish Priest in Papanui, wanted to name the new parish St Patrick's. As a compromise, the parish school when opened, was named St Patrick's. The first Mass was held in the parish on 17 March 1950 at the presbytery.

Straight away the parishioners set work fundraising for a church and school. On 5 November 1950 Bishop Joyce blessed and opened the new church on Jeffrey's Rd and St Patrick's School opened with 56 pupils on 6 February 1951, under the Sisters of Mercy. A larger church was opened in 1967, with the original church functioning as a parish hall. With a committed and active parish roll, St Matthew's flourished. The Parish was later renamed Holy Trinity when it merged with the former Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Somme St, St Albans in February 2012, after the earthquakes of 2010/2011.

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Interior of the first church (now the hall)

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Principal - Abraham Atherton

St Joseph's - Ph 352 8779

Principal - Aaron Richards

St Patrick's - Ph 351 5590

Principal - Tom Wallis

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"Our history does more than remind us about our beginnings and our buildings, it tells us about the faith journey we have been on : where we have been, where we are and perhaps gives us some clues about where we need to develop.....We share common principles, practises and beliefs and these are the things that bind our community together and sustain it and enable it to adapt to a rapidly changing world."

Colin Macintosh (Taken from *St Matthew's Bryndwr 1950 - 2000: A celebration of the first fifty years*)

THE NEW CHURCH

On the corner of Idris and Jeffreys Roads there was a shop run by parishioners, Mr & Mrs Burland and beside that a house and when it came up for sale... the parish decided to buy it. The shop property cost seven hundred pounds, an amount that was quickly put together from the proceeds of a fete on Dr Harrison's front lawn followed by a retiring collection after Masses for several weeks.

Once secured, this enabled the parish to build its second church.

The church was designed by a nephew of Cardinal McKeefry and was considered a radical concept and immediately attracted positive and negative comments from every parishioner.

The Foundation Stone was laid and blessed on St Matthew's feast day, 21st September 1966 by Bishop Ashby.

The church was completed in 1967 at a cost of one hundred and twenty-one thousand pounds including all costs - furnishing and landscaping, and in the same year was opened.



*Bishop Ashby, 1966
blessing of the
foundation stone.*

*'The Angel of St
Matthew' by Ria
Bancroft
Found in the side
chapel of St.
Matthew's*

THE ANGEL OF ST. MATTHEW

The west wall was to feature a tall bronze sculpture by Ria Bancroft of St. Matthew's Angel, a figure which would have not only enhanced the church, but would have been a remarkable religious statement.

Ria was surprised and excited to be commissioned by Bishop Ashby to enhance the west wall of the church. She designed the 'Angel of St Matthew', and submitted the maquette to the church committee, who accepted the proposed 4.5 metre free-standing figure, but there was disappointment for Ria and the parishioners when necessary furnishings for the church interior prohibited any further expense on the exterior.



*Bryndwr Parish
First Mass
February 12th 2012*

ST MATTHEW, PRAY FOR US!

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]

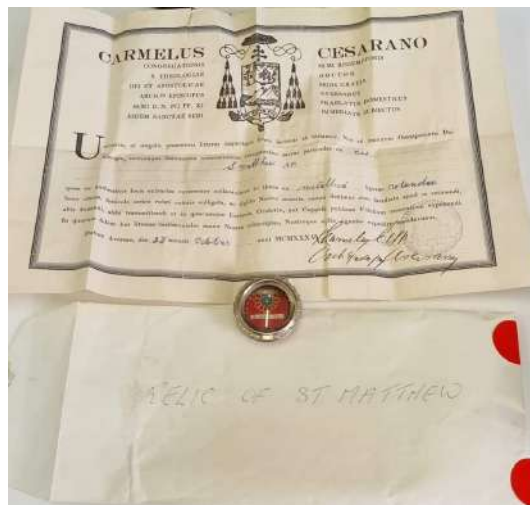
ADORATION

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

St Gregory's Perpetual
Adoration Chapel

TO REQUEST A PRAYER TEXT

021 413 659



Just before Holy Thursday, Lauren was going through an old box taken from the former Holy Trinity parish office. I was busy doing something, when she mentioned that I come over to her desk. She had discovered an envelope with **'Relic of St. Matthew'** on it. It was nestled in a pile of old photographs.

She handed it to me and I opened it. Inside was certificate of authentication in Latin (which I can barely translate) and the relic of St. Matthew the Apostle. It was something quite awesome! Here I was, holding a relic of St. Matthew the Apostle!

Housed in a metal container – it says 'Ex Oss' above the bone fragment ('Ex Oss' is short for *ex ossibus* which means 'from the bones of'), and below the fragment is 'S. Matt. Ap.'

Holding this relic was something quite special! Here I am holding a metal housing that has an actual piece of St Matthew's bone! St Matthew who was one of the twelve apostles; the same St. Matthew who, when called by Jesus to follow him, simply did so. Discovering this relic was something quite special.

It might be a strange thing to us, having relics of saints. In fact, it might seem quite archaic and sometimes it adds to the argument that we Catholics worship Mary, the saints, and even relics.

As Catholics we don't worship the relics. We venerate the relics of the Saints because of the way they loved; the way they lived their lives inspire us.

With St. Matthew being the patron of the Bryndwr Church – I'm sure that he has been interceding over the former parish of St. Matthew's and then Holy Trinity. With the closure of the church this weekend, we can be assured that St Matthew will continue to pray for us we look to the future. We just have to continue to be attuned to Jesus' voice calling us to **follow him.**

St Matthew the Apostle, ora pro nobis! (Pray for us!)

Fr Alister Castillo

The relic of St. Matthew the Apostle will be available for veneration before and after the Saturday 5pm Mass, and up to the Sunday 9:30am Mass. The Relic will be on the altar.



St. Matthew by Camillo Rusconi. Nave of the Basilica of St. John Lateran



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>
Email:
alpha@christchurchnorth.org.nz

To aid in the success of Alpha

we need your help in the following areas:

Helping in the Kitchen or Helping in a small group

Maybe you are unable to commit to the **10 weeks** of Alpha but would be willing to help for two or three weeks this time?

Please make contact Brendan on 0274 806 960 at the parish office if you would like to be involved.

DIVINE MERCY at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Sunday 11 April.

All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. 1:30 - 2:45pm - Reconciliation
2:45pm - Chaplet of Mercy sung/prayed
3pm - Holy Mass

RETREAT DAY FOR MEN of all ages.

Saturday 8 May 2021 at the Fourviere Retreat Centre, Leithfield, led by Fr. John O'Connor reflecting on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St. Joseph.

Cost - donation (which will include lunch).

Register by email to Alex: ACHiaecdoc.nz or ph 0211757121.

PARISH TO PARISH BED & BREAKFAST BOOK

This book is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast.

I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson Phone 359 5541, or email marie.ian@extra.co.nz

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain:

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Burwood Hospital: Megan Emery 027 410 6940

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice: Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital: Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish 379 1068

CHRISTCHURCH NORTH PARISH LUNCH

A senior's lunch will be held in the St Matthew's hall, 108 Jeffreys Road, Bryndwr on Wednesday 14 April at midday. Please fill in the form in the church foyer if you wish to attend. Any queries please phone Marie 352 2707

MARIAN GROUP

The Marian Group will meet this Tuesday, 13 April, after the 9.15am Mass, at St Gregory's. New members are most welcome. Any enquiries contact Therese on 741 1306.

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

7.15 pm Wednesday, 14 April
Christ the King Centre, Burnside.
Join like-minded Catholic men as we explore what the resurrection means for me.
For more information phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

THE PRAYER COURSE - "Prayer is not an option"

Attend this eight-week course from the comfort of your home via Zoom. Commences Wednesday 14 April at 7.30 pm
For more information and registration go to <http://www.fdm.org.nz/prayer-course>



YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION NIGHT

Join us for our next event on Catholic Anthropology with our guest speaker Fr Ben D'Souza SM.
Wednesday 21 April at 7pm at Christ the King Pastoral Centre.
All aged 18-35 welcome.
Email Kaelyn for more information youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz

St Bede's 51 Year Reunion

The reunion of the 1970 year group will held over the weekend of 7 to 9 May 2021

Friday 7 May: 5pm Drinks at the Elms

Saturday 8 May: 11am tour of the college, group year photos, lunch in the dining hall, pre dinner drinks at the Elms, dinner and speeches.

Sunday 9 May: 10am Mass in the chapel followed by morning tea.

Contact Sandy Jeffries for further information

Email: sjeffries@stbedes.school.nz

Phone: 03 375 0647 ext 807



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Are available for pick up this weekend from **ALL** church foyers.

Please remember to take yours.

After next week former St Matthew's parishioners can collect theirs from the office at St Gregory's

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS 2021

Marian College:	Tuesday 11 May	4pm - 7pm
St Bede's College:	Wednesday 12 May	9am - 12 Noon
Cathedral College:	Tuesday 18 May	6:30pm - 8pm
St Thomas of Canterbury College:	Wednesday 19 May	9 am - 12 pm.
Villa Maria College:	Wednesday 19 May	All day



PREFERENCE TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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

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.

Recent Baptisms in the Parish



Congratulations to Liam & Mia Finlayson, Benjamin Gluyas, Henry & Eve Mason, Hazel Lowe, Jamie Oh, Graham Clayton, Alfhelia Yu, Theodore Felon- Wadeson, Neri La Brusco, Rosmaria Gapuzan, Frederick Hebbard, Eros Tobeza, Isaac Chia, Isabelle Vesse Afitu, Stephanie Ross, Andi de Guzman, Lyra & August Wilson, Raumana Kumeroa, Charlie Tullet, Charles Evans, Ranz Lamban, Leo & Amos Ven, Imogen King, Shun Nakajimo who were recently baptised.

Congratulations to Deng Rong Xu, Wu Zhi Hong, Tang Chi and Benjamin Morgan who were baptised, confirmed and received holy communion and Jessica Lee Morgan, who was received into the church, confirmed and received holy communion over Easter.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their Christian journey.



- 11 April:** Christopher Ealey, Clifford Horgan, Agnes Morris, Eileen Crowe, Dorothy Haddon, Dreva Stewart, Linda Meyer, Marie O'Neill.
12 April: Cecilia McAuliffe, Bernice Barrett, Paul Smith, Henrica de Leijer, Moira Sewell, Helen Kujala.
13 April: Gerardus Thoen, John Kavanagh, Kevin Cosgrove, Douglas Hawtin, Brenda Gallen, Raymund Ahern, Preston Gorman, Pat Gregory.
14 April: Philip Upjohn, Patrick Hanrahan, John Austin, Georgette Cocorempas, Norma Higgins, Veronica Quirke, Lilian Quinlan, Robert Fraser.
15 April: Robyn Cody, Karl Dolheguy, Melville Kelcher, Gladdy McKendry, Jim Doherty, Mary McEvedy, Edward Ward, Eileen Gallagher, Paul Burley, William Browbanks, Shirley O'Flaherty, Maureen Fraser, Thomas Moynihan, Margaret Griffin.
16 April: Nellie Brown, John Krippner, Christine Prendergast, Gregory Cunneen, Kathleen Thomas, Joan Jones.
17 April: Ian McCallum, Margaret Peckham, John Lindsay, Jim Tully, Ellen Patterson, Mike Dearsley, Cyril Bradley, John Logan, Eric Richmond, Teresa Manning, James Mercer, Winifred Murray.



Those who have recently died:

Katherine Bowers, James McKeefrey, Ian Batchelor, Clare Harris, Jo Keating (Agnes), Robert Lendrum, Noeline Robinson, Johanna Stikkelman, Joan Walkey, Joseph Dravitzki, Janice Curragh, Eugene Egan, Josephne (Jo) Jones, Marjorie (Mary) Dawber, Ailsa Doidge, Wayne Finiki, Ann O'Sullivan.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Collins (Ann), Tom Keenan (RIP Ann), Romeo Tan Senior (RIP Ann), Maureen McEvedy (RIP Ann), John Coe (RIP Ann), Cecil McEvedy (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, Janina Keenan, Kath Carrington, Tanya Boers.

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**

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