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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

This Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day. This is an important day to remember the role that our own mother and mother-figures play in our lives. From aunts to grandmothers to friends and Godmothers, we all have many women in our lives that we can look up to.

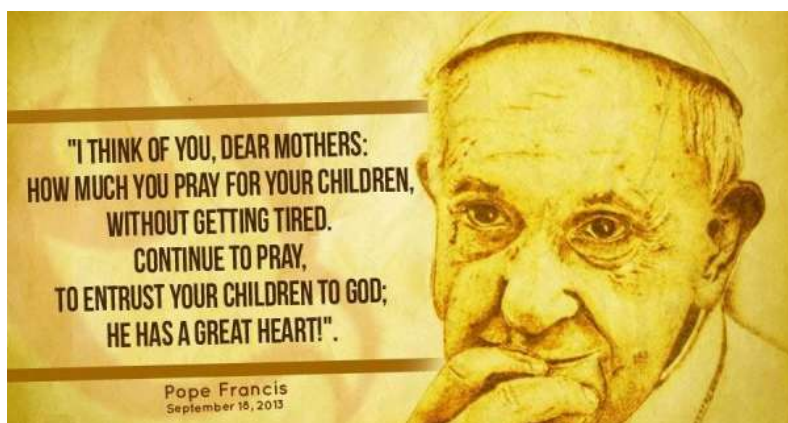
Pope Francis says, “ Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. Our lady, Mother Church, is our mum. We are children of the church, we are children of Our Lady, and we are children of our mothers.”

Mother’s Day has a deep spiritual dimension. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the greatest of all mothers. Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is “blessed among women” (Lk 1:42).

As we celebrate the mothers in our lives, let us remember the special place that the Blessed Mother has in our faith. She can help us find and say yes to God’s calling in our own lives. Mary’s willingness to say “yes” to God’s calling is one which we try to emulate in our lives every day. Mary demonstrates the important role a mother plays in a child’s life, even if that child is the Son of God. We see her gentle guidance in Jesus’ formative years, and it was through Mary’s prompting that Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Through Mary’s “yes” to God we are also reminded of the importance of answering our own vocations. Although it is often difficult to find our place in this world, the example of the Blessed Mother reminds us that saying “yes” is the greatest choice we can make.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.



Monique Kearns & Megan Stewart

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Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11 // Ephesians 1:17-23 // Mark 16:15-20

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Principal - Abraham Atherton

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Principal - Aaron Richards

St Patrick's - Ph 351 5590

Principal - Tom Wallis

BUILDING COMMITTEE

buildingchair@christchurchnorth.org.nz

Please note that there is NO 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 11 May due to a Requiem Mass for Leo Murphy at 11am at St. Gregory's Church.

PENTECOST SUNDAY MASSES

Following our two big Masses at the St. Bede's College Gymnasium last year, and how it was a great celebration of our newly amalgamated parish, we have decided to do the same this year.

There have been a number of people enquire why our Pentecost Masses are going to be celebrated at the St Andrews' College Centennial Chapel.

The main reasons is that the St Bede's College Gym is unavailable for us to use, and we needed to find somewhere that can host a considerable number, while being a suitable place to celebrate Mass.

St Andrew's College Chapel ticks both of these requirements as it can seat 750 people, while being a sacred place for worship.

The two Masses are as follows:

Saturday 22 May - 5pm Vigil

Sunday 23 May - 11:30am



The Moss Family Passionist Group spent a most enjoyable afternoon at Broadfield Garden, Rolleston and then went for coffee in Lincoln.

SAFEGUARD WORKSHOP 1: For All Volunteers in Ministries

UPCOMING DATE

West Parish - 19 May - 7pm - 8pm @ St Teresa's Hall, 8 Puriri Street, Riccarton,

Who should attend: Anyone in parishes who volunteers in any ministry who has not yet attended the Safeguard Workshop. Anyone from any parish can attend these events.

Attending these safeguard 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.

Contact: Clodagh Ward cward@cdoc.nz or 022 012 4142

NORTH PARISH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dear school families,

We have a large number of school families that have overdue diocesan fees that are owed to the parish. We would appreciate your urgent attention with working towards clearing these overdue amounts. If you are having financial difficulties please make contact with us to discuss.

Please ensure that you are paying into the new Diocesan fees account

St Joseph's School Diocesan Fees Account 03-1592-0207367-21

Christ the King School Diocesan Fees Account 03-1592-0207367-22

St Patrick's School Diocesan Fees Account 03-1592-0207367-23

St Albans Catholic School Diocesan Fees Account 03-1592-0207367-24

God Bless, Fr Rick.

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

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS 2021

Marian College:	Tuesday 11 May	4pm - 7pm
St Bede's College:	Wednesday 12 May	9am - 12 Noon
Catholic 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



**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 HOLY COMMUNION 2021

The First Holy Communion enrolments open on
Monday - May 10 online

The first introduction meeting for Parents is on
Wednesday - 30 June at 7pm

Please keep checking the website for more information.

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

7.15 pm Wednesday - 12 May at Christ the King Centre, Burnside.

Join like-minded Catholic men as we explore what Spiritual Growth means.

For more information please phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

MARIAN GROUP

Will meet this Tuesday - 11 May, at 9.30am in the pastoral room at St Gregory's

We will attend Leo's funeral and then have lunch at the Papanui Club.

New members are most welcome.

Any enquiries contact Therese on 741 1306.

FOCOLARE WORD OF LIFE MEETING

Join us for our monthly meeting this Sunday - 9 May 2.30pm,
at the St Joseph's Hall (4 Vagues Road, Papanui).

For further information about the movement:

<https://www.focolare.org/en/chi-siamo>

David & Christine Pitcaithly Ph: 358-3332



Most banks in New Zealand are going entirely
cheque free.

For Westpac this happens on 25 June 2021.

If you are still using cheques now is the time to plan an
alternative payment method.

If you wish to set up an automatic payment

North Parish bank account 03 - 1592 - 0207367 - 20

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY

Years 7 & 8, 4pm - 6:30pm // Years 9-13, 5pm - 8pm

St Bede's Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

All welcome!!

DOVE

The next Dove meeting will be held on

Monday - 10 May, 7 - 9 pm.

St Patrick's Church, 61 Fuller St, Kaiapoi.

Jeanette Dobbs will be speaking on 'Holistic ways to deal with
Fear and Anxiety'. All women welcome.

For more information contact Ann Martin 021 111 3963.

VOLUNTEERS FOR REPLENISH BUILDING PROJECT

Replenish is a respite and healing centre in Okuku (20km from
Rangiora). I am on the board.

Do we have any builders or tradesmen who would be willing to
volunteer their time to help us. Hopefully end of June/July.

Please email me on rick.loughnan@christchurchnorth.org.nz



ROSARY CRUSADE FOR MEN

You are most welcome join with other
catholic men at St Gregory's every
Wednesday from 2pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to establish
fellowship and pray with other men in the
Christchurch North parish.

Have you checked out our Parish Website?

It has plenty of information about events,
sacraments, past bulletins and more!

<http://christchurchnorth.org.nz>



SIGN FOR FREEDOM CAMPAIGN

Support the Sign for Freedom Campaign which aims for a 50,000 signature petition to present to our Government requesting this
legislation. You can sign online (www.signforfreedom.nz) or on the form in our church foyers. **This closes on 17 May.**

For further information email: kprushton@gmail.com or 352 7533



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.

Christ the King
Friday 21 May 2021
7:30pm - 9:00pm
You are all welcome.
Prayer teams available.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO BE EVACUATION WARDENS AT ST GREGORY'S SITE

We are looking for volunteers to join a team that can assist
in an emergency should it occur at the St Gregory's site.

Training will be provided. If you are willing and able to
assist please make contact with Melonie in the parish office,
telephone 359-1438 or priestspa@christchurchnorth.org.nz

LEGION OF MARY

Come and join the Legion of Mary and let Our Blessed Mother
lead us all to Her Son, Jesus and let the Holy Spirit inspire us and
help grow us spiritually.

We gather for an hour every week to pray with Our Blessed
Mother. We also do the spiritual work of mercy. We have 2 groups:
Junior/Youth Legion (aged 8 to 20) meet at 2pm
and the Senior Legion (aged over 20) meet at 3pm
every Saturday at Christ the King Oratory room.

For more information, please contact Genevieve at 021 2727597
or email weigtp@gmail.com.

You can also contact us for any prayer request.

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH**

MASS TIMES:

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

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

Sunday Masses

8:30 am – St Gregory's
9 am – Christ the King
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
*no 7am Mass on public holidays

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 Gregory's
5:15 – 5:45 pm

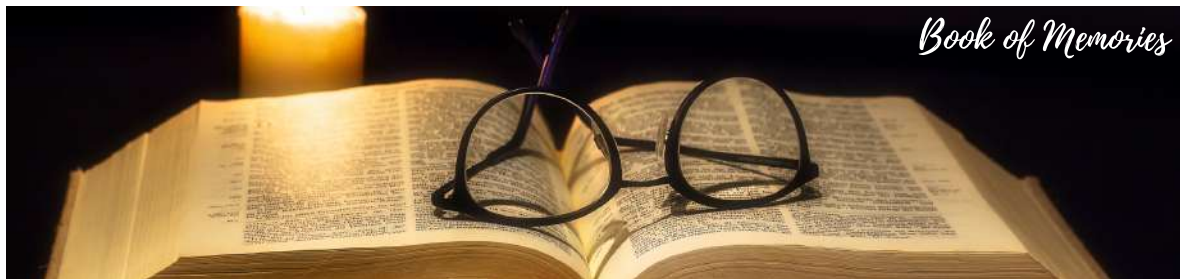
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ADORATION

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

St Gregory's Perpetual
Adoration Chapel
24 hours a day, 7 days a
week

**TO REQUEST A PRAYER
TEXT**
021 413 659



9 May: Thomas Scollard, Maureen Brown, Terrance McBrearty, Vincent Devonport, Fr Edward Coleman, Lawrence White, William Foley, John Horan, Neil Cutress, William Hempseed, Lillian Columbus, Michael Farrar.

10 May: Sophie Casey, Dianne Kennedy, Edna Moesbergen, John Lagan, Colleen Frost, Mary Empson, Doreen Currie, Duncan McMillian, Russell Unwin, James Dwyer, Owen Hayes, Maxwell South.

11 May: Fanny Barret, Michael Corrigan, Michael Cosgriff, Joseph Casey, Kenneth Jones, Petronella Reynen, John Erceg, Vaughan Roughan, Leslie Blair.

12 May: Cyril McAnally, Daniel O'Neill, Roderick Davies, Irene Dempsey, Lillian Mitchell, Seamus Casey, Marie Mercer, Noelene Davie, Allen Kelman, Marie Scanlon, Nancy Campbell.

13 May: Patrick Condon, Sr Cushla Vickers, Patricia Cross, Nola McNeice, Kathleen Maguire, Bill Mehalski.

14 May: Faata Scanlan, Urban Leonard, Margaret Fahey, Judith Falconer, Mervyn Johnston, Maree Wehner, Brendan Leonard.

15 May: Peter Wills, Agnes Jones, Patrick O'Brien, Kathleen Casey, Gordon O'Callaghan, Olga Fitzgerald.



Those who have recently died:

Janice Curragh, Eugene Egan, Josephine (Jo) Jones, Marjorie (Mary) Dawber, Ailsa Doidge, Wayne Finiki, Ann O'Sullivan, Janina Keenan, Marlene Alvares Pereira, Sr Helen Winter RSJ, Leo Murphy, Terry Crean.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Collins (Ann), Pat Crowe (RIP Ann), Manolito Panganiban Sr. (RIP Rec.), Karyn Duggan (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, Mary de Leijer, Ann Ryan, Neill Williamson, Kath Carrington, Tanya Boers, Jean McHugh, Michael Hughes.

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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN CONTACTS

Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please make contact with the chaplain, or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain.

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Burwood Hospital: Megan Emery 027 410 6940

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough 021 501 683

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish 379 1068

Nurse Maude Hospice & St George's Hospital:

Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438 or 03 359 0444 (After hours)



**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