

NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER // 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Death is no more than falling blindly into the arms of God"

- St Maria Maravillas de Jesus

Kia ora, te whānau!

During this month of November, traditionally a month where we pray for all those who have died, did you know that you can get a **plenary indulgence** any day during this month?

It's true! The Vatican has decided to grant Catholics who visit a cemetery to pray for the dead on any day in the month of November a plenary indulgence.

Normally, the Church only grants this plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory to those who pray in a cemetery on November 1 - 8, which is the week of the Solemnity of All Souls' Day. However, the Apostolic Penitentiary last year issued a decree that extended the availability of some plenary indulgences because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its result of many gatherings being restricted. The Vatican has issued the same decree this year during the month of November.

Naturally, we might ask ourselves: **what is a plenary indulgence?**

To begin with, I would like to reiterate that an indulgence **is not a quick ticket to heaven**, as St John Paul II once said, rather, it is an aid for the real conversation that leads to eternal happiness.

Indulgences, when properly understood, simply reflect the mercy of God, who constantly bestows indulgences on human beings.

This topic of indulgences is quite a big one for a front page of the bulletin so I encourage you to visit the following websites for an easy explanation of this tradition.

- [What is a plenary indulgence - CNS](#)
- [What is a plenary indulgence - Catholic Exchange](#)

What's involved with this specific Plenary Indulgence?

There are three components to obtain a Plenary Indulgence for Souls in Purgatory this November.

1) Pray at a Cemetery

The decree asks the faithful to 'visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally.'

2) Go to Reconciliation & Receive Holy Communion

In order for one to obtain a plenary indulgence, whether it be for the poor souls or for oneself, the person must detach oneself from all sin. If the soul is not detached, a partial indulgence will be applied.

However, for the sick, elderly, homebound, or those who cannot go out due to coronavirus restrictions, they can "unite themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful."

3) Pray for the Holy Father

The Church suggests that the faithful pray one 'Our Father' and one 'Hail Mary' for the Holy Father.

This Sunday (14 November), there is a perfect opportunity for us to receive this plenary indulgence.

At **Waimairi** Cemetery, **Avonhead** Cemetery, **Belfast** Cemetery and **Yaldhurst** Cemetery, one of your priests will lead a **Rite of the Blessing of Graves beginning at 2pm.**

After this rite, you are welcome to lead Father to the graves of your loved ones for him to bless with Holy Water.

All are very welcome!

N.B. If the weather is not great (ie. pouring down with rain) then it will be cancelled. If it's overcast with the odd drizzle then please assume it's still on.

If it is cancelled due to the weather, we'll transfer the blessing of the graves to **Sunday 28th November.**

Mā te Atua e manaaki,

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LEVEL 2 SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE
WEEKEND MASSES

Reminder: all Sunday Masses will be celebrated at Christ the King Church

Saturday Vigil : 5pm, 6:30pm
Sunday : 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 5pm.

LEVEL 2 WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE
St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

Monday - Friday : 7am, 9:15am, Noon
Saturday : 9.15am
Followed by Reconciliation
9:45am - 10:45 am

Just a reminder that during Lockdown Level Two (and above) **the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues.**

PLEASE REGISTER FOR MASS

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CatholicDioceseOfChristchurch/SundayMassRegistration2>

Please phone the parish office if you do not have access to the internet before 2pm Friday, we do not work on Saturdays.



Please keep in your prayers our young people who are making their First Holy Communion the weekend of the 20 & 21 November.

'As you receive the Blessed Sacrament, may Jesus continue to be close to you and your families.'

BLESSING OF GRAVES - SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

You are welcome to join one of the Fathers at the following cemeteries at **2pm for a Blessing of Graves Liturgy.** After this Father will be available to bless your families' graves individually at Waimairi Cemetery, Avonhead Cemetery, Belfast Cemetery and Yaldhurst Cemetery.

As Fr Alister said, if the weather is terrible then it is postponed to **Sunday 28th November.**

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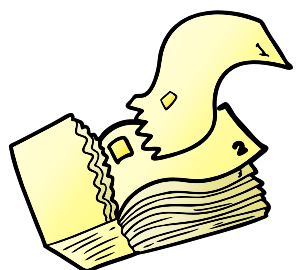
Please visit the events page on the [parish website](#) to RSVP your tickets now, and for more info.

These are limited to 100.

DONATIONS FOR OUR ETHEL & BETHEL EVENING

To cover costs due to our limited capacity of 100, we would be grateful for any support either financially or with donations for raffles.

To donate, please contact Kaelyn at youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz



**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.**

INTERESTED IN GOING ON PILGRIMAGE IN 2022?

We will be offering two pilgrimages next year.

In January 2022 - Fr Alister will be leading a pilgrimage to Wellington in honour of Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

In March 2022 - Fr Rick will be leading a pilgrimage to visit the important sites in Northland pertaining to Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier, NZ's first Catholic Bishop.

To register your interest, and to find out more information, please visit

<https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/pilgrimages-2022/>

Flyers are also available in the foyer of our Churches.

**Catholic Women's League Christchurch North Branch Meeting
Thursday November 18 at 1.30pm in St Joseph's Centre.**

Members can share a Christmas memory or treasure.

Please bring a small plate of food for afternoon tea and a donation for the prizes in the Christmas raffle.

SUNDAY GOSPEL SESSION with SR KATHLEEN RUSHTON

Thursday 18 November at 7.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Preparation for Year C, Gospel of Luke, which we will hear on Sundays from the beginning of Advent.

Helpful to have reply to roho@extra.co.nz or (03) 379 1298.

ST AUGUSTINE'S BOOKSHOP

Hours are 9.30am - 12.30pm, Tuesday - Saturday.

Please follow level 2 procedure of scanning in and wearing face masks.



If you are interested in volunteering for the bookshop please contact Dan on 022 1751 789

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

7pm - Thursday 25 November, Christ the King Church

To all those who have lost loved ones over the past year and would like them remembered, please contact Judith O'Sullivan worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz or 027 261 5655

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2022

Catholic Women's League are selling calendars after all weekend Masses or from the parish office during office hours. \$12 each



**Parish Building Engagement
Information Sharing Days**

Fr Rick and the Building Committee want to thank all those who popped into the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre last Sunday to hear and see what our parishioners had said in the Parish Engagement Sessions.

For those who missed out, or did not have a chance to come and have a look at the feedback, there is another opportunity next weekend.

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Come visit between 1 pm - 3:30pm

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A lunch for seniors will be held at St Matthew's hall
108 Jeffreys Road
Bryndwr
on Wednesday November 24
from 11.30 am



Due to Covid 19 restrictions numbers are limited to 80
Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer of Christ the King church or phone Marie 352 2707



MARRALOMEDA CHARITABLE TRUST

We have a vacancy for two permanent part time Community Support Workers to support people in our five homes in Redwood.

Marralomedea is a christian community supporting people with learning disabilities and we are part of the North Parish.

One position is 20 hours per week (Mon to Thurs 7am-9am; Mon and Tues 3.30pm-6.30pm and Sun 8am-2pm.)

The other position is 18.5 hours per fortnight (8am-2pm Sat and 9.45am-4.15pm every second Sun).

These hours are negotiable and additional Relieving and Casual work is also available. Please contact 352-8292 or karen@marralomedea.org.nz.

SITE MANAGER POSITION

MARYVILLE COURTS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

We offer a friendly, family feel working environment.

The Site Manager has overall operational responsibilities for the wellbeing, care and support of residents and staff, facilities and property presentation and maintenance.

Applications Close: Friday 19 November 2021

For Inquiries, Information Pack and Application Form, please contact Anne Brand (Executive Assistant to Archer Group General Manager, Graeme Mitchell) at anneb@archer.org.nz.

**Please send all bulletin and noticeboard posters to 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**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE
CENTRE OF THE
BULLETIN
FOR
COVID LEVEL 2
MASS TIMES**

**REMINDER:
REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED FOR
WEEKEND MASSES
ONLY**

**RECONCILIATION
TIMES
Saturdays
Refer to Level 2
guidelines**

St Gregory's
9:45 - 10:45 am

[or by appointment]

ADORATION

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

**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 of each month between 3 - 4pm at the Parish office 26 Cotswold Ave Bishopdale.

If you require a preference for your primary school child, please make contact with the Parish Office before attending one of these three signing sessions on 359 1438



14 November: Margaret Ryan, Alice Nolan, Mary Waddell, Brian Marsh, Charles Dillion, Terence Hickland, Kathleen Laing, Patrick Croft.

15 November: Father Denis Loudon, Robert McNeice, Lyn Ford.

16 November: Helena Sheen, James Mercer, Ada Paton, Sydney Burdon, Martha Kenny, Eileen Eccleton, Desmond Boyle, Jason Hesp, William Henderson.

17 November: Manuela Gordan, Isobel Costelloe, Patricia Egan.

18 November: Albert Smith, Doreen Hight, Sidwell Watson, Bernard Baker, Roberta O'Donnell, Margaret Griggs, Francis Quinn, Patrick Collings, Gwendoline Horgan, Margaret Currey, Thelma McMenamin, Arthur Mills, Valerie Nicolson.

19 November: Emily Ramsey, Graeme Eden, Monica Williams, Joyce Lauson, Jeanne Doody, Hugh Arnold, Geoffrey White, Gaynor Brown, Leonie Mitchell.

20 November: Annie Batten, Bridget Simpson, Hannah McManus, Alexander Cowan, Doreen Keenan, Michael Perkins, Henry Duckworth, Annie McSorley, Derek(Michael) Bridgman, Eileen (Joyce) Murray, Anthony Hayde.



Those who have recently died:

Michael Newton, Ammi Joy, Noeline Klemick, Sister M. Adrian Keating, Monica Kelly, John Outram, William Cairns, Dean Leighton, Arthur Regan, Doreen Ford, Alexander (Alex) Voon, Anne Sheard, Margaret Hanley.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Collins (Ann), Duncan de Silva (RIP Ann), John Callaghan (RIP Ann), Brian O'Sullivan (RIP Ann) Trevor Roswell (RIP Ann), Michelle Williams (RIP Ann), Maureen, Mary & Cecil McEvedy (RIP).

Those who are sick:

Monsignor Bill Middleton, Colleen McCammon, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Mullis, Margaret Aynsley, Philip Baird, Mary de Leijer, Neill Williamson, Kath Carrington, Tanya Boers, Mary Arscott, Frank Newsome, Lily Wei, Aimee Brown, Harry Albert, Pat Selvam, Fran Edmonds, Fr Pat Kennedy, Mel Sugrue, Robyn Holmes, Jenny Le Noel, John Maunsell, Hamish Galbraith.

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