



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 26 November 2017



Today's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading: Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46



Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64: 1, 3-8
Psalm Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Second Reading: Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Mass Times:

Sunday 8am, 10am, 7.00pm
Monday: 6.00pm
Tues to Saturday: 12.05pm
Thursday: 9.00am School Mass
Tues to Fri: 11.10am Student Mass
at Rochester & Rutherford Hall, 77
Ham Rd - All welcome

Adoration:

Monday: 5.00 - 6.00pm
Tues to Fri: 11am-12pm
Tue, Wed, Fri: 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday: 8.30- 9.30pm
Saturday: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Sunday: 5.30 - 6.30pm



Reconciliation:

Tues-Sat: 11.30 -11.50am
Sun: 6.30 -7.00pm
8.00pm - 8.30pm

Lectio Divina

Weds 2.00pm and 7.00pm

Men's Breakfast - Fri

6.30am

Legion of Mary

Weds 7.00pm

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St. Teresa's Church

Brothers of St John

Quote of the Week



"Viva Cristo Rey!
Long live Christ the
King!"

Blessed Miguel Pro

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925)



If we could survey 100 people with the question: "What is your concept of a king"? What kind of answers might we get? If you, Christians, were asked what kind of king Jesus is and what is the nature of his kingship, how would you answer?

Pope Pius XI explained:

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ.

He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone.

He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God."

Let us not allow our habitual sins to reign in our soul. Let us invite Jesus to reign there especially through heartfelt **acts of prayer and the frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** as it truly cleanses our soul from the effects of sin before we receive Jesus worthily in the Holy Eucharist.

If we know that the nature of the kingdom of Christ is a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace, what can we do to cooperate with Jesus in his establishment on earth? Jesus is a king who does not come to dominate us with his power but to love us with the tenderness of a good shepherd who loves each one of his sheep.

If we want to enter Heaven, let us then visit Jesus by visiting the lonely and those struggling who are in need, let us visit the sick and feed the hungry and perhaps for example, also consider becoming an active member of St Vincent de Paul or the Legion of Mary. Let us make an act of faith while visiting by hearing Jesus saying: **"I was hungry and you gave me food..."**(Mt 25)
Fr. Antoine



Please pray for:

+ Our Holy Father Pope Francis, and all Priests; for our sick and for those who have died recently, especially Michael De Guia, for the little unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - November/December

20th: 2002 Hendrikus (Henny) Leonardus Bohnenn, 2014 Dorothea Kristine Elizabeth Slowey

22nd: 1964 Charles Tattersall, 1965 Ellen O'Brien, 1976 Albert Khouri, 1984 Alwyn Francis Beaker

24th: 1948 Michael Francis Quinn, 2002 Francis John Creedy

25th: 1972 Elizabeth Cecilia Waller, 1983 Lily Mary Rogers, 1984 Pauline Clare Flynn

26th: 1970 Margaret Catherine Hickey, 1971 Constance Facer, 1977 Katherine Clare Fahey

1984 Margaret Ellen Hickland, 2004 Adam Sarchet

27th: 1959 James Ainger, 1980 Phyllis Isabel Sage Coleman, 1982 May Dorothy Lennox

28th: 1971 Robert John Pask, 1979 Roderick John Kennedy

29th: 1949 Daniel Quinn, 1980 Evelyn Maude Healey, 1988 Joseph Patrick Jordan

30th: 1959 Caroline Pluck, 1981 Nellie van Ham

1st Dec: 1972 Raymond Ladbrook, 2002 Andrew O'Rourke, 2009 Jos Arrillaga, 2013 Monica Daly, 2015 Norah Lucy Fahey

2nd: 1972 Mary Healy, 1988 Shane Carroll, 1995 Eric Vernon Smith, 2000 June Townsend

3rd: 1948 Patrick Holeban, 1956 Margaret Jane Hay, 1980 Doris Caroline Peterson

Kid's Corner

Feast of Christ The King

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. We celebrate the authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. The feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus. Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"... Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I came into the world to testify to the truth". **John 18:33, 36-37**



Parish Notices

Youth Group: Last youth group of the year is Tuesday 28th November with the annual family Christmas Dinner. Youth group will start again in 2018 on the 13th February. Check the Facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/stteresasyouthgroup> or email Aiber pastoral@stteresas.org.nz

It is with joy that we celebrate the baptism and confirmation of Tieta Putri at 7.00pm Mass today. Please remember to include Tieta in your prayers.

The Brothers will all be away on Annual Retreat from Monday 4 to Saturday 9 September. There will be no change to either reconciliation or Mass times during this period.

Advent Novena: Advent Novena cards are available in the Church foyer with the Christmas Mass times on the back. Begins 30th Nov, ends Christmas Day.

Thursday Talk - A series of seven talks on The Letters of St John. This week (6): Maintaining Assurance (1 John 4:22-1 John 5:21) Please come to the hall at 7.30pm and join us.

St Vincent De Paul Thank you so much for all the food items donated weekly. This week we require a top up of spaghetti, baked beans, tinned fish, jams and spreads. Cash donations can be placed in envelopes from the foyer and dropped in the safe. Thank you so much.



Morning tea after 10am Mass today will be served in the hall. All parishioners & visitors are warmly invited to join us.

Christmas Masses: Please note that Christmas day is on a Monday. Attending Mass on Sunday, does not fulfil your Christmas obligation nor does attending Mass on Christmas Day fulfil your Sunday obligation. Please see our Mass times to ensure you're able to attend Mass on both days! ☺



Sat 23rd Dec 7pm Vigil **4th Sunday of Advent**
Sun 24th Dec 8am **4th Sunday of Advent**
Sun 24th Dec 10am **4th Sunday of Advent**
Sun 24th Dec 7.30pm **Christmas Vigil**
Monday 25th Dec 12am (Midnight) **Christmas Vigil**
Monday 25th Dec 8am **Christmas Mass**
Monday 25th Dec 10am **Christmas Mass**
NB: No 6.00pm Mass Christmas Day

Diocesan Notices (More notices on notice board)

2nd Spiritual Renewal programme for the Diocese

During Advent, Fr Rick Loughnan is inviting every group in the Diocese to take part in a further programme of spiritual renewal based on the prayer of intercession. This programme consists of one 30 minute session of prayer, praying for the needs of others. 2000 years ago the people of Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah; in Advent we also enter into a beautiful time of waiting during which we pray for the fulfilment of God's plan in our lives and the lives of others. The programme includes scripture reading and prayer for others. The programme has been sent out to groups but individuals can also participate. Please contact the parish office for a copy or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL.

Over the past four years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open right throughout the Christmas period. This year we have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour to two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com. It would be much appreciated.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on Friday 1st December as we come together for the final time in 2017 to celebrate God's blessings for the year with Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org


Villa Maria College is turning 100! Villa's Centennial is just around the corner, with a weekend of special events planned for **16-18 February 2018**. This is a celebration for our whole community! Register your attendance today at www.villamaria100.co.nz or call 348 4165.

FOOD FOR FAITH is offering an online Advent retreat. Sign up to receive daily encouragements in preparation for Christmas. More information and sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

EXCITING BOOK LAUNCH: *Divine Love, Life Love, Human Love*. Read about a young girl's conversion to God's love. Fr Thanh Tran's inaugural book launch is on **Friday 8th December** at 6.00pm in St Gregory's Parish Centre. If you can't make the launch, books can be purchased (\$20.00) through the St Joseph's Parish Office, 352 9275.

PRO-LIFE FACTS: Professor of Human Embryology, Maureen Condic, states that the scientific data concludes that a new human organism comes into existence at the moment of sperm-egg fusion. The Church teaches that at the moment of conception every human being is endowed with human rights the foundation right being an inalienable right to life. From conception the human embryo is entitled to respect and protection. For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nx

DOVE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Invites all women to come and enjoy Dove's Christmas Celebration *plus a special treat!* A time for testimonies - letting others hear what Dove means to you. Please bring a small plate of your cultural or traditional Christmas food to share for afternoon tea. Advent is a beautiful time to appreciate and realise how much Dove helps, encourages and embraces all women with the love of Jesus. Don't worry if you've never been before, come along, bring a friend *ENJOY! Prayer Ministry Available, Fellowship, Christmas Carols* **Saturday 9th December 1pm - 3.00pm** Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road. For more info phone Diane Findlay 0274312026

Next Week 3 December	8am	10am	7pm
Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC	Tim Adkin	Angela Harrison & Jackie Ott	Megan Emery
Readers	Joash & Joachim Castillo	Jhanna Mosa & Katherine Librando	Shaun Hickland & Dianne Moore
Altar Servers Handmaids	Zyromme & Stephen	Sean Mallare, Andre & Raphael <i>Malia and Serena</i>	Anggha & Jacob 
Greeters	Jane McLaughlin	Loma Rolleston	Dilakshani & Roshen
Collectors	Tony Bowker & Raymond Tiong	Tim Jones, Antonio Bisnar & Loma	Les, Margaret, Lolong & Peter
Counters	Mike D & Gerry K		