



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

## ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent  
10 December 2017



### Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
Psalm Response: Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.  
Second Reading: St Peter 3: 8-14  
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8



### Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-2, 10-11  
Psalm Response: My soul rejoices in my God  
Second Reading: Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### 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

### Parish Priest:

Fr Antoine Thomas, CSJ

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Fr Michael-Thérèse, CSJ

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Brother Jan

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St. Teresa's Church  
Brothers of St John

### Quote of the Week

"For me, Christmas has always been about this; contemplating the visit of God to His people."

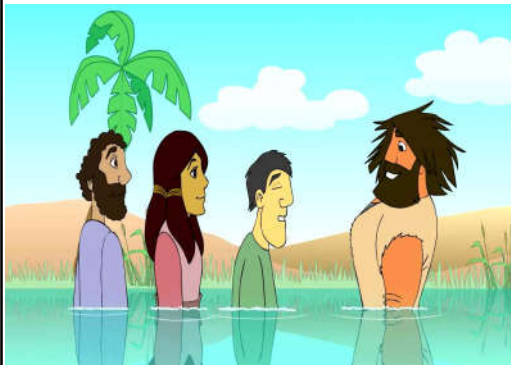
**Pope Francis**



### THE GIFT OF THE GOOD NEWS

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist calls on people to get themselves ready for the coming of Jesus. If they want to hear the message Jesus brings and to follow him, some preparation will be necessary - they need to repent and be baptised in the waters of the river Jordan.

We all know of people who seem to be searching for something in their lives, some direction or purpose that eludes them. Maybe a simple word from us might arouse in them an interest in why we are Catholic and what it is to be Catholic.



Our Parish has a team ready to help anyone interested in Catholicism, or thinking about becoming Catholic. Between now and Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018, we would like to meet with as many people as possible who may have expressed to any of you, an interest in our Faith. They may find what they are looking for in our 2018 OCIA programme.

Over the past year, we have journeyed with five people, now all joined with us in the Catholic Faith. This is what John, a lifelong Christian from another tradition, says:

***The Catholic Faith has so much to offer all of us challenged by the pace of modern life – insecurity; work pressure; the tensions of family life; and a sense of aloneness in an empty, indifferent world. The sacredness and power of the Sacraments have provided a reassuring sense of solace, peace and security. God has become more real and alive, and life has become more meaningful and manageable.***

Jane, who was received into the Catholic Church on the Feast of Christ the King last year, says:

***God is active, personal and above all present to each of us. Indeed, the world is charged with the grandeur of God so that, as St Ignatius of Loyola said, we may know God more easily and make a return of love more readily. Our faith calls us to search out and find God in all things - in every person, in every place, in everything.***

Please be courageous and tell people about our Catholic faith. If they seem interested, ask permission to give their name and contact information to Marie at the Parish Office. A team member will contact them promptly.

Today's readings encourage us to reform our lives while maintaining the joyful expectation that Christ will bring us the salvation we long for. Whatever our struggles, his coming brings us peace. Let's share this Good News!

*The St Teresa's Team for **The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)***



### Please pray for:

† Our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop-Elect, Fr Paul Martin and all Priests; for our sick and for those who have died recently especially Terry Grant, for unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed.

### In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - December

**11<sup>th</sup>:** 1972 Veronica Maud McGloin, 1991 William Fitzgerald Warren, 1996 James Robert Peoples

**12<sup>th</sup>:** 1962 Merton James Black, 2003 Malcolm Francis Charteris, 2004 Dolores Marguerite Reynolds

**13<sup>th</sup>:** 1979 Sister Bridget Magdalen McCann SJC, 2008 Christopher Cassidy, 2012 Margaret Joyce Lyons

**14<sup>th</sup>:** 1962 Merton James Black

**15<sup>th</sup>:** 1947 Joseph Callaghan, 1954 Catherine Frances Griffin, 1963 Myrtle Doyle

**16<sup>th</sup>:** 1955 Baby Mackay

**17<sup>th</sup>:** 2003 Mary Constance Lochore



## Kid's Corner



You may have noticed last week that the nativity scene and advent wreath are set up in the church. Mary, Joseph and the shepherds are waiting and we too are waiting. We are all waiting for the arrival of the baby Jesus on Christmas day. During Advent we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we can do this by praying, reading scripture, specifically about Jesus' birth and receiving the Sacraments. If you

have received your First Holy Communion, do your best to go to Mass during the holidays and also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas day. Check the parish bulletin to check what days and times Reconciliation is available or you can approach any of our priests.

## Parish Notices

**Youth Group:** Youth group will start again in 2018 on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. Check the Facebook page for more information <https://www.facebook.com/stteresasyouthgroup> or email Aiber [pastoral@stteresas.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@stteresas.org.nz)

**Thursday talk** at 7.30pm in Parish hall - Conference on Advent and Christmas by Fr Martin



**St Vincent De Paul:** We need donations of Christmas foods such as Christmas mince pies, chocolates, mini Christmas cakes etc. Items can be left in the basket at the back of the Church or at the Parish Office. **There are also tags on the Christmas tree,**

**please take one and buy a gift for that person. Don't forget to attach the tag to the gift.** Gifts can be left at the Parish Office OR under the tree at Mass times and bought in **before** 18 Dec. Many, many people will be blessed by your gifting to them, so, THANK YOU very much.

**CATHOLIC DISCIPLESHIP COLLEGE FUNDRAISER 2018** for Christiane Shor and Sandra Rajendran - We're selling pancakes after morning masses on the 10th of December to raise funds for CDC. \$5 for 2 or \$3 for 1. Come enjoy some delicious home made pancakes! Your support is much appreciated!



**Christmas Mass Times:** 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 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: There is no 6pm Mass on Christmas Day**

## Diocesan Notices (More notices on notice board)

**Pope Francis** has appointed Fr Paul Martin SM as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch. We thank God for this appointment. Let us join together as a Diocesan family to pray for Bishop-Elect Paul. The Bishop's ordination will take place early in 2018 at a date yet to be decided by Bishop-Elect Paul. Let us remember with fondness Bishop Barry Jones as we rejoice in the appointment of a new Bishop for our diocese. God bless. Fr Rick Loughnan

**MISSION SISTERS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** The Mission Sisters in the Christchurch Diocese invite you to support one or more of their Missions in Asia, or to make a general donation, as described in their Christmas Gift Catalogue distributed in the parish today. This Christmas Gift will truly make a difference.

**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:

**Burwood Hospital:** Kirsten Challies 027 437 6737  
**Christchurch Hospital:** Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)  
**Hillmorton Hospital:** Michael Hempseed 021 501 683  
**St George's Hospital:** Fr Chris Orr 351 9502

**MEN'S GATHERING: Wednesday 13 December at 7.15pm hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road.** Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. We will be celebrating the end of year with Mass and carols with Fr Jack. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138

**PRE-CHRISTMAS TALKS:** Two one-hour talks relating to the New Testament by Fr. Frank Kelly - **Sunday 10 December** at 7pm - *"Jesus, a portrait of a Galilean Jew"* **Sunday 17 December** at 7pm - *"Jesus and Biblical wisdom"* These talks will be held in St. Joseph's hall, Papanui. Entry is free.

**CHRISTMAS FOR THE CITY** is a gift to families and the people of Otautahi from the churches of Christchurch. A Christmas party experience that caters for people of all ages and communities across our city. Saturday **16 December 4-9pm** ARA City Campus. Free entry. More details at [www.christmasforthecity.org.nz](http://www.christmasforthecity.org.nz)


**CATHOLIC SHOP:** opening on Sundays in December 10am - 12pm. For Advent and Christmas gifts, bibles, candles, rosaries, greeting cards, books, and more. **Usual opening hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.** Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, ph 03 366-2853, e-mail [catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:catholicshop@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](mailto:chchadoration@gmail.com). It would be much appreciated.

**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](http://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](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

**THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?** Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

| Next Week 17 December                 | 8am                         | 10am                                    | 7pm   |
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| <b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</b> | John Reilly                 | Sylvia Wales & Terry Wales              | Mau Fasavalu  |
| <b>Readers</b>                        | Brother John & Remy Nicdao  | Mary Shaw & Mary O'Brien                | Maryse Chee & Shaun Hickland  |
| <b>Altar Servers   Handmaids</b>      | Isaac & Francis             | Fernando, Raphael & Andre Ursula & Kalo | Matthew & Shaun  |
| <b>Greeters</b>                       | Mary & Maurice Doocey       | Mary Shaw                               | Sara Etienne  |
| <b>Collectors</b>                     | Tony Bowker & Raymond Tiong | Tim Jones, Antonio Bisnar & Loma        | Les, Margaret, Lolong & Peter   |
| <b>Counters</b>                       | David, Maree & Lyndsay      |   |   |