



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

## ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
21 January 2018



### Today's Readings

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm Response: Teach me your ways O Lord  
Second Reading: Corinthians 7: 29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20  
For weekday readings visit: [www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass)



### Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-2, 10-11  
Psalm Response: If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts  
Second Reading: Corinthians 7: 32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

### 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

### Tertiary Chaplain:

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



"Have patience with all things, but first of all, yourself."

St. Francis de Sales

Dear brothers and sisters

If the prophet Jonah, whom we read today in the first reading, appeared in Christchurch sent by God with the following and terrible message: "**Only forty days more and Christchurch is going to be destroyed**", what would be the reaction of people? Would they not call 111 so that Jonah could be arrested and jailed for disturbing the peace?! The reaction of the people in Nineveh was much wiser: "...**they believed in God; they proclaimed a fast...and God did not inflict on them the disaster which He had threatened**".

If God manifested the grave sins of the people living in that city by threatening to destroy it, what could He do today to those who spread the great evils of abortion, euthanasia, same sex marriage etc...? How long will God let his children commit these sins? What will happen to them after they die?

St Paul warns us as a father warns his children because he loves them: "**Brothers, our time is growing short...the world is passing away.**" (1Cor.7)

Jesus, in the Gospel, asks us to repent of our sins and to believe in the Good News. It is not too late to decide to stop sinning and offending God. It is not too late to stop watching pornography which is part of Satan's kingdom. It is not too late to stop excessive gambling, drinking and other actions that lead us into sin.

"Our time is growing short". None of us knows whether he or she has ten more years to live or one more day on earth. This is why it is very important to make the resolution for this year to go to confession regularly especially when we are facing temptations of every kind. The sacrament of Reconciliation heals the wounds of sin in the soul: "**..whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them**" (John 20:23) After baptism, this sacrament instituted by Christ, is our hope since we all sin and often! If we die suddenly without having our soul in a state of grace, what will happen to us?

I share these reflections with you today prompted by the tragic and sudden death of our beloved brother priest, Fr. Graeme Blackburn last Monday. We are all deeply shocked and saddened. Let us pray for his soul, that God grant him the Beatific Vision and eternal happiness. Let us love one another to enter Heaven.

Fr.Antoine



RIP

### 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 for Fr Graeme Blackburn and Jet Florencio, for unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed, especially for Anne & Aloysius and for Donna Staunton (Sydney).

### In Memoriam - Rest in Peace

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** 1997 Ella O'Brien, 2004 William Barry, 2009 Vincent Duffy - **4<sup>th</sup>:** 1976 Michael O'Donoghue, 1994 Arthur Archer - **5<sup>th</sup>:** 1993 Sr Kathleen Ryan - Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, 1984 Bernard Scollard, 2016 Andrew Hickson - **6<sup>th</sup>:** 1985 Bartholomew Arthur Harrison - **7<sup>th</sup>:** 1976 Jack Sarich, 1988 James Harris, 1995 Ethel Noonan, 2001 Clytie Henderson - **8<sup>th</sup>:** 1976 Jeanne Finnie  
**9<sup>th</sup>:** 1975 Jean Scollard - **10<sup>th</sup>:** 1980 Monica Clark, 1986 James McDonnell, 1990 Della Rees, 1996 Rebecca McMenamin - **11<sup>th</sup>:** 1980 William Clark, 2005 Britney Phillipa Eager  
**12<sup>th</sup>:** 1982 Henry Joseph AKA Harry Hogan, 1991 John Bendall, 2004 Linda Downing, 2008 Jill Keating - **13<sup>th</sup>:** 1973 Maureen Ellen Glubb - **14<sup>th</sup>:** 1979 Evelyn Delahunty, 1995 Rose Wilson  
**15<sup>th</sup>:** 1977 Rima Eleanor Hinds, 1990 Honora Harrison, 2001 Phyllis McGarry, 2018 Fr Graeme Blackburn - **16<sup>th</sup>:** 1990 Patrick Ford, 1996 Thecla Dennehy, 2002 Dorothy Harkess  
**17<sup>th</sup>:** 1975 George D. Cocorempas, 1993 Patrick Horgan - **19<sup>th</sup>:** 1980 Agnes Brown, 1994 Ruth McGuinniety, - **20<sup>th</sup>:** 2002 Monsignor Thomas Liddy

## Parish Notices

**28th January** Join us at 10am Mass when Fr Antoine will officially hand over the Parish to Fr Michael Therese. There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

**A farewell pot luck dinner** will be held on Monday 19th February for Fr Antoine at 7pm in the hall (after the 6pm Mass). Please come and share dinner and in saying farewell to our much loved priest and friend.

**Euthanasia:** In the coming weeks our bishops will be speaking to all parishes regarding the introduction of a bill which seeks to make euthanasia and assisted suicide lawful in New Zealand. Their hope is to encourage each of us to make a submission to the Justice Select Committee, opposing the introduction of Euthanasia legislation.

As part of the Church's opposition, a letter from our Catholic Bishops Conference will be read at all Masses on the weekend of 28 January, a video will be shown, and euthanasia and assisted suicide Quick Facts Sheets will be distributed to help people understand the seriousness of this issue. Parishes will be asked to hold submission writing sessions, and will be shown how to do this. We will keep you all updated as information comes to hand.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, or just interested in knowing more about our faith? Please tell them that the St Teresa's OCIA team will be holding three Inquiry Sessions in the parish hall at 7pm on Monday 5th and Tuesday 20th of February and Tuesday 6th March. Each session will cover a different topic - invite people to come for one or all three. Come with them if you can. Pamphlets will be available outside after each Mass this Sunday - take one and discuss it with the person or persons you are thinking about.

**Fr Francis Xavier**, the Vicar General of the Community of St John is visiting for two weeks Please give him a warm St Teresa's welcome.

**Clothing Sale** We are three young ladies trying to raise funds for Catholic Discipleship College this year. We are having a massive clothing sale on the 4th of Feb at St Teresa's parish hall. If you would like to donate clothes you can drop off your clothes in the room next to the foyer of St Teresa's church by the 2nd Feb.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel:** Operates 24/7. Can you commit to one hour each week? Contact Mike 342 9905 or [mike.doolan97@gmail.com](mailto:mike.doolan97@gmail.com)

**New Catholics:** Know of anyone curious about our Church? Ask them whether you can give their name to Marie at the Parish office, or contact Mike 342 9905 or [mike.doolan97@gmail.com](mailto:mike.doolan97@gmail.com) for information.

**Sunday Collection:** As we now have a note counting machine, it would be helpful if notes are not folded when put in envelopes, or when placed directly into collection baskets.



**St Vincent De Paul:** Thank you SO much for all the wonderful Christmas gifts donated in December. You made many families very happy with your generosity. We have been very busy over the holidays so are requiring a top up of the basics especially baked beans, spaghetti, tinned fish, cereals and spreads.

Items can be left in the basket at the back of the Church or at the Parish Office.

**Youth Group:** Youth group will start again on the 13<sup>th</sup> February

## Kid's Corner



From a very young age, St. Francis de Sales desired to serve God. He knew for many years God was calling him to be a Priest. He studied law, fencing and horse riding to please his father, but he also studied theology and continued to be devoted to God. God made His will clear to St. Francis one day when he was horse riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day, every time he

fell, the sword came out of its case and fell onto the ground in the shape of a cross. After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis entered the priesthood. Francis spent most of his time door knocking, trying to speak to people about coming back to the Catholic Church. He was often rejected, doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. Parents wouldn't speak to him, so he went straight to the children. When parents saw how kind he was with the children, they began to talk to him. It is believed that he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church. He is the Patron Saint of Catholic writers, the deaf, journalists and adult education. St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!!

## Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

### POSITION AVAILABLE – CYT EVENTS COORDINATOR

The Catholic Youth Team (CYT) for the Diocese of Christchurch invites applications for the position of CYT Youth Events Coordinator. The CYT Events Coordinator works collaboratively with the CYT manager, and other CYT staff and volunteers to plan, prepare and facilitate the fun, inspiring, high quality CYT events. Applicants should have relevant experience in Catholic Youth Ministry, organising, promoting and coordinating major Youth Ministry Events and skills such as managing communications, logistics and budgets. While this position is a part time role of 20 hours per week we currently have other positions open which suitable applicants may combine with this role to extend their hours or create a full time role. Applications close 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Email [cyt@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cyt@chch.catholic.org.nz) for a full job description or to submit CV's and Applications

### 40 Days for Life Campaign 2018:

40 Days for Life Campaign is happening again this year in ChCh from 14<sup>th</sup> February through to 25<sup>th</sup> March. We will be inviting people to join the vigil outside Christchurch Hospital between 8am and 5pm. If you would like more info please contact: [info@40daysforlife.nz](mailto:info@40daysforlife.nz) or Talia Steiner 021 0297 9921 or visit campaign website <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/christchurch/>

### CYT Frontline Discipleship Programme (Youth and Young Adults)

Frontline is a CYT programme that inspires its participants to actively live out their faith. The programme aims to support parish based youth ministry; and offer young adults accountability, fellowship, and formation. Frontline will run fortnightly from 23 Feb. to 20 May. We invite all Youth (Years 11-13), Young Adults, and anyone interested in the programme to join us for an information night on **8 Feb @ 7pm, Catholic Youth Team Office, 122 Barbadoes Street** or contact Sinead, CYT Young Adult and Formation Coordinator for more details – 0220109828. Registrations now open [www.cyt.org.nz/frontline](http://www.cyt.org.nz/frontline)

**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

Next Week 28 January	8am	10am	7pm
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</b>		Marleen Head	
<b>Readers</b>	Remy Nicdao & John Reilly	Katherine Librando & Tim Jones	Mau Fasavalu & Yuanita Rumatan
<b>Altar Servers   Handmaids</b>	Francis	Sean, Andre & Raphael <i>Malia &amp; Serena</i>	Connor & Robb
<b>Greeters</b>	Charles Clifford	Virgie Herd	Dianne Moore
<b>Collectors</b>	Peter McGuire	John Thieme & Brian White	David K, John H & Abalos Family
<b>Counters</b>	Warren & Loma		

