



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 January 2018



Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 15:15-20
Psalms Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts
Second Reading: Corinthians 7: 32-35
Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28



Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Psalms Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted
Second Reading: Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

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



"Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things."

Pope Francis

Dear parishioners,

Although this is my last letter as pastor of your parish, I will celebrate my last Sunday Mass here on February 25th. Today, Father Michael Thérèse becomes your pastor and you already know him well. "No worries" then, as New Zealanders often say.

For me, this "sabbatical" time that I have been granted after 27 years of non-stop apostolic life will certainly not be a time of "vacation" but a time of "vocation renewal". For a priest, it is indeed vital to understand that "doing" many things does not necessarily make us holy. We need to search the glory of God in everything we do.

This is why Jesus invited his disciples to go away from the crowds to solitary locations, in order to adore God in solitude and silence and to spend time meditating on His words to live in a more intimate relationship with Him. This is what I will be doing in the months to come. We will see what the Lord wants at the end of my sabbatical time through what my superiors will ask from me. We can only be at peace when we want to obey God's will. Pray that I can say like the Blessed Virgin Mary: "**Behold the servant of the Lord. May it be done according to your words**". ?

I would like to thank you for being so welcoming over the years and for your support in many ways. I also ask forgiveness from all those I may have hurt during my time here, either through some words during homilies or in private conversation or in other ways. We priests are not perfect in everything as you know and as we know too well. We too need to go to confession regularly to receive the necessary sacramental grace without which we cannot become holy. We too need to practice all that we preach to you from the pulpit. We too often cannot stop worrying about things in spite of prayer.



Know that the brothers pray for you every day, specially inside your church which has become more beautiful, more silent and prayerful. For the past seven years, many of you have greatly supported my desire to transform the sanctuary so as to create a climate of reverence and of silent adoration, to truly encounter God. I hope that this intention of the great respect due to God in His house will continue to grow and to be passed on by you to new parishioners.

God bless you all.



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, for unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - January

22nd : 2016 Mary Monica Mitchell

23rd : 1966 Patrick Kelly, 1995 Francis Adam Doherty

24th : 1960 Catherine Emily Threlkeld, 1987 Patricia Mary Craze, 2003 Daniel Joseph Dennehy, 2005 Monica Theresa Stewart, 2005 Veronica Mary McDonnell

25th : 1953 Laura Adelaide Milburn, 1964 Dorothea Baker

26th : 1975 Joyce Ellen Carr

27th : 1956 Anna May Dobier , 1987 Olga Kathleen Shepherd, 2011 James Collins Buckley (Jim)

28th : 1960 Mary Philomena Buckley, 1961 Thomas Grace, 1964 Marie McNamara, 1972 Josephine Purcell



Parish Notices

First Holy Communion: If your child is year 4+ and has not received their FHC, there is an information meeting for all parents on Sunday 18th February at 11.30am in the School Library. Registrations are now open, available on the Parish website or email pastoral@stteresas.org.nz

OCIA: At the 10am Mass this Sunday, Mark Gregory will be welcomed as a Candidate for reception into the Catholic Church. Mark is a baptised Christian raised as an Anglican. He is sponsored by our parishioner, Megan Fowler. Please pray for Mark and Megan as they begin their OCIA journey.

Youth Group Retreat: Annual Youth Group Retreat! 10th February 9.30am-8.30pm & Youth Mass 11th February 10am Mass. \$10 per person. A day full of fun, prayer, learning, games, friendship and food! Open to year 7-13. Email pastoral@stteresas.org.nz for more info

Morning tea today will be a special time to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with Fr Antoine prior to him leaving the Parish. Please pop across after 10am Mass and join us in the hall.

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.



Palms. Could those of you who have Palms from last year please bring them back to church with you - there is a basket in the foyer for these.

Ash Wednesday: there will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday 14th February 12.05pm & 6pm

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.

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



St Vincent De Paul: 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 13th February

Kid's Corner

Back To School Prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends
Open my ears to hear my teacher
Open my mind to learn new things
Let my heart remember You are near when I'm afraid
Help me to love others like you do
I want to shine your light so bright in my school
Amen



Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

Dear Parishioners of our Diocese

I am happy to invite you to the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Paul Martin SM on Sat 3rd March 11.00am at Christchurch Boys' High School Auditorium, 71 Straven Road. Further details to follow on parking and transport. God bless. Fr Rick Loughnan


RETREAT FOR MEN Fr. John O'Connor invites all men to take a day to become more aware of the beauty of Catholic faith lived in personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Perhaps your life of faith has become routine and feels like hard work? This day is for you. Maybe you have not been to Mass for many months or years but sense a desire to reconnect? This day is for you. We all struggle with stress and a feeling of distance from God for a number of reasons. This day is for us. **Saturday 24 February 2018**, Community of the Beatitudes, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield. 9.30am concluding with a meal at 6.00pm. More info at www.foodforfaith.org.nz. Register at john@fff.org.nz or Ph 021 444 179

TRAINING IN POST ABORTION CARE: With Carolina Gnad from PATHS (Post Abortion Trauma Healing Services) Venue: Pregnancy Centre, 88 Idris Road. Time: 10am-12noon Wednesday 7 February. Lunch provided if you can stay. RSVP Carly Mulqueen, Pregnancy Centre Coordinator pregcentre-chch@xtra.co.nz or 351 3227

Pilgrimage Tour to Italy Fr Chris Friel will be leading this tour from 2 to 15 September this year. Rome and the Vatican, Assisi, then south to Pompeii, Ravello, the village 'Pearls of the Amalfi Coast', beautiful Sorrento and the fishing port of Positano. We will also visit major sites of significance to NZ from World War II including Monte Cassino and the home of St Padre Pio. Contact The Travel Warehouse info@travcorp.co.nz, 0800 356 728 for full details.

40 Days for Life Campaign 2018: 40 Days for Life Campaign is happening again this year in ChCh from 14th February through to 25th 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 or Talia Steiner 021 0297 9921 or visit campaign website <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/christchurch/>

Positions Available – Catholic Youth Team for the Diocese of Christchurch - see notice board for details of two part time positions.

Next Week 4 Feb 2018	8am	10am	7pm
Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC			
Readers	Brother John and Gloria Flores	Mary O'Brien and Mary Shaw	Shaun Hickland, and Diane Moore
Altar Servers / Handmaids	Zyromme and Stephen	Sean, Andre and Raphael <i>Malia and Serena</i>	Anggha and Jacob 
Greeters	Sheila McLaughlin	Mary O'Brien	Dilakshani & Roshen
Collectors	Tim, Gerry and John	Warren, Loma and Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver and Lilan
Counters	Mike and Gerry		