



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 February 2018



Today's Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46
Psalm Response: I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation
Second Reading: Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45



Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Joel 2:12-18
Psalm Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned
Second Reading: Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

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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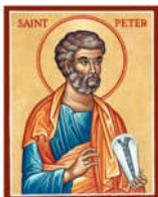
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Quote of the Week

"God loves us beyond comprehension, and we cannot diminish God's love for us."



St. Peter

Dear Parishioners

I have met many lepers. The first leper I met profoundly moved me. There are many stories that I would love to share with you. But the first part of today's Gospel that speaks about the healing of the Leper did not strike me so much. Sure, the fact that the leper speaks with such eloquent humility is in itself powerful. It is hard not to be moved by his words, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus' response is also quite beautiful in its utter simplicity: "I do will it. Be made clean." But what stood out to me was what happened after that.



I am not surprised that the leper would humbly long to be healed, nor that Christ and therefore God would want to heal him. Rather, I was surprised by the fact that the leper's wounds and his subsequent joy in being healed were so powerful that it made him not listen to God, and eventually go as far as to disobey God. I suppose it is true in all of us. We can get so fixated upon ourselves, upon our own feelings, wants, desires, joys, pains, etc. that we no longer are able to listen to the other.

It is hard to obey, and it is just as hard, and perhaps even harder, to listen to God who speaks to us so that we might know what we should obey. Yet, a spirit of obedience is a spirit that listens, and it is a spirit that is open to encounter the other. It is a spirit that snaps us out of the stupor of our own wants and desires and truly seeks what is good. The Leper did not listen to Christ when Jesus told him to not tell anyone and to obey the laws and rituals, rather with a false exuberance he shouted out on the roof tops what had happened to him.

How should this impact our Parish? I would think that this is a gentle reminder that we must be open to the will of God, and trust him above all things. It is also a powerful witness to the importance of listening.

Fr Michael-Thérèse

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, especially for Peter Grace.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - February

11th Feb: 1975 Maurice Holmes, 2000 Thomas M Hannan, 2008 Mary Flower

12th Feb: 1986 Kathleen Trotter, 1995 Brenda Smith, 1996 Barbara Ramsay
2004 Colleen Mary Davies

13th Feb: 1973 Desmond J Buckley, 1980 Madeline Cocks, 1996 Peter B Laing

14th Feb: 1963 Nicholas S Barrett, 1995 Peter Grace, 2002 Mary Theresa Bevin

15th Feb: 1961 Richard Henry Glubb

16th Feb: 1991 William Winder, 2002 Sarah Shepherd, 2004 Marjorie Patricia Pearce

17th Feb: 1954 Catherine McVeigh

18th Feb: 1952 Margaret Mary Brown: 1981 Margaret Mary Williams, 2004 Brenda Shepherd



Parish Notices

SUNDAY MORNING TEA ROSTER - HELP. We would welcome new people to help with morning tea on Sundays after 10am Mass. This involves a turn with two or more people helping once a month or less. Everything is supplied. If you would like to take part please phone me and I will be happy to explain what is involved. Marlene Head ph: 3517 952

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

Holy Week. We require musicians and singers for Holy Week celebrations (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday). For audition details please see Br John Van or email at br.johnvan@gmail.com

St. Teresa's School. Our school year has started with a hiss and a roar, with lots of happy, smiling faces. We look forward to a year of learning and working together. We are currently taking enrolments for 2019 and 2020. We do not have many spaces available so we encourage you to enrol as soon as possible. If you, or a friend, wish to enrol a new entrant student at our Parish School please visit Jess in the School Office to pick up an enrolment form. You are welcome to make an appointment to speak with our principal, Suzi, for more information.

Trailer. Do you have a trailer that you no longer use and would just LOVE to donate to the parish or know of anyone who might? With more than 1,000 people coming through the doors in a week we are generating a lot of rubbish and are attempting to try and keep on top of it. If you can help please see Marie in the office.

Morning tea will be served in the Parish hall after 10am Mass, please come and join us.

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 two more Inquiry Sessions in the parish hall at 7pm on Tues 20th of Feb and Tues 6th March. Each session will cover a different topic - invite people to come for one or both. Come with them if you can. Pamphlets are on the table in the foyer. Take one and discuss it with the person or persons you are thinking about.

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 are requiring a top up of tinned goods, cereals and spreads. Items can be left in the basket at the back of the Church or at the Parish Office. Thank you!

Youth Group: Youth group will start this Tuesday at 6.00pm.

Kid's Corner

This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Did you know that the ashes are made by burning the Palms people have kept in their homes since Palm Sunday last year? Ashes are a symbol of penance but they also remind us that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. Lent is a special season for us to grow closer to God through our prayers and fasting. Start thinking of things you can do and things you can sacrifice this Lenten Season.



Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

Bishop-Elect Paul Martin's Ordination transport update for 3rd March. There will be **no** parking available in the grounds of Ch Ch Boys' High School. The best options are taxi/bus/drop off. There is a drop off area for the elderly or disabled. The Diocese is making available a 'park and ride' options at 3 venues in the city. Spaces are limited. There will be buses travelling to the venue, leaving at 9.30am from: St Teresa's, Puriri Street, Holy Trinity, 108 Jeffreys Rd & St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The 'park and ride' buses will depart from Christchurch Boys' High at 2.30pm. If you miss the return bus you will need to make your own return arrangements. To book a seat on one of these buses, please let your parish secretary know by Wednesday 21st Feb.

MONTH'S MIND: The Month's Mind Memorial Mass for Fr Graeme Blackburn will be held at Our Lady of Victories Church on Thursday 15th February at 7.00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE TRAINING WEEKEND: Those involved in marriage education (or those wishing to be involved) are invited to the *National Catholic Marriage Training Weekend* on the weekend of 18th - 20th May 2018, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. The theme is "Christian Marriage: Radical Demands - Extravagant Mercy". For more information, speak to your parish priest and view the website www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw

GOLDEN CATHOLICS: The next Golden Catholics get together will be held on Wednesday, **21 March** at 11.30am - 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. All those receiving the Gold Card are most welcome. Lunch will be provided. We would love to see you. Our guest speaker is Father John O'Connor, a wonderful and captivating speaker. His topic will cover the joys of being a Catholic in the third age and also about his very popular blog "Food for Faith". If you wish to attend please contact your parish secretary before Friday, 16 March 2018.

RITE OF ELECTION will be celebrated on Sat, **17 Feb** at St. Mary's. Several parishes have been forming adults in the faith over the last year and many are now ready for the next step of this spiritual journey - to be called to the Sacraments of Initiation. This is a formal liturgy of the Church, but is not a Mass. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Day of Prayer and Penance: Pope Francis has ask the whole Church on 16th February to have a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims of Abuse and Violence.

LWC: A workshop for Leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Children is scheduled for Wed 14 March 7:-9:00pm. We look at the NZ Bishops' vision, resources and address the practical issues leaders face in offering this important ministry. Registration and details to mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz or 353.0758.

CATHOLIC SHOP: Lent & Easter stock arriving now! Our 2018 trading hours are **Mon-Fri** 9.30am-4.30pm, **Sat** 10am-1pm. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street or ph 366-2853.

Next Week 18 Feb 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<i>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</i>			
<i>Readers</i>	John Reilly & Joachim Castillo	Terry Wales & Katherine Librando	Luc Etienne & Thea Martinez
<i>Altar Servers / Handmaids</i>	Zyromme & Stephen	Maua, Josh & Connor <i>Zara & Olivia</i>	Anggha & Jacob
<i>Greeters</i>	Margaret Hendry	Colin & Cecilia Tobin	Sara Etienne
<i>Collectors</i>	Tim, Gerry and John	Warren, Loma and Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver and Lilan
<i>Counters</i>	David & Maree		

