



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 February 2018



Today's Readings

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



Next Sunday'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

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

"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy. They always gravely exploit the suffering and desperate, extinguishing life in the name of the 'quality of life' itself."

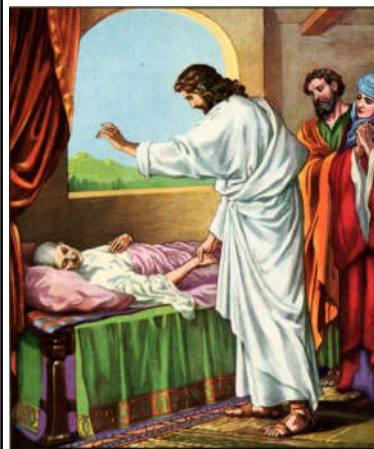
St. John Paul II

Dear Parishioners,

I have a dream that our parish will be an oasis of light and love for each of you. While praying over this Sunday's Gospel I was reminded that the founder of the Community of St. John, would tell us at the beginning of every retreat to pay close attention to the gospel read at the opening Mass for often the Holy Spirit will set the tone of the entire retreat of that Gospel.

Well, this is the first Sunday Gospel that I will preach as the Pastor of this Parish. So, in prayer, I asked the Holy Spirit what He is teaching us. The first note of every song is the most important note, for it sets the tone for what it going to come.

After praying, three aspects of today's Gospel spoke to me.



First, Healing & Service: Jesus heals Simon Peter's Mother-in-law. He lifts her up by the hand and she immediately serves them. *Perhaps the Lord is telling us through this that true life and healing is found in Jesus Christ, and part of the healing process is found in serving God in my brothers and sisters.* May our Parish be a source of healing in Christ and through serving one another as if we are a family.

Second, Prayer & Searching for the Truth: Jesus goes out alone early in the morning to pray and his disciples search for him everywhere. By this, Jesus show us the importance of prayer. *Prayer has been and must remain the central and most important reason for our Parish.* It could be said that it is the reason why this Parish exists. Also, *like the disciples, we too should be looking for and finding Jesus. We do this through prayer, reading Sacred Scripture, following classes on Theology, reading books etc.* As a parish, we have to search for the Truth.

Third, Evangelisation: Jesus does not stay in the same village. He and His disciples are called to go out to the other villages who have not heard the Good News. In order for our parish to become an oasis of light and love, we have to reach out and go beyond the pale. *As a parish, we must seek to evangelise* (which means "bring the Good News"). *A parish that does not seek to bring the good news to others is not alive, but is dead.*

Concluding this brief message, I must thank each of you for having so generously received my brothers throughout the last seven years. Also, thank you for receiving the Lord, and thank you for receiving me.

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.



In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - January & February

29th Jan: 1978 Kim Maree Merritt, 2001 Teresa Clare Spivey

30th Jan: 1973 Alice J Switalla, 2003 Alexander D Matheson,

31st Jan: 1983 Richard Wills, 2002 Joyce Margaret Staunton

1st Feb: 1969 Veronica Johanna Lusk, 2014 Marie Highsted

2nd Feb: 1990 Elsie Margaret O'Connor

3rd Feb: 1956 John Brown, 1979 Stella Fanny G Heslin, 2004 John Henry Blackaby

4th Feb: 1963 Anne Marie Walker, 1970 Francis Patrick Thompson, 1979 Andrew Hill

5th Feb: 1971 Eric Thomas Hamilton, 2009 Edwin David Wall

6th Feb: 1965 Daisy Mary Turner, 1985 Brenda Mary Rodgers

7th Feb: 1960 Bernard Aloysius McEvedy, 1969 Edith Helen Marlow, 1979 Alfred Arthur Tranter

8th Feb: 1973 Eileen Mary Bergman, 1982 Adelaide Callaghan, 2001 Mary Theresa Luka

9th Feb: 1964 Gerald Dalton, 1987 Beatrice May Park, 2004 Elisabeth Johanna van der Aa

10th Feb: 1975 John Francis Enright, 1986 Jeremiah Patrick Daley

Parish Notices

Please Note: The parish office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, open on Thursday morning.

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

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

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

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.

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) Inquiry Meetings. The first meeting for those thinking about becoming Catholic or wanting to know more about Catholicism is on Monday night, 5 February, in the Parish Hall at 7pm. A further two meetings will occur on 20 February and 06 March. For information, contact our Pastoral Assistant, Aiber at pastoralassistant@stteresas@xtra.co.nz

Clothing Sale We three are raising funds for Catholic Discipleship College this year. We are having a massive clothing sale today after 10am Mass. Please come and have a browse and grab a bargain Thank you to everyone who has donated.

Taize. After 7pm Mass you are all invited to join the Eu Adore group for an hour of Taize Eucharistic Adoration.

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 cereals, spreads, pasta sauces and pasta. 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

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

Kid's Corner

In today's Gospel we hear of Jesus healing the sick and He says to His disciples "Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came." Jesus reminds us that He came to this earth for everybody. Not just those already in church and who already know Him, but especially for those who have never heard of Him before, He came for them too! Let us be brave and loving and share the love of Jesus with everyone around us.

This week, let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us speak to someone about Jesus that we normally wouldn't talk to. Maybe they have never heard of Jesus or never been to church before, invite them and pray for them!



Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

Euthanasia:

The Bishops of NZ have asked all parishes to respond to 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.

This week and next week we will hold submission writing sessions after each Sunday mass at the Parish Hall. All parishioners, whether or not they are NZ citizens, are strongly encouraged to partake in it. People will be available to explain how to make the submission.

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

BBO LUNCH - In Memory of Fr Graeme Fr Michael invites OLV-parishioners and friends of Fr Graeme to a BBQ lunch on the presbytery lawn on Sunday **February 11th after the 10am Mass**. This is a time to gather to remember Fr Graeme, to reflect and share stories on the time and talents he gave to so many of us and the support and love he gave to our Parish and the Community. The Parish will provide sausages, bread, plates etc. Bring your own drinks, salad and other 'yummies' to share. You can cook your own meat on the BBQ.

ASH WEDNESDAY: An ecumenical service for Ash Wednesday is being held at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street, on Wednesday 14 February at 5.30pm hosted by Bishop-Elect Paul Martin. Bishop Victoria Matthews will be preaching. All are welcome

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, Christchurch, next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, ph 03 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz, Facebook www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

DOVE CHRISTCHURCH welcomes all women along to the first gathering of 2018. Come and celebrate the joy in finding Jesus through our relationship we now have in and through Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit. All women, all ages, all walks of life warmly welcomed. Come along, bring a friend and find out what Dove is all about. **10th February 2018 1:00 – 3pm**

Next Week 11 Feb 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<i>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</i>			
<i>Readers</i>	Gloria Flores and Jo Martinez	YOUTH MASS	Christine Tiu and Sherol Ytang
<i>Altar Servers Handmaids</i>	Francis & Joachim	Fernando, Raphael & Andre <i>Ursula & Kalo</i>	Matthew & Shaun 
<i>Greeters</i>	Joan Watkins	Floued Mosa	Lilan Weerasinghe
<i>Collectors</i>	Tim, Gerry and John	Warren, Loma and Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver and Lilan
<i>Counters</i>	Pat, Margaret & Les		