



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent
18 March 2018



Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God
Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9
Gospel: John 12: 20-30
For weekday readings visit: www.universalis.com/mass



Next Sunday's Readings (Palm Sunday)

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39

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
Ilam 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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Quote of the Week

"St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."



St. John Paul II

Dear Parishioners

True Glory implies a death. True Glory implies a death and we often will water it down, relativise this death. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." It obviously doesn't always imply a bodily death but it always implies a death to self.

My mind turns to the saints, and so many are great models of this. For example, Gianna Beretta was born in Milan in 1922. She diligently dedicated herself to her studies, in 1949 she graduated in medicine and surgery and in 1952 in paediatrics. During that time she also applied her faith through generous charitable service among the poor and elderly as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

She saw her profession in the field of medicine as her "mission" and practiced as such. She married Pietro Molla in 1955 and by 1959 she had had three children, Pierluigi, Mariolina and Laura. In 1961, towards the end of the second month of pregnancy, she was touched by suffering and the mystery of pain; she had developed a fibroma in her uterus. Conscious of the risk that her continued pregnancy brought, she pleaded with the surgeon to save the life of the child she was carrying, and entrusted herself to prayer and providence. The child's life was saved, for which she thanked the Lord. She spent the seven months remaining until the birth of the child in an incomparable strength of spirit and unrelenting dedication to her tasks as mother and doctor.

A few days before the child was due, although trusting as always in providence, she was ready to give her life in order to save that of her child: "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child - I insist on it. Save him". Gianna Emanuela was born. Despite all efforts and treatments to save both of them, on the morning of April 28, amid unspeakable pain and after repeated exclamations of "Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you", the mother died. She was 39 years old. Her funeral was an occasion of profound grief, faith and prayer. "Conscious immolation", was the phrase used by Pope Paul VI to define the act of Saint Gianna.



Her death was one of meaning, and her death gave life. Not just for her child, but for all who knew and loved her and even for us today.

I dream that our parish will awaken to this. We must not be afraid of dying to ourselves. True life cannot be had without a death to all that is meaningless. The Catholic life is a purpose driven life. The human person only really finds meaning if we pick up our Cross and follow Him. We must face the evil in our life. Glory is the radiation of meaningful life. Too often we spend our time looking for happiness, we think that we are made for happiness, but we misunderstand what that means. We are not made for happiness as if it is some psychological state, we are rather made for meaning and purpose, a life that fulfils our soul. I cannot understand why I should die to myself unless I see the meaning in it.

Please pray for:



† Our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop, 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, especially Len Worthington.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - March

19th: 1968 Elizabeth Clare Middleditch, 2010 Dean Denis Rossiter

20th: 1955 Thomas Francis Buckley, 1965 James Richard Newman, 1975 Patricia Antoinette Hope, 1980 Anne Clarke,

21st: 1974 Sarah Anne Dunn

22nd: 1970 Mary Malthus, 1972 James Richard McGrath, 1973 Kevin Barry, 1975 Alan Campbell Martin

23^d: 1946 W May Jones, 1950 Annie Johnson, 1963 Helen Patricia Noonan, 2000 Ethel May Melrose

24th: 1969 Catherine Mary Crowe, 1979 Susan Mary Irvine, 1984 Linton Clarence Harker

25th: 1964 Millicent Florence Purcell, 1977 Ivy Dennehy, 1981 Margaret Mary Park



Parish Notices

Thursday Talk - A series of seven talks on The Book of Revelation. This week (6) The Harvest and The Last Trial. (Rev 11 -13)) Please come to the hall at 7.30pm and join us.

Stations of The Cross will be every Friday at 6.30pm during Lent



Anointing Mass: An anointing Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 22nd March at 12.05pm followed by a light lunch in the hall. Please call Marie 3486 456 if you require a lift to this Mass.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES:

Holy Thursday: Mass **7pm**
 Good Friday: Way of the Cross **10am** & Office of the Lord's Passion **3pm**
 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil **8pm**
 Easter Sunday Mass **8am & 10am**
NO 7PM MASS

St. Teresa's School PTA will be selling Easter raffle tickets after each of the three Masses today and next Sunday, 25th. Tickets are \$1, please remember to bring some coins to support our fundraiser. Thank you.

Young Adults: Board Games night tonight in the hall after 7.00pm Mass. Come and have some laughs together.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel: Operates 24/7. Can you commit to one hour each week? The chapel has an urgent need for someone 4-5am on Sunday mornings. Contact Mike 342 9905 or mike.doolan97@gmail.com

St Vincent De Paul: Thank you so much for your ongoing help! Each week we are giving out boxes and boxes of food and household items so need top ups of all sorts all the time. When you're at the supermarket next we'd love it if you could think of us and pop in an item or two to help re-stock our larder so that we can then help others. Items can be either left in the basket at the back of the Church or at the Parish Office.

Fr Antoine's farewell dinner: If you brought something along to share on 19 February and haven't yet picked up your dishes they can be found in the small crying room at the back of the church.

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



Legion of Mary. Meet every Wednesday in the hall meeting room at 7.00pm. New members are always welcome.

Kid's Corner

St. Joseph | Feast Day 19th March

Tomorrow, we celebrate St. Joseph's feast day. We do not know much about St. Joseph's background and he doesn't have anything to say in the bible. But the bible does tell us that he was a courageous and righteous man of God. He is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers and immigrants. He was chosen by God, to raise Jesus and be his foster father. Let us ask St. Joseph to be our friend and pray for us this Lenten season, that we may be as courageous as he was.



St. Joseph, pray for us!

Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

Spirituality of Ageing: Presented by Dr Anna Holmes on Thurs 5 April, 2pm-3.30pm and repeated on Friday 6 April, 7pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College, Peer St. Koha Donation . Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme. Bookings helpful: 03 3791298 or roho@xtra.co.nz


Mandarin speaking Chinese who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are asked to ring Marianne 353 0758 or send a message to: bhurley53@hotmail.com Additional Mandarin translators are needed to assist Chinese inquirers into the Catholic faith in Christchurch. You will work with a team. Please ring Marianne 03.353.0758 email bhurley53@hotmail.com

CHRISM MASS: Bishop Paul will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the Blessing of the Holy Oils on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. At this Mass representatives from parishes receive the holy oils for the year. All are very welcome.

SCRIPTURE TALKS: A series of three talks by Fr Frank Kelly, each lasting about one hour exploring the background and social conditions of Jesus of Nazareth with a brief look at St. Joseph. On the second and third evenings, consideration of a method to understanding some of the parables in the light of Galilean society in the time of Jesus. Please bring a Bible. Open to audience participation and questions. St. Joseph's parish centre, Vagues Road. Sundays 8th, 15th & 22nd April at 7.00 pm. **Topic:** The social environment of Jesus of Nazareth and his method of using parables. **Inquiries:** Christine at Cathedral House 366 9869 or bishops-pa@chch.catholic.org.nz

DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP welcomes Joan Hauch, MA from the United States. Join us for a practical prayerful look at Joy. **Is joy the same as happiness? What if I don't feel joy? How do I find joy?** Saturday 14th April 1.00-3.00pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road. For more info contact Dianne 027 4312 026

BEATITUDES COMMUNITY: You are invited to join the Beatitudes Community for the Easter Triduum retreat, accompanying Jesus step by step in His passion, death and resurrection. Talks, liturgy, Mass, silence, personal prayer and the beauty of nature will help you to stay close to Jesus and to enter into the central mystery of our faith. Beginning : Holy Thursday 29th of March 5pm. End : Easter Sunday 1st of April 11.30am Fee : \$180.00 (Unwaged): \$120.00)

Next Week 25 March 2018	8am	10am	7pm
Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC	John Reilly & Mel Castillo	Suzi & Diggs de Gouveia & Jackie Ott	Mau Fasavalu, Anggha Nugraha & Tony Azouri
Readers	Emily Leliza & Mike Doolan	Jhanna Mosa & Brian White	Shaun Hickland & Ernest Adu
Altar Servers Handmaids	Francis & Joachim	Sean, Andre & Raphael <i>Malia & Serena</i>	Connor & Robb 
Greeters	Jane McLaughlin	Mary Shaw	Lilan Weerasinghe
Collectors	Tony Bowker & Raymond Tiong	Tim, Antonio & Loma	Les, Margaret, Lolong & Peter
Counters	Mike D & Gerry K		