



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord
25 March 2018



Today's Readings

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



Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.
Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel: John 20: 1-9

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

"Teach by works more than by words"

St. Teresa of Avila

Dear Parishioners

I asked someone yesterday what I should preach this Sunday and he said. "They called Him King and four days later they shouted 'Crucify Him', at least that is the typical homily." That got me thinking. Why? Why did they change so quickly? It seemed that they were following the crowd, they were stuck in a "group think". Like a gaggle of geese, they followed. Sin tends to breaks down the mind's capacity to stand on its own.

But what allowed the martyrs to stand on their own even before persecution? It was God's Grace surely. It seems though that God's grace led them to see clearly, despite the crowd. They were able to see that something was more important than their life. Their integrity is amazing. A true martyr sees so much meaning that he or she is willing to die for it. This thing that gives them meaning is so powerful that they cannot follow the crowds. They stand alone before the world.

I am tempted to say that the crowds are fickle because they plunged into a meaningless life. Also, *if you are not willing to die for something, your life is meaningless.* In saying that, I think of many mothers and fathers who would choose to die for their children, though of course they would rather avoid it. We find meaning in something outside of ourselves (our children, our friends, our work), and ultimately, we only find meaning in God. We discover His goodness which pervades all things and we cannot help but love Him and come outside of ourselves and lay down our lives. Upon discovering this, we have found something worth fighting for. **Each of you must discover that meaning which comes from God, that meaning which gives hope.** Let us pray that we may not be fickle, but that we might remain faithful unto the Cross.

On a practical note, here are four things to remember for Holy Week:

Go to Confession!
Receive the Holy Communion on Holy Thursday!
Follow the Way of the Cross and partake in the Office of the Passion on Good Friday!

Don't miss the Most important Mass of the year, Easter Vigil!



Fr Michael-Thérèse

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 Eileen Doolan.



In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - March & April

26th Mar: 1985 Albert Ernest Edgeler

27th Mar: 1971 Elizabeth Marion O'Shea, 1995 Johannah Mary Forrester, 1996 Patrick Pearse Keating

28th Mar: 1979 Patricia Madeline Heathcote, 2015 Monica Zielinski

29th Mar: 1992 Victor James Fitzgerald

30th Mar: 1988 Louis Mayer Delmonte, 2000 Lawrence Millard, 2007 John Richard McGuinniety, 2011 Mary O'Malley

31st Mar: 1968 Hugh Francis Mora, 1993 Sr Helen Lawton - of the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, Riccarton, 2000 Eileen Agnes Doolan

1st Apr: 1982 Ethel Maud Wills, 1992 Ethel Frances Fogarty



Parish Notices

Thursday Talk - There will be no talk this week.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES:

NO 6PM MASS MONDAY (Chrism Mass at St Mary's)

Holy Thursday: Mass **7.00pm**

Good Friday: Way of the Cross **10.00am** & Office of the Lord's Passion **3.00pm**

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil **8.00pm**

Easter Sunday Mass **8.00am** & **10.00am**

NO 7PM MASS



Divine Mercy Sunday - St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. 1.30pm to 3.00pm - Reconciliation, 3.00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung/Prayed, 3.15pm Holy Mass - Celebrant - Bishop Paul Martin. Further details on notice board.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2018-2019 are in the back of the church. Please take yours with you as you leave. Thank you.

Attendance Dues: All invoices for Attendance Dues for school pupils at St Teresa's have been sent out and should be paid **to the parish** by the end of next week (at the latest). If you have NOT received your invoice could you please check your Spam folder or let Marie at the church office know that you haven't received it and she can check that your address details are correct. Ph 348 6456 or email office@stteresas.org.nz. Thank you

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

Young Adults: Fellowship night at the Fox 'n' Ferret, Riccarton after 7.00pm Mass tonight. Come and join us for some quality fellowship time.

Catholic Young Adult Flatmates Wanted Our Catholic Young Adult Community in Ilam have two spaces available in our mixed gender flats. Great location close to uni, awesome people intentionally living out their Catholic faith together. If you or anyone you know (male or female) are looking for a flat please contact Olivia on 022 6970758.

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.

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

They placed palm branches and robes in front of Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. This upset the religious leaders who were jealous of Jesus. They demanded that Jesus silence the crowd, but he responded that even if the crowd were silent, that the stones would cry out and worship him. The events of the following week would forever change the world. Jesus entered Jerusalem and the crowd welcomed him as a king. By the end of the week they were demanding his death. His followers abandoned him in fear. None of his close followers had really understood the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week until after Jesus returned. They had all expected Jesus to be an earthly king, but God had given them something so much better – an open door into a Kingdom that would never end. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter and the first day of Holy Week.



Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

BROKEN ROSARIES Bring them for repair to our Rosary Stall on Divine Mercy Sunday 8 April (after 3pm Mass) At St. Mary's Pro Cathedral. (Rosary links must be made of metal not string). STRONG, HANDCRAFTED ROSARIES for sale also. Cash only please.

EASTER MASS TIMES: Mass times for parishes across the diocese for Easter can be found on the Diocesan website. www.chchcatholic.nz

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving time ends 31 March. Turn clocks back for Easter Sunday.

INFORM AVAILABLE TODAY!: The latest copy of the bishop's newsletter is available today and online on the Diocesan website. This issue includes full coverage of Bishop Paul's ordination.


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.

GREATER COMPANY OF MARY: Members of the Greater Company of Mary and others are invited to attend Mass on Saturday April 7 at 10.30 a.m. at the Mary Potter Community Centre Durham St Nth. Morning tea to follow, all welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday **6th April**. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: April 8. All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday **April 8**. Our new Bishop Paul Martin will be the main celebrant. Reconciliation 1.30pm-3pm. Chaplet of Mercy 3 pm. Mass 3.15pm. Followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and 1st Class relic of St Faustina. Ph Pat 03 359 2087

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. Koha Donation. Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme. Bookings helpful: 03 3791298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

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		