



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

## ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday  
8 April 2018



### Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Psalm Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading: John 2: 1-5

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

For weekday readings visit: [www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass)



### Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

### Mass Times:

**Sunday** 8am, 10am, 7.00pm

**Monday:** 6.00pm

**Tues to Saturday:** 12.05pm

**Thursday:** 9.00am School-Mass

**Tues to Fri:** 12.10pm 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

### Parish Priest:

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Facebook: Brothers of St John

### Three Stages in the Catholic Life

"He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45)

All too often we skim over this verse. We don't stop to take a look at it. Yet, it is an amazing verse. The Lord saw that it was of the utmost importance that the disciples understand Christ in the light of the scriptures, "Ignorance of scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (St. Jerome). So the Lord Himself will open their minds, He does not simply explain the scriptures but He opens their minds to them. Just before this He encountered them, He brought them peace. He stood in the midst of the disciples and said "Peace be with you!" They were alarmed by this sudden apparition. The Lord reproached them for having doubted. Then because they were filled with so much joy scripture says that they were dumbfounded. So, He ate with them so that they might be at peace. Then He explained the scriptures and opened their minds to them. They had come to understand that our Lord came in order to fulfill all the prophecies of the scriptures.



He then finishes by saying "So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations."

Thus there are three clear stages:

**First,** they come to a true faith in our Lord. Their faith is personal, it is real, it is not abstract or distant. We can call this stage, the process of Evangelisation (or Good-News-isation) in view of having faith.

**Second,** they deepen their understanding of what this means through the study of Divine Revelation. We can call this stage, the deepening of our faith (or Catechesis) and it is in view of becoming a true disciple, or someone who learns at the feet of God.

**Third,** they are sent out to the world to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations. We can call this 'engaging' and it is the process where we become workers at the vineyard. This last step is essential, and yet it too is all too often neglected.

Jesus patiently walks them through each of these steps.

What stage are you at? It may be that you are at all three. Do you know scripture? Do you know the teachings of Fathers? Are you familiar with the teaching of the Popes and Bishops? Do you take advantage of what is already available? Do you reach out to others? Do you feel called but you don't know how to reach out?

Our journey is a process which implies many steps. It is important that we continue to develop on this road to holiness



### 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.

### In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - April

**16<sup>th</sup>:** 1964 Denis Sarsfield Curry, 1998 Phyllis Rosaline Owens, 2001 Phyllis Margaret Callaghan

**17<sup>th</sup>:** 1985 Ellen Josephine McKiver, 1991 Veronica Anastasia Moore, 2000 Margaret Randall, 2002 Mona Frances Power, 2005 Catharina Wilhemina Basseleur, John Leonard Albertson

**18<sup>th</sup>:** 1951 Bernard John Hood, 1988 John William Greenhow

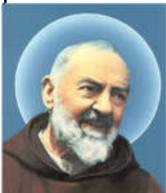
**19<sup>th</sup>:** 1969 Kelly John Rourke, 1979 Melva Bertha Machirus

**20<sup>th</sup>:** 1969 Patrick G Raymond Daly

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** 1948 Joanna Annie McGrath, 1969 Peter Joseph Fotheringham, 1979 Francis John Fay, 1995 Cecilia Alice McGlinchy



### Quote of the Week



"Humility, humility and always humility. Satan fears and trembles before humble souls."

**St. Padre Pio**

## Parish Notices

**On Sunday 29 April** at 10am Mass, Mark Gregory, sponsored by his fiancé, Megan Fowler, will be received into the Catholic Church, receive the sacrament of Confirmation and make his First Holy Communion. Please pray for Mark and Megan as they prepare for this important event.

**Farewell.** As many of you may know our dear parishioner, Anggha, who has been residing with the Brothers is leaving us to commence his formation. I know that you will all keep Anggha in your prayers and wish him well on his journey ahead.



**Security!** As it is now dark at 7.00pm Mass please remember to remove ALL items of value from your cars and make sure you lock them before coming into church.

**Young Adults** - Taize adoration in the hall after 7.00pm Mass - please come and join us

**Thursday Talk** - Please note - Thursday talks ARE still continuing - Book of Revelation for the next three weeks. Come to the Parish hall at 7.30pm

**Adoration Chapel** Are you able to commit to one hour each week on the Adoration Chapel roster? We are in need of someone to take the 2.00 -3.00pm slot on Sunday afternoons. Ring Mike 342 9905 for information or email [mike.doolan97@gmail.com](mailto:mike.doolan97@gmail.com)

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue.** If you would like to find a place in your home for the statue of Our Lady for a week at a time please see Br Jan who will be happy to fill you in on the details.

**Youth Group:** there will be no youth group in the school holidays

**St Vincent De Paul:** Thank you for your ongoing support. This time of year we start using your donations to help with winter heating costs including buying firewood. We are currently receiving several request from families each week who are unable to make ends meet. Your generous donations into the basket help us to support these families. God Bless the St Teresa's Vinnies team.

**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.



## Kids Corner

### An Easter Prayer

God made you and God made me,  
He made the world for us to see.  
God loves you and long ago,  
He sent his Son to tell us so.

Jesus showed us many things,  
To love and share and dance and sing.  
To learn and pray, to help and care,  
He promised he'd always be there.

He died but then came back to life,  
Let's celebrate for he's alive!



## Diocesan Notices

**Work with Caritas:** Caritas has three vacancies currently being advertised. They are the full time *Communications, Marketing & Fundraising Advisor*, part time *Communications & Marketing Assistant* and a short term contract role of *Social Justice Week Advocate*. If you're interested in joining the Caritas team email [catharinavossen@micahpartners.co.nz](mailto:catharinavossen@micahpartners.co.nz) or visit <http://www.caritas.org.nz/get-involved/work-us> for further details.

**MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES:** Parishes throughout the Diocese celebrated the rites of initiation at Easter. The Church envisions all newly initiated, or neophytes, to share Mass with their Bishop. All are welcome to this Mass of the Neophytes, **Saturday 5 May** at 9:00 am at Christ the King. A reception will follow.

**A DAY WITH MARY** will be held at St Peter and Paul's Church Halswell on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 commencing at 9 30 am and concluding at 3 00pm. Ring Janet on 9605294 for details

**ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP: Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> evening and Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 -3.30** The enneagram is a tool to explore your inner journey. It can help you to understand yourself, your relationships with others and your experience of God. Facilitated by Sr. Lyndall Brown rsj from Auckland. For further information or to register contact Trish O'Donnell [trish.willem@gmail.com](mailto:trish.willem@gmail.com)

**REFLECTION DAY:** Wednesday **18 April**, 10.30am – 2.30 pm. *Come and rest a while.* Pray in the spirit of Easter. Brief sessions using scripture, music and images will support silent private prayer. At Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Bring own lunch. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood (Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre).

**VILLA MARIA COLLEGE :** Open Day: Tuesday **8 May** 9am-2pm. Villa Maria College invites friends, parents and their daughters to see the College at work on our Open Day. The Principal, Ms Deborah Brosnahan, will address all in the College Auditorium at 9am, 11am and 1pm. For further information, please contact the College Office, telephone 348 4165 or go to [www.villa.school.nz](http://www.villa.school.nz)

**PRO-LIFE FACTS:** A non-invasive screening programme is offered in NZ to identify babies with Down syndrome or other conditions. Mothers are then offered and are often encouraged to choose to abort their preborn child who may have Down syndrome or another condition. This is a form of genocide, targeting members of a specific group for elimination. For more pro-life information, visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz).

**SCRIPTURE TALKS:** A series of three talks, each lasting about one hour exploring the background and social conditions of Jesus of Nazareth with a brief look at St. Joseph, in this environment. On the second and third evening, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00 pm.

**Topic:** The social environment of Jesus of Nazareth and his method of using parables by Fr Kelly.

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**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 **18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch. The theme is "Christian Marriage: Radical Demands – Extravagant Mercy". The Weekend is held every two years to form and encourage those involved in Marriage Education in the Catholic Church.

Next Week 22 April 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</b>	Tim Adkin & Selena Chan	Angela Harrison, Marleen Head & Jackie Ott	Megan Emery, Gabrielle O'Connor & Mau Fasavalu
<b>Readers</b>	Br John & Remy Nicdao	Lydia & Andre Sula	Shaun Hickland & Ernest Adu
<b>Altar Servers   Handmaids</b>	Francis & Joachim	Sean , Raphael & Karlson Serena & Maria	Jacob & Anthony 
<b>Greeters</b>	Selena & Mark Chan	Mary O'Brien	Dianne Moore
<b>Collectors</b>	Peter McGuire	John Thieme & Brian White	David K, John H & Abalos family
<b>Counters</b>	Mike & Gerry		