



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

## ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter -  
22nd April 2018



### Today'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



### Next Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31  
**Psalm Response:** I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.  
**Second Reading:** John 3: 18-24  
**Gospel:** John 15: 1-8

### Mass Times:

**Sunday** 8am, 10am, 7.00pm  
**Monday:** 6.00pm  
**Tues to Saturday:** 12.05pm  
**Thursday:** 9.00am School-Mass  
**Tues to Fri:** 1215 pm-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

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of

God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

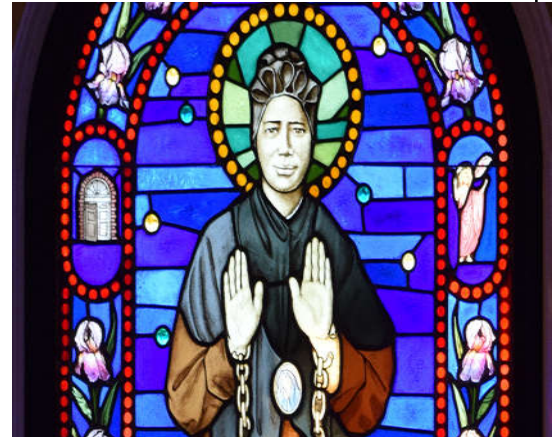
**Pope Francis**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday I wanted share you some excerpts from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate, On the Call to Holiness in Today's World.*

1. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless" (Gen 17:1).

32. Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. We see this in Saint Josephine Bakhita: "Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man, is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa". [30]



33. To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that "we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves". [31]

34. Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, "the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint". [32]



### 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

**23rd:** 1957 Francis Joseph McQuillan, 1995 Michael Lester Cooney

**25<sup>th</sup>:** 1971 David Colvin Smith

**26<sup>th</sup>:** 1947 Mary Kent, 1954 Frances Nita Barrett, 1973 Arthur Thomas Healy

**27<sup>th</sup>:** 1971 Ruby Ella Bengé, 1981 Ida Isobel Godfrey

**28<sup>th</sup>:** 1946 William James Lawrence

**29<sup>th</sup>:** 1958 Catherine Gertrude Hodges, 1959 Magdalene Connell, 1969 Ngairé Kathleen Daly, 2003 Irene Mary Whalan, 2006 Mary Theresa Chamberlain, 2006 Denis Patrick Highsted



## Parish Notices

**Next Sunday** at the 10am Mass, Mark Gregory, sponsored by his fiancée, 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 this week for this important event. We will be celebrating with Mark and Megan after 10am Mass in the hall - please bring a plate to share in this celebration. Thank you

**Thursday Talk** - Book of Revelation - in the Parish hall, 7.30pm

**Planned Giving Envelopes.** There are still quite a few envelopes in the entrance to the church - have you checked if yours is there?

**Tax Receipts.** Thanks for your patience. Tax receipts will be sent out in the next week or so. If you have an urgent requirement for yours please contact the office.

**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

### ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April ANZAC Prayer

Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:** All parishioners are warmly invited to an Ecumenical Prayer Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **16<sup>th</sup> May** at 5.30pm.

**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE** is holding an **open evening** on Thursday **24<sup>th</sup> May** from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road. Everyone most welcome.

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN** Welcomes you to join us **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1pm - 3pm** to hear Maria Schmetzer speak - **'A reflection on the practice of confident love, joyful acceptance of our weakness and abandonment to the Divine Will'** This is something that all Christian women can relate to as we journey through our daily lives, with all the ups and downs, joys and sorrows. All women warmly welcome – Christ the King Parish Centre. Phone/txt Diane 0274312026 for more info.

**SVDP RETAIL MANAGER NEEDED:** Our new store in Hornby required a retail manager. Job includes managing day to day operations, coordinating drivers and managing stock. Ideally applicants will have retail experience and be compassionate and caring. CVs to [penny@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:penny@svdpchch.co.nz) or PO Box 26007, Christchurch. Application close 12 May 2018. See the Diocesan website for more details [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)


**SLAVERY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MODERN HUMAN SLAVERY.** Thursday **10 May** 7.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Presented by Dr Kathleen Rushton rsm. Slavery is often unseen and not named for what it is. Sr Kath offers scriptural background and insights from the "Tip of the Iceberg" Conference of 2017. Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre event. Indication of attendance helpful to [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz) or (03) 379 1298.

**CAMINO DE SANTIAGO MEETING:** A meeting is being held on Monday 30 April in the 'Sydenham Room,' at the South Library, (entry via the Night Entrance,) 66 Colombo Street between 7 and 9 pm for past and future pilgrims to discuss all things Camino. As numbers are limited please RSVP (and for more information) to either; Deb at [debflaming78@gmail.com](mailto:debflaming78@gmail.com) or Philip at [nzphce@gmail.com](mailto:nzphce@gmail.com)

**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

**THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD™ FAMILY PLANNING NATURALLY :** The Billings Ovulation Method™ is used by millions of women around the world. It was developed by Doctors John and Evelyn Billings, validated by eminent international scientists and successfully trialled by the World Health Organisation. By learning to identify natural signs of fertility, you can use the Billings Ovulation Method™ to achieve or avoid pregnancy and to safeguard your reproductive health. The method is easy to learn and can be used at any and all stages of a woman's fertile lifetime, including during breast feeding and in the perimenopause. A distance learning service is available for those that do not have a service in their area. **Website:** [www.billingslife.org.nz](http://www.billingslife.org.nz) **Call Free:** 0800 NZ Fertility (693 378)

Next Week 29 April 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</b>	Mel Castillo & John Reilly	Suzi & Diggs De Gouveia & Patelize Letiu	Ramanie Weerasinghe, David & Maree Khouri
<b>Readers</b>	Jo Salazar & John Reilly	Mary O'Brien & Mike Doolan	Diane Moore & Mau Fasavalu
<b>Altar Servers &amp; Handmaidens</b>	CSJ	Francis, Andrew & Maua Kalo & Vivienne	Sean 
<b>Greeters</b>		Floued Mosa	Dilakshani & Roshen
<b>Collectors</b>	Peter McGuire	John Thieme & Brian White	David K, John H & Abalos family
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Blanchfield & team		