



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

## ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter -  
29th April 2018



### Today'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



### Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
Psalm Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power  
Second Reading: John 4: 7-10  
Gospel: John 15: 9-17

### Mass Times:

**Sunday** 8am, 10am, 7.00pm  
**Monday:** 6.00pm  
**Tues to Saturday:** 12.05pm  
**Thursday:** 9.00am School Mass  
**Tues to Fri:** 12.15 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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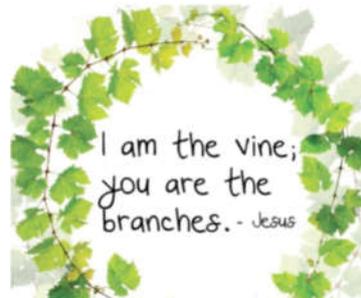
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### Quote of the Week

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."



St. Faustina



The metaphor of the vine and the branches that is used in today's Gospel passage is quite strong. There are many elements to it, but for today let us break it down to three points:

**Life** – In order to have the inner peace that we are looking for; in order to have that joy that wells up from the depth of our being and fills us from our head to our toes, we must learn to abide in God. The branches must abide in the vine, the two have one life, i.e. the Life of the Holy Spirit that we call Grace. If our prayer life dries out and we fall into grave sin His life no longer dwells in us. We are then as dead branches, cast out and ultimately burned.

How do we dwell in Him? Prayer! Let the Word of God penetrate into your mind and heart! Come to adoration regularly! Pray the Rosary! Go to Confession! And above all, receive Communion.

**Fruit** – Only a plant that is dying does not bear fruit. Everything that is alive bears fruit in some way or another. If we dwell in God and God dwells in us, then it will show. It should show from the head to the toes. Note that fruits are different than products. Fruits are not manufactured, they are not artificial. Fruits are born from life when it is lived to the full. A joyful Catholic attracts many to believe because his/her joy radiates to everyone around. How do we bear fruit? Do we consciously or subconsciously hide our faith from people around us, or conversely, do we force it upon our neighbour as if it is artificially produced? If we should truly love God and dwell in Him, we should naturally make the sign of the Cross in public or invite a friend to pray or to come to Church.

**Pruning** – As anyone who works in a vineyard knows, every year a vine is radically cut or pruned. It has to suffer, if it suffers it struggles to be alive, and if it struggles or fights for life, then it bears many more grapes. Like this, we all suffer, many things come up in our life that cause greater suffering. But do we hope, do we fight to be alive? Do we grow in a loving desire through the pain? Is our Hope and Love stronger than the evil which surrounds us? Yes, if we dwell in Christ, His grace is enough. He will not give us trials that we cannot surpass.



### 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 departed, especially Elizabeth Mary Johnstone.

### In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - April - May

**30th April:** 1984 Adeline Maud Arnison, 1991 Monica Eileen Muir, 2002 Catherine Rask, 2003 Rata Cecily Ellis

**1st May:** 1956 Cecilia Agnes Kennedy

**2nd May:** 1960 Cecile Maude Craddock

**3rd May:** 1947 Samuel Arthur Carroll, 1973 Daniel Neal McGettigan, 1993 Theresa Mary O'Neill, 1996 Arthur Patrick Reiha, 2006 Iris Agatha Watson, 2008 Faith Karlyn Roughan

**4th May:** 1996 Agnes Annette McGee, 2007 Kevin Joseph Daly, 2014 Francis Patrick Kevin Davenport

**5th May:** 1972 Sydney Bernard Kavanagh Brown, 1989 Vera Ann Killick, 1999 Veronica Sorenson, 1999 Bertha O'Brien, 2006 Madge Clara Coffey

**6th May:** 1959 John James Finn



## Parish Notices

Today with great joy, we receive Mark Gregory into the Catholic Church at 10am Mass. After the homily, there is a short Rite of Reception, following which, Mark will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Later in the Mass, accompanied by his sponsor and fiancée, Megan, he will make his First Holy Communion. Mark and Megan will attend morning tea in the Hall after Mass. We know you will join in and make them welcome.

**Thursday Talk** - No talks this week. Re-start date to be advised.

**Tax Receipts** are in the foyer of the church in alphabetical order for your records. A HUGE thank you to one and all who contribute, the large and the small offerings all help the church to continue to be a place to worship at, to find fellowship, to offer help and to grow in God. Bless you.

**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** will commence on Tuesday night.

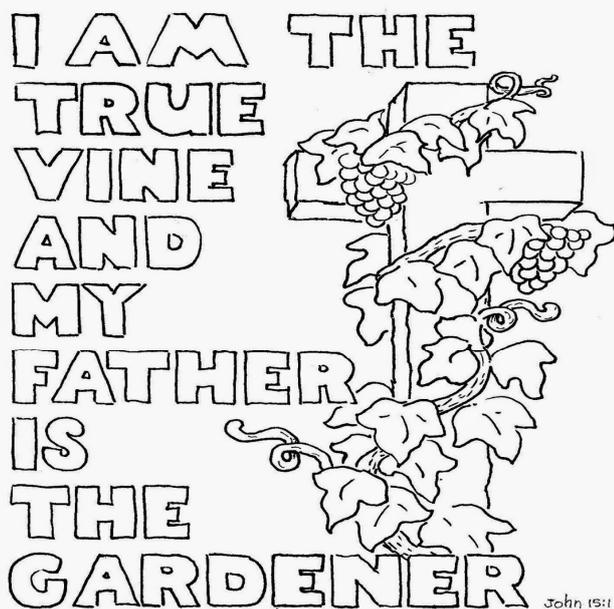


**St Vincent De Paul:** We are receiving many requests from families each week who are unable to make ends meet. Your generous donations into the basket and the food you drop off help us to support these families. God Bless all who help us.

**Morning tea** will be served in the Parish hall after 10am Mass today, celebrating Mark's acceptance into the church, please come and join us.

## Kids Corner

Talk to Mum or Dad after Mass about today's sermon and see if you can make a colourful picture to help you understand more about how much God loves you.



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## Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

### **SUBMISSIONS URGENTLY NEEDED for the Law Commission Opposing the Decriminalisation of Abortion**

You are encouraged to speak up in defence of God's precious infants by making a brief submission to the Law Commission. Our PM, Jacinda Ardern, has directed that the Law Commission review our abortion laws to "make changes to ensure our abortion laws are consistent with treating abortion as a health issue that is a reproductive choice for women, and not a criminal issue".

This proposal will effectively mean that those unborn who are classified as unwanted will be deprived of the protection of the Crimes Act and allowed to be killed. However the unborn children who are classified as wanted, will retain the protection of the Crimes Act and of the state. Submissions are required to be with the Law Commission **before 5pm on 18th May 2018**. Please make a submission in your own words. Here are several suggested points you may like to use in your submission I oppose the decriminalisation of abortion because...

It would deprive the unborn child of current protection under the law. It would be a declaration by the state that *a woman can terminate the life of her child for any reason*, e.g, the baby being the wrong sex and for disability such as Down syndrome.

It would no longer be a crime to kill the unborn child, an innocent human being. It would be a declaration by the state that it has no interest in protecting you or your child from the violence of abortion. It would provide a cover for crimes against women, rape, incest and sexual abuse. If we followed the Victorian model, it would allow abortion up to birth.

Law Commission- Post, PO Box 2590, Wellington, 6140. Email [alr@lawcom.govt.nz](mailto:alr@lawcom.govt.nz). For further information go to [www.chooselife.org.nz](http://www.chooselife.org.nz) or [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz). Thank you for defending life.

**WILDER:** A time of adoration with praise and worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer teams on offer! This is an event for all ages. Fri, May 11 @ Christ the King Parish Centre (90 Greers Rd, Burnside), 7:30pm-9:00pm. Got questions? Contact Sam at CYT [ssivertsen@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:ssivertsen@chch.catholic.org.nz) or 03 353 0705.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> May. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

**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. Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre event. Indication of attendance helpful to [roho@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roho@xtra.co.nz) or (03) 379 1298.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM (CYT)** invite you to **Theology on Tap**, May 2 at 7pm, Bentley's Bar, 90 Ilam Rd. Theology on Tap is a young adult event that invites speakers to present on topics of theology. On May 2, David Jackman will present on the topic of God and Science. All over 18's welcome. Contact CYT Young Adult Coordinator, Sinead Gilgunn, for more info. 0220109828.

**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.

Next Week 6 May 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</b>	Sheila McLaughlin & Tim Adkin	Sylvia & Terry Wales & Jackie Ott	Tony Azouri, Mau Fasavalu & Megan Emery
<b>Readers</b>	Gloria Flores & Clare Doocey	Mary Shaw & Jhanna Mosa	Mau Fasavalu & Sherol Ytang
<b>Altar Servers &amp; Handmaidens</b>	Zyromme & Stephen	Fernando, Andre & Marco	Shaun & Matthew C 
<b>Greeters</b>	Sheila McLaughlin	Colin & Cecilia Tobin	Lilan Weerasinghe
<b>Collectors</b>	Tim, Gerry & John R	Warren, Loma & Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver & Lilan
<b>Counters</b>	David, Maree & Jay		