



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday
8 April 2018



Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
Second Reading: John 5: 1-6
Gospel: John 20: 19-31



Next Sunday'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

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
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

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Quote of the Week

"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."

St. Faustina



The Disciples are cowering in an upper room. Fear has beset their hearts. Why? Perhaps, three reasons: the indifference of the world, the Jewish authorities are looking for them and finally they don't understand and they doubt the message that the women who saw the empty tomb told them.

The world's indifference: The days right after the crucifixion must have been eerie. The greatest event in history had just taken place. The disciples must have remembered all the prophecies, they might not have known how it was going to happen but they had to have known that something was going to happen. The world though continued as if nothing had happened. Everyone continued shopping, cooking, living... The opposite of love is not hate, it is indifference. This indifference surely contributed to the disciples' doubts.

People are out to get them: Because they are disciples of Christ, there is something different about them. They have received His message, they want to follow in His footsteps. So, people are out to get them. Every time that we stand out or differentiate ourselves, people want to knock us down. It is first of all simply a human phenomenon. Nevertheless, this has been particularly true in the history of Christianity, we are built upon the blood of martyrs.

Doubt: Left to themselves they all begin to doubt. The disciples did not believe the women that were sent to proclaim the Good News, St. Thomas did not believe the disciples. They needed to see. They were shaken by all the events, they did not want to be naïve. There is something laudable in it, in the sense that they wanted to test everything. But scepticism can also starve out our faith.

So they proverbially lock themselves up in an ivory tower. The Lord breaks into this ivory tower, where they felt safe, and gives them peace and forgiveness. Jesus shared with them the Mercy He carries in His heart, by giving them His Spirit. It is only then that they will no longer be afraid.

This also can speak volumes about our families and how to live as a family. The indifference of the world and worldliness to truly living the Gospel, the people who often speak out specifically against Catholicism or be it the doubt in our own head, often leads us to do one of two things. Give up or hide. The families that hide in an ivory tower are at least wanting to live the Gospel, they have not given up. They are just too afraid to proclaim the Word.

Let us place our hands in His wounds, let us hope in His forgiveness, let us not be afraid. Let us make a new culture in our families. Let it not be based on fear but upon His Love and Mercy.



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

9th: 1982 William Cecil Dennehy, 1989 Mary Amie Hanrahan, 1999 Edna Margaret P Carstairs

10th: 1952 John Buckley, 1953 Sarah Foster, 1959 Isabella Frances Falvey

11th: 1960 George Brian Egan, 1961 Gerald John Crampton, 1990 Daniel McSweeney, 2014 Rhoda Mary Maguire

12th: 1960 Mary Fenton McMahon, 1972 James McGuinness, 2014 Michael Richard Molloy

13th: 1973 Victor Michael Carroll, 1982 Elvie Philomena Crowson, 2017 Ruth Eileen Brophy

14th: 1955 Ellen Robins

15th: 1958 Hannah O'Brien, 2016 Ada Genses Crawford



Parish Notices

Thursday Talk - There will be a break from the Thursday talks until May.

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

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.



Diocesan Notices

CATHOLIC SHOP: For reflections & rosaries, candles & cards, books & bibles and more. Open **Mon-Fri** 9.30am-4.30pm, **Sat** 10am-1pm. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, ph 366-2853, e-mail catholic-shop@chch.catholic.org.nz.

INNER CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The newly formed Inner City Catholic Women's League's next Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening **11th April** at 7:00pm in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Our Speaker is Catherine Williamson; she will speak about the Women's Service at the City Mission. Attendees are welcome to bring women's items or blankets for donation to the City Mission Women's Service. All are welcome. For more Information phone Michelle on 027 5515848.

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, Peer Street. Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood (Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre).

ALL DAY VIGIL FOR LIFE: Can you spare one hour to pray for greater respect for Life opposite Christchurch Hospital on **April 9th**, Feast of the Annunciation? To book a time between 7am-6pm in this all-day Vigil for Life, call us at the JP2 Centre for Life, 351 3225.



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.

Kid's Corner



Divine Mercy Sunday

In 1931, a young Polish nun named Sister Faustina Kowalaska saw a vision of Jesus. Jesus stood before her with white and red rays streaming from His heart. He told Sister Faustina to have an artist paint a picture of Him just as she saw Him. Underneath the picture, He instructed her to have the artist write, "Jesus, I Trust in You!" Sister Faustina was then told to write down everything Jesus would tell her of His mercy. She was to keep a diary so others would come to know and trust in Him. Jesus said that His mercy was available to even the greatest of sinners. Jesus also promised several things to Sister Faustina.

He said that if people would follow His special instructions, they would receive His great mercy.

Diocesan Notices (contd)


CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME: Couples for Christ and its Family Ministry invite you to come and join our Christian Life Program - Rekindle! Formation, fellowship and personal testimonies. **8th of April** at 1.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer Street. For more info contact either: Ronel & Janice Catalo – 0220387582 or Jolito & Guada Amistoso - 0223431074 or email as on Christchurch.clp2018@gmail.com Search and follow in Facebook Page: Christian Life Program 2018 – Rekindle

SCRIPTURE TALKS: A series of three free 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, 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 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 Hauck, 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, Greens Road. For more info contact Dianne 027 4312 026

PRO –LIFE FACTS: Media coverage related to David Seymour's End of Life Choice bill has generally exhibited strong bias in favour of assisted suicide and euthanasia. Right to Life has recently lodged 4 complaints related to media coverage of euthanasia and assisted dying, as they believe the principles of the Press Council and the Broadcasting Standards Authority have been breached. For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.

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 **18th – 20th 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. For more information, speak to your parish priest and view the website www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw

Next Week 15 April 2018	8am	10am	7pm
Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC	Sheila McLaughlin & John Reilly	Terry & Sylvia Wales & Rosemary Cooper	David & Maree Khouri & Tony Azouri
Readers	Mike Doolan & Joachim Castillo	Suzi de Gouveia & Stella Brennan	Ernest Adu & Maria Bautista
Altar Servers Handmaids	CSJ	Josh, Connor & Argi <i>Zara & Olivia A</i>	Shaun & Matthew C 
Greeters	Tony Bowker	Virgie Herd	Trish & Claudia
Collectors	Peter McGuire	John Thieme & Brian White	David K, John H & Abalos family
Counters	Warren & Loma		