



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

## ST TERESA'S CHURCH

The Ascension of The Lord  
13th May 2018



### Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11  
Psalm Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord  
Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13  
Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20



### Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9  
Psalm Response: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth  
Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25  
Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

### 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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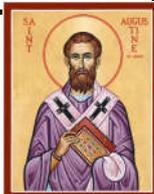
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### Quote of the Week

"Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace."



St. Augustine

Dear Parishioners

There is much more to the Ascension than I initially thought, it is good to take a moment to reflect upon it.

Jesus said during the Last Supper: *"None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."* (Jn 16:5-7)

According to this Scripture passage, it is better that Jesus not be on this earth, because after He ascends He will be able to send us His Holy Spirit. There is a causal relationship. Once Jesus has ascended to the Father he will be able to send us the Holy Spirit. It will come and dwell in our hearts transforming and saving us. It is similar to the basic principle. Every time we get closer to God, God radiates from us to all around us. Every time we do an act of true love, love radiates from us.

We can take several practical daily life principles from this, here are two examples:

The Vertical comes first. Turning to God in prayer is what I call "the Vertical" because we look directly at Him. How do we do this? We make an act of Faith (saying "I believe in you God"), an act of Hope (saying "Despite everything, I hope and trust in you") and an act of Love (saying "I love you Lord"). The Horizontal comes second (but is not secondary). The Horizontal includes everything from service to loving my brothers and sisters. I cannot share God with anyone if I don't have God in me.

A second point, if we want to lead our children to God we should imitate Jesus. He did not over focus on his Disciples. Rather His eyes were turned towards His Father. We teach by example. If you are not giving your heart to God, how can you expect your children to?

St. Therese of the Child Jesus tells of a story when she was a little girl. She went to mass with her father whom she called her King. Her mother died when she was four, so her father took on a very important role in her heart. In many ways, he was really her king. In any case, while she was at mass, and the priest was preaching, she looked up at her father and saw how taken up he was by the priest homily. There were tears in his eyes. At that very moment, she turned to listen to the priest and she writes that from that day forward she paid attention to every homily she heard.

I hope and pray that during this Ascension Sunday you may be able to enter into the mystery in a new way. That you turn towards Christ and thank Him for going before us to show us the way, and also sending us His Spirit so that He might bring us with Him.

In Him,  
Fr Michael Therese Scheerger



### 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 especially Rita Cosgrove, for unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed including Anselma Montalla.

### In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - May

**14<sup>th</sup>:** 1948 Thomas John Leader, 1976 Banas baby, 1994 Doreen Standeven, 2005 Elva Margaret Cooney, 2009 John William Kirwan

**15<sup>th</sup>:** 1981 Mary Ann Armstrong, 2009 Michelle Grace, 2010 Arthur Viegas

**16<sup>th</sup>:** 1947 Thomas Franklin Main, 1972 Harry Francis Willis, 1978 Patrick Arthur Madden, 1992 Eleanor Ruth Buckley, 2017 Edith Mae Bradley

**17<sup>th</sup>:** 1952 Mary Jessie Aiken, 1959 Ann Olive McIntyre, 1990 Stephen

Thomas Pemberton, 1995 Patrick Joseph Mora, 1998 Marie Nunciata de la Cour

**19<sup>th</sup>:** 1971 Cecelia Johnson, 1977 Beverley Anne Harvey, 2010 Eric Gordon Johnston, 2010 Peter Darnley Noonan

**20<sup>th</sup>:** 1981 Father Bernard William Pearce

1990 Sarah Charles, 2004 Joyce Evelyn Buckley, 2014 Vera Gladys Cooney



## Parish Notices

**CORRECTION - MY APOLOGIES:** Bishop Paul will be here at St Teresa's on **TUESDAY 22 May** to celebrate NOON Mass. Please come and join in on this special day.

### Nationwide launch of St Teresa's Church App!! Benefits of our Church App?



It is an easy way to communicate Relevant and up to date notices (everything from new events, cancellations, modifications of anything from confession times to meetings or events.) You will receive alerts for the particular groups you work with or are interested in You can listen to the homilies and videos Be notified clearly about all our events It is free ☺

### How to get the app? (it works with Android or Apple)

Go to your app store  
Search for "Churchappsnz"  
You will find an app that looks like this icon , download it and install it.  
When you open it, type "St Teresa's" and then you will see the title of our Parish, choose it.  
Finally, it will automatically ask which groups you would like to receive alerts for. Once you have chosen the groups, you can explore the app.



**Thursday Talks-** All are welcome to listen to this nine week series on an Introduction to Philosophy (with special talks on the Ascension and Pentecost). Meet in the hall at 7.30pm

**Tax Receipts** are in the foyer of the church. This is the last week that they will be there, after today they will be held in the parish office.

**Legion of Mary** meet each Wednesday evening for prayer and relevant discussion. Some members do home visits, all pray the rosary daily. If you would like to join this group please see David Khouri after Mass.

**Adoration Chapel** Are you able to commit to one hour each week on the Adoration Chapel roster? We are urgently in need of someone to take the 3-4pm Fridays and 11pm-Midnight Thursdays. Ring Mike 342 9905 for information or email [mike.doolan97@gmail.com](mailto:mike.doolan97@gmail.com)

**Taize adoration** after 7pm Mass tonight. Please join us.

**Pentecost Cultural Celebration:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. 10am Mass will be a special Mass with different cultural groups participating in the Mass. There will also be a Cultural Festival in the Parish Hall afterwards, with free food, cultural performances, ministry stalls and the Catholic shop. All parishioners are welcome



**St Teresa's School PTA** are selling Entertainment Books and Entertainment Digital Memberships. They can be ordered online using <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/136604k> - all proceeds come to the PTA :-)

**St Vincent De Paul:** Thank you so much for the increase in your support over the last couple of weeks, your continuing help with a grocery item or two when you see something on special while you're doing your groceries is such a blessing for us. God Bless all who help us.



## Kids Corner



Today is the Feast of The Ascension of our Lord! Jesus says to His disciples, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Jesus then ascends into Heaven! He has vanished! The disciples stood watching their beloved Jesus leave them. Jesus ascended into heaven but promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. This happened at Pentecost and we will look at it this next week...

### Dear parishioners,

**You will remember that last year, a fundraising campaign on behalf of the Diocesan Trust Fund was undertaken in our parish. The parish was asked to raise \$260,000. That amount was one third of what was expected to be the cost of strengthening our church to 67% of New Building Code. At the end of the campaign, the sum of \$714,411 had been promised over a ten year period. This amazing generosity by parishioners meant that the sum raised was \$454,411 over the target figure and the arrangement with the Diocesan Trust Fund is that this parish will retain one third of that figure over the original target. Since then, a decision has been taken at the Diocese not to undertake additional strengthening work on our church. Our church is in excess of 34% of New Building Code and the government does not require strengthening work to be undertaken on buildings in excess of 34% of NBC. This means that the original target amount of \$260,000 plus one third of the additional amount raised - \$141,470 - will be held by the Diocesan Trust Fund for this parish's use for maintenance. This is a huge blessing for us. Some major maintenance projects can now be addressed, among them being repairs to the roof of the church and some significant electrical maintenance. I have asked the architect who was involved in the project conducted by the diocese to review the works identified as necessary and desirable to produce a plan for me to take the major maintenance and repair works forward. At the end of March, parishioners had contributed \$160,000.00 to the Diocesan Trust Fund campaign so we are well on the way to achieving the initial target.**  
*Fr Michael Therese*

Dear friends. As we gather in our parish each weekend for Mass other Christians are gathering in churches in our area for their Sunday worship. They are our neighbours, friends, people we meet in the supermarket, perhaps even our relatives. We gather separately because of events that happened centuries ago. We have moved on from wars among Christians, hostility and bitterness, to respecting one another and being able to honestly acknowledge the many things we have in common – at the heart of which is our shared belief in Jesus Christ. We have also found many practical ways to work together for the common good of our community. The feast of the Ascension this weekend marks the beginning of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which extends until Pentecost Sunday next weekend. It is a time to reflect upon how we each might do some small thing for Christian unity, prayer, reaching out to someone from another Christian church, contributing to foodbanks supported jointly by churches, taking part in an ecumenical service. Nothing is too small in the work of promoting Christian unity. We are restoring that fractured unity piece by piece, and each of us has one or more of the pieces to put in place.

### X John A Cardinal Dew Archbishop of Wellington

Next Week 20 May 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC</b>	John Reilly & Sheila McLaughlin	Marleen Head, Virgie Herd & Rosemary Cooper	Ramanie Weerasinghe, Megan Emery & Maree Khouri
<b>Readers</b>	Clare Doocey & Emily Leliza	Stella Brennan & Rosalie Mulrooney	Sherol Ytang & Luc Etienne
<b>Altar Servers &amp; Handmaidens</b>	CSJ	Sean, Raphael & Karlson <i>Malia &amp; Houston</i>	Sean 
<b>Greeters</b>	Margaret Hendry	Marian Maranan	Mary O'Brien
<b>Collectors</b>	Tim, Gerry & John R	Warren, Loma & Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver & Lilan
<b>Counters</b>	Mike & Gerry		