



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON

ST TERESA'S CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter -
6 May 2018



Today'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



Next Sunday'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

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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The Upper Room – Pope Francis Monday, 26 May 2014

In the Upper Room, the risen Jesus, sent by the Father, best owed upon the apostles his own Spirit and with his power he sent them forth to renew the face of the earth (cf. *Ps* 104:30). To go forth, to set out, does not mean to forget. The Church, in her going forth, preserves the *memory* of what took place here; *the Spirit, the Paraclete, reminds her* of every word and every action, and reveals their true meaning.



The Upper Room speaks to us of *service*, of Jesus giving the disciples an example by washing their feet. Washing one another's feet signifies welcoming, accepting, loving and serving one another. It means serving the poor, the sick and the outcast, those whom I find difficult, those who annoy me. The Upper Room reminds us, through the Eucharist, of *sacrifice*. In every Eucharistic celebration Jesus offers himself for us to the Father, so that we too can be united with him, offering to God our lives, our work, our joys and our sorrows... offering everything as a spiritual sacrifice.

The Upper Room also reminds us of *friendship*. "No longer do I call you servants – Jesus said to the Twelve – but I have called you friends" (*Jn* 15:15). The Lord makes us his friends, he reveals God's will to us and he gives us his very self. This is the most beautiful part of being a Christian and, especially, of being a priest: becoming a friend of the Lord Jesus, and discovering in our hearts that he is our friend.

The Upper Room, however, also reminds us of *pettiness*, of *curiosity* – "Who is the traitor?" – and of *betrayal*. We ourselves, and not just others, can reawaken those attitudes whenever we look at our brother or sister with contempt, whenever we judge them, whenever by our sins we betray Jesus.

The Upper Room reminds us of *sharing*, *fraternity*, *harmony* and *peace* among ourselves. How much love and goodness has flowed from the Upper Room! How much charity has gone forth from here, like a river from its source, beginning as a stream and then expanding and becoming a great torrent. All the saints drew from this source; and hence the great river of the Church's holiness continues to flow: from the Heart of Christ, from the Eucharist and from the Holy Spirit.

Lastly, the Upper Room reminds us of the birth of the *new family*, the Church, our holy Mother the hierarchical Church established by the risen Jesus; a family that has a Mother, the Virgin Mary. Christian families belong to this great family, and in it they find the light and strength to press on and be renewed, amid the challenges and difficulties of life. All God's children, of every people and language, are invited and called to be part of this great family, as brothers and sisters and sons and daughters of the one Father in heaven.

From here the Church goes forth, impelled by the life-giving breath of the Spirit. Gathered in prayer with the Mother of Jesus, the Church lives in constant expectation of a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and renew the face of the earth (cf. *Ps* 104:30)!



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.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - May

7th: 1962 Daniel Haughey, 1974 Bruce Bennetts, 2012 Mary Robinson

8th: 1969 Claude Henry Handisides, 1990 Fredrick Charles Eivers, 1994 Eve Aileen Mustchin, 1995 Peter Robert John Furness, 1995 Graham Lawrence Pike, 2002 Harry Russell Spratt, 2013 Doreen May Davies

9th: 1978 Margaret Mary Fahy, 1992 Zena O'Sullivan, 1996 John Douglas Riach

10th: 1963 Frederick William John Garlick, 1964 George Bertram Boyce, 1988 Renee Patricia Lemmens, 2006 Graham Thomas Pender

11th: 1960 Dennis O'Callaghan, 1981 Nancy Selina Small, 2003 Charles A MacDonald, 2015 Kathleen Veronica McKinnel, 2016 Constantin Ene

12th: 1948 Joseph Francis O'Brien, 1994 Allan Donald Peter Cooper

13th: 1963 Marcella Philomena Kennedy, 2013 Patricia Mary Healy



Quote of the Week



"If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help and Satan will leave you."

St. John Vianney

Parish Notices

Bishop Paul will be here at St Teresa's on Sunday 22 May to celebrate 10am Mass. Please come and join in on this special day.

Thursday Talks- Start 10 May - All are welcome to listen to this 9 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 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.

Young Adults meet after 7pm Mass to celebrate the joy of ice cream!

Help: We are looking for volunteers with special skills. Skills, such as sewing, knitting, woodwork, art and craft work, gardening, etc. We would love it if you could share these skills with the children at the school and help them learn from you. If you would like to be involved please speak to Jess, School Secretary. Thank you.

Pentecost Cultural Celebration: Sunday 20th 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 following Mass, with free food, cultural performances, ministry stalls and the Catholic shop. All parishioners are welcome



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.

Morning tea will be served in the Parish hall after 10am Mass today, please come and join us.



Kids Corner

May For Mary

Did you know that May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary? Pope Paul VI wrote to the Church and said that *the faithful should use the month of May devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is gladdening and consoling and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honoured and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts.*



Let us invite Mary to be our Spiritual Mother and grow closer to Jesus through her. She is so close to Jesus and her prayers are so powerful! Let's all end our days with one hail Mary, everyday this month to grow closer to Mary and Jesus.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!

Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

Reflection Day: Saturday 12 May, 10.30am – 2.30pm. Prayer in the midst of daily life. 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).

DVD Climate Hustle May 24 7.30pm Parish Center Are they trying to control the climate...or you? Scorching temperatures. Melting icecaps. Killer hurricanes and tornadoes. The end of civilisation as we know it! Are emissions from our cars, factories, and farms causing catastrophic climate change? Or is man-made 'global warming' an overheated con-job? Climate Hustle answers these questions and many more. Hosted by award winning investigative journalist Marc Morano, this ground-breaking film leads viewers on fact-finding on an often hilarious journey through the propaganda-laced world of 'climate change' claims. It exposes the myth of the 97% 'scientific consensus', debunks hype about temperature and extreme weather, and introduces key scientists who have reversed their views and converted to scepticism. Come along for an evening of lively discussion. Ph Pat 359 2087

PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST www.foodforfaith.org.nz has organised a private viewing of the acclaimed Biblical drama Paul, Apostle of Christ. This film is available in New Zealand only in private viewings. **Sunday 3 June 2018, 6.00pm** at Hoyts Riccarton. Tickets must be purchased beforehand and available at www.foodforfaith.org.nz, \$15.00 with all profits to the mission of the St. Vincent de Paul society in Christchurch. For further information email john@fff.org.nz.

MARYFEST ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION and Consecration of the City and Diocese in honour of Our Lady of Christchurch will take place at Christ the King Church **2pm Sunday, 13th May** (Mothers' Day!) and will be presided over by Bishop Meeking. Keep up to date with the event, make contact, or just enjoy the pictures and other posts at <https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofChristchurch/> As in other years the names of those who would like to be enrolled in Our Lady's heart will be placed in the golden votive heart worn by the statue during the Maryfest. If you would like to enrol the names of your loved ones you can do so by sending them to ourladyofchristchurch@gmail.com



MEN'S GATHERING 9 MAY 2018 Hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP 7.15 pm Wednesday, **9th May**, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Di Ingle will share a Pentecost message with us and also give an International update on the Renewal. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOD DOING ABOUT UNITY? Come to a lively panel discussion to start this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **Sunday 13 May 7-8.30pm** Knox Church, 28 Bealey Ave. Fr Frank Kelly and other will share stories of Justice, Peace and Hope.

CCS Disability Action is a community organisation that provides support, advocacy and information for people with a disability. We are currently looking for a foster family for a 12 year old boy. His interests include Lego, animals and getting out in his community. Please contact: Sheryl Catchpole Phone: (03) 365 5661 or 0800 227 2255 Email: southern.recruitment@ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz

Next Week 13 May 2018	8am	10am	7pm
Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC	Selena Chan & Mel Castillo	Szi & Diggs de Gouveia, Angela Harrison	Gabrielle O'Connor, David Khouri
Readers	Joachim Castillo & Aimee Pernites	Dianne Hanne & Terry Wales	Christine Tiu & Shaun Hickland
Altar Servers & Handmaidens	Francis & Joachim	Josh, Connor & Argi <i>Miracle & Olivia W</i>	Jacob & Anthony 
Greeters	Joan Watkins	Brian White	Sara Etienne
Collectors	Tim, Gerry & John R	Warren, Loma & Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver & Lilan
Counters	Loma, Warren & team		