



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON
ST TERESA'S CHURCH
12th August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Readings

First Reading: Kings 19:4-8
Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 30-5:2
Gospel: John 6: 41-51
 For weekday readings visit: www.universalis.com/mass



Next Sunday's Reading

First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6
Psalm Response: Psalms 33: 2-3, 10-15
Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20
Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Mass Times:

Sunday 8am, 10am, 7.00pm
Monday: 6.00pm
Tues to Saturday: 12.05pm
Thursday: 9.00am School Mass
Tues to Fri: 12.10pm 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

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

St. Maximillian Kolbe



Dear parishioners,

Listening is not as easy of a feat as we think it might be, yet it is essential. Only a person that knows how to listen can have a spiritual life. It is by listening that we take things in and we allow things to change us. It is by listening that we find the motivation to move forward. Also, it is by listening that we welcome people into our hearts.

Perhaps our greatest temptation is to not listen. We don't want to listen, or we hear without hearing. The people in the Gospel today react to Jesus saying "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" They are not able to receive the message of Christ.



Perhaps they are reacting with wounded pride, saying to themselves, how can He be better than us. Often, we care more about controlling our circumstances and measuring things according to what we already know than we care about what is Good,

Beautiful and True. We care more about how we feel then we do about what is true.

Perhaps they have had very busy and stressful lives, or at least that is the excuse we give them. Maybe they have been running around from thing to thing and they no longer take a step back to think about where they are and where they are going. Minds that are full of too many things are usually too full to listen.

Perhaps they are addicted to the world and all the pleasure that it gives. If they are escaping into any kind of addictive behavior that too would stop them from listening. They are too hungry for their next fix to be able to truly listen to anything else. When someone speaks to them they can no longer hear what that person has to say.

In fact, a person must let go of all of this in order to truly listen to Jesus Christ or even have a spiritual life at all. We must be empty in order to be filled. It is a heart that trusts in God and leaves everything in His hands, that does not hold onto things, that is truly able to let go and let God.

Let us once again learn the art of listening.

Fr Michael Thérèse



Please pray for:

† Our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishop, Paul Martin and all Priests; for our sick, who have died recently, for unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - August

- 13th:** 1975 John Mark A Doyle, 1980 Alice Brown, 1986 Edward Brendan Reilly, 1994 Edward Brian Creagh, 1998 Margaret Daly, 2002 Nellie Madge May Burke
- 14th:** 1980 Joseph Delahunty, 1986 Paul Joseph Hanrahan, 2012 Ildelfonso Garcia Pangan Jnr (Dun), 2014 Shible Elias Leslie Rassie (Syd)
- 15th:** 1977 Brian Anderson Murray, 1981 William Hugh Stickle
- 16th:** 1954 James Rennell, 1972 John Dennehy, 1975 Douglas A F Smith, 1991 Emmalina McClure, 1996 Teresa Hazel Journee, 2006 Leo George Pudney
- 17th:** 1974 Robert Coup, 1974 Catherine Bradford, 1983 Anthony Mason, 1989 Frederick Palmer
- 18th:** 1969 Noel Phillip Hessey, 1970 Dennis Sheehan, 1981 Alberta Elizabeth Leah Miscall, 1986 Paul Hanrahan, 1993 Bridget Patricia Forman
- 19th:** 1977 Annie Anastasia Close, 1980 Ernest Pohl, 1983 Anthony Watson, 1996 Samuel James Hoboraft, 2004 Robert (Bob) M Newell, 2005 Elizabeth Mary McGuire, 2008 Colin Gerard Ryan



Parish Notices



Thursday Talks. Welcome to a series of talks on Angels and Demons by Fr Michael Thérèse. 7.30pm in the hall. All very welcome

Found: White belt of a karate uniform. See Marie in office.

A use for your Winter Energy Supplement. If you feel you do not really need the Government's Winter Energy Supplement, would you consider donating it to the St Vincent de Paul Society? Together, we could help many struggling families this winter. We will issue tax credit receipts at winter's end to any contributors. Our bank account is 020874-0122930-00 for automatic deposits, which should include your name. We will ask the Parish Office for your postal address for receipts. Donations could also be made by way of the SVdP envelopes in the Church porch. For further information, ring Suzanne 342 9905.

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 or Marie in the office.



St Vincent De Paul: Thanks so much for all your help with food and donations each week. We still are delivering HEAPS of food parcels so we really appreciate your ongoing support. We are in need of toilet paper, shampoos, conditioners and toothpastes this week.

Morning tea will be served in the Parish hall after 10am Mass. Please pop across for a warming cuppa and a biscuit.



Kids Corner



This Wednesday is the Feast of The Assumption, we celebrate a special favour that God gave to Mary, our Mother. The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into the glory of heaven, not only with her soul but also with her body. Jesus, the Son of God was born from Mary's pure womb. So when Mary died, God would not let the body of the Mother of Jesus to be spoilt. This was her reward for her love of God and her years of faithful prayers and suffering.

Now Mary is in heaven, she is Queen of heaven and earth. She is the Mother of Jesus' Church and Queen of Apostles. Every time Mary asks Jesus to give us graces, He listens to her request.

As we celebrate the feast day of Mary, we can ask our Blessed Mother to guide, protect, care and pray for us.

Dear Parishioners

I don't like writing about finances, I am a priest. I hope you know that God is more concerned about your soul and your salvation than your money. Nevertheless, money is part of our lives. Also, the electricity bills don't get paid and the maintenance of the parish does not normally happen without it.

Since I became pastor, I was surprised to find that last year, due to a lot of necessary maintenance and repairs, we had to pull around \$25,000 out of our savings. Our parish attendance has doubled over the last few years, but our income at the Sunday collections has not.

As a pastor, I would like to be less worried about the weekly collection. In order to achieve this goal, I would like to increase the weekly income by \$600, from \$4,400 to \$5,000. That means that if you are not contributing weekly to the parish, I ask you to begin if can. If you are already contributing, could you afford to increase your donation by something like \$5?

During the masses of Sunday, August the 19th Pledge cards will be distributed. If you could already begin to think about what you could do, that would be a great help.

Thank you
Fr Michael Thérèse

Diocesan Notices (more on notice board)

Marriage Unplugged - When was the last time you and your spouse had a day designed just for the two of you? 'Marriage Unplugged' is your answer! Back by popular demand, Marriage Unplugged will equip you with the tools you need to build the kind of marriage you desire and have some fun while doing it! Saturday 1 Sept, 9am-4pm, Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road. Facilitators, Tim and Jennifer Goulding. Registrations and inquiries: Ph: 3148837 beatitudesnz@gmail.com Registrations \$30 per couple.


SUNDAY SCRIPTURES Tuesday 21 Aug, 7.30pm – 9pm with Dr Kathleen Rushton RSM. Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Focus on Gospel Readings of the 22nd to 33rd Sundays of Ordinary Time. Using *lectio divina*, an exploration of the Galilean Ministry, Jesus and the Disciples on the Way to Jerusalem and the Endings in Jerusalem. Book with Rosary House (03) 379 1298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

CYT Theology of the Body course for Young Adults (18-35). Join the Catholic Youth Team for an 11 week journey to learn more about life, Love, and Theology of the Body. From **3 Sept. – 5 Nov.** every Monday evening at a Catholic Community House, Parkstone Ave. No cost. For more info. and to book your place on the course contact CYT Formation Coordinator, Sinead. sgilgunn@chch.catholic.org.nz // 022 0109828 // 03 3530705

CYT's Sports Night is back on this year on **Saturday 8th September** at **Ara Sports Centre!** Build your teams of 6 and play some **fun games, relays and win awesome prizes!** Register your team or individually at: <http://cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night/> or contact Carmela at the Catholic Youth Team at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz or call 03 353 0705 for more information. Cost is \$5 each, we can't wait to see you there!

REVOLUTION CAMP: Catholic Youth Team is running a camp for Years 9-10 students from **28 Sept to 30 Oct** at the Woodend Christian Camp. Registration is \$70. Fun, games, praise and workshop and an opportunity for young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Register online at <http://cyt.org.nz/revolution-camp/> or contact Carmela at the Catholic Youth Team at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz or call 03 353 0705

Next Week - 19 August 2018

	8am	10am	7pm
Extra Ordinary Ministers of HC	Sheila McLaughlin & Tim Adkin	Virgie Herd, Rosemary Cooper & Patelize Letiu	David & Maree Khouri & Ramanie Weerasinghe
Readers	Remy Nicdao & Joachim Castillo	Terry Wales & Christine Tiu	Diane Moore & Luc Etienne
Altar Servers & Handmaidens	Francis & Joachim	Andre, Fernando & Marco Malia & Houston	Tim Jones, Rob & Boeing 
Greeters	Margaret Hendry	Margaret Lui	Lilan Weerasinghe
Collectors	Tim A, Gerry K & John R	Warren M, Loma & Steve S	Robin B, Tony A, Johnver S & Lilan W
Counters	Pat, Margaret & Less		