



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON ST TERESA'S CHURCH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 September 2018



Today's Readings

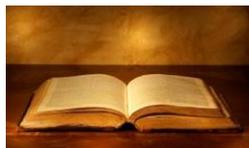
First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalm Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Second Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

For weekday readings visit: www.universalis.com/mass



Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

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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Dear Parishioners

Today we honor our fathers and I would like to present you with the figure of Joseph, the last of the patriarchs, whose fatherhood stands out among all of the fathers of the world!

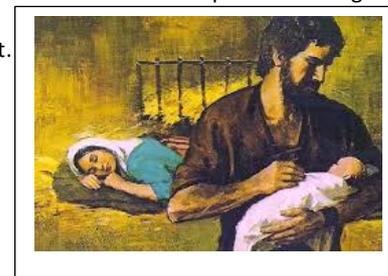
In the Holy Family one of its members is clearly the least holy of them all. That of course is Saint Joseph! He is the "head" of the family, the one bearing the responsibility of guiding this family through what can only be described as a most "unfamiliar" territory (no pun intended!), for this particular family as such never existed before and can never happen again. He is tested in his prudence from the very beginning and it makes him experience his vulnerability, that place from where true strength is wrought! He must lead the family, but he finds himself absolutely unfit (and he is!). We should marvel at the fact that neither Jesus nor Mary are the "head" of this family, although they are both far ahead of him in holiness. They both follow and obey Joseph. How uncomfortable is that for this father!?! He must exercise his paternal God-given authority over his family while knowing that he is somewhat of an 'outsider'. In a sense he is the least competent and he knows it. I believe every Christian father is led to feel that way.

Joseph is at the end of the long line of patriarchs. The genealogy of Jesus shows us at once the continuity and the "break" in the lineage: Jesus does not descend from Joseph according to the flesh. Furthermore, Joseph is married to the Virgin Mother who will not "know man". He will not have relations with this woman and the son is not his! That is some purification! Nevertheless, among all the men in history, who can argue that to be chosen as the husband of Mary and the father of Jesus Christ places you on top of the list of all males? God speaks to men in a particular way through the figure of Joseph! He particularly exemplifies the way in which the Heavenly Father would have us all grow into the maturity of our vocation as men!

He stands by Mary, in her shadow, because that is how the male is sanctified in God's plan. Without his wife man would be such a diminished version of God's image because he would be left quite clueless as to the meaning of life. Woman brings to man the sense of his "destiny" and enables him to understand why he possesses the talents that he has. God teaches man to serve his family. He protects the family and works to provide as best he can. All fathers lay down their lives for their families. The good ones do it with a sense of joy and fulfillment. What else could give him peace?

There exists a profound crisis of fatherhood in the world today. There is no doubt that women deserve the equality they have acquired in society. We are all equal. Women have put up a struggle in order to build a society where they would be equally valued and respected. But have men been able to rediscover their positive roles as males within today's society? We have to make sure that we value men and fatherhood as much as we value women and motherhood. Let us pray that those who are called to become fathers may find themselves encouraged to become who they are meant to be in God's eyes and fulfilled in responding to their call.

Fr Sean Mary



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 Benedicto Ytang.

Quote of the Week

"Fatherhood is a vocation in God's service, to be not held lightly or frivolously, but with serious determination of serious men."

Father Lawrence Lovasik



In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - September

3rd: 1957 Arthur Jarman, 1957 Robin McAtamney, 1980 Andrew Bain, 2003 Joan Rosarii Brosnahan

4th: 1986 Sydney John Harkess, 1986 Bessie May O'Donoghue

5th: 1957 Gertrude Kelly, 1968 Lucy Norris, 1975 Nora Handisides, 1984 Catherine Ward, 1988 Joan Ericson, 1992 Margaret Alicé, 2001 Eileen Elizabeth Lane, 2008 David Francis Williamson

6th: 1952 Mary Theresa Holmes, 1974 Humphrey (Paddy) Sullivan

7th: 1950 Mary Anne Lynsky, 1970 Verdon Michael Collins, 1970 Margaret Drummond, 1974 Jessie O'Dell, 1983 Rita Estelle Young, 1987 John Ryan

8th: 1951 Florence Mercer, 1953 Mary Dunick, 1966 Wayne Turnbull, 1990 Eileen Joan Buckley
1995 Mary Teresa Small, 2006 Rita McRae, 2011 Maryrose Cammiade

9th: 1973 Paul Felix Clark. 1981 Margaret Fox

Thursday Talks - recommence this Thursday, "Introduction to Theology" with Fr Sean Mary. See you in the hall at 7.30pm

St Therese Feast Day Celebration. Friday 5 October. Please all come to join in an evening of prayer and worship from 7pm in the church.



St Vincent de Paul Hornby Shop: We need volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays. If you could do a day or a half day or an hour or two we would be most grateful. For further information ring: **Bronwyn 021 1959 327**

St Vincent De Paul: Thank you so much for the great donation St Teresa's School made last week, collecting food in exchange for wearing mufti to school, such a great help to us.

Revolution Camp for year 9 & 10 students. A weekend camp where our young people will experience God through prayer & worship, games & through the Sacraments. Woodend Christian Camp- 28th – 30th Sept, cost is \$70 pp. If you would like to attend and you are part of our Parish or you would like to sponsor a young person to go, please get in touch with Aiber our Pastoral Assistant pastoral@stteresas.org.nz

Serve the Parish Are you looking for a way to serve God but unsure how? **COLLECTING** (*passing the basket around during offertory*) and **GREETING** (*welcoming parishioners and giving out newsletters*) are simple but very important services that we count on as a Parish to make our community what it is. If you would like to be involved, please get in contact with Aiber. pastoral@stteresas.org.nz

KID'S CORNER

Happy Father's Day



Father's Day is a great opportunity for you to show your father how much you love him and appreciate everything he does for you and your family. One of the greatest things we can do for our fathers is to pray for them.

Don't forget to thank and pray for our spiritual Fathers, the priests of our parish and more importantly, thank our Heavenly Father, God, for everything He blesses us with.

Ask St. Joseph to join you in praying for your father, he is the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ and is patron saint of fathers and workers.

Dear Lord, grant all husbands and fathers the grace, strength and joy to carry on and be the husbands and fathers you want them to be. Amen

Planned Giving & Parish Enrolment

Thank you so much to all of you who have responded to our request to help the Parish with increasing costs of upkeep, both of our premises and also our Parish Roll. Of the 300 cards we had filled in we have had 96 respond to our emails. If your email is still sitting in your Inbox could we please ask that you click on the link and update your details? If you filled in a card and still haven't received an email it may be because your address was illegible. Please email Marie at office@stteresas.org.nz for the link. Thank you.

Diocesan Notices (More on notice boards)

CLERGY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: 180 diocesan priests are gathering in Christchurch for the fourth national assembly with the bishops, which is held every five years. The assembly this year will take place from **10th – 14th September**. Please keep the priests in your prayers during this week as they gather for prayer, formation and recreation. Please note there will be very few weekday Masses available that week in the diocese.

PRAYER SERIES - Noticing God's Presence: Tuesdays 4 and 11 September, 10.30am -11.30am. Scripture and music invite participants into extended time of silent prayer. Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood.

2018 ROCHESTER LECTURE- Christianity; Challenges and Opportunities in the Twenty-first Century. Speaker – Bishop Paul Martin SM. Wednesday 19 September at 7 pm, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, 77 Ilam Road, Supper to follow.

OCDS NOV CARMELITE RETREAT: "Called to holiness with Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Carmelite Saints". **Fr Allan Jones, S.M.** will be leading our upcoming Retreat at Rochester Hall again. Dates are from **Friday, 16th Nov (11 am registration) to Sunday 18th Nov** (approx 3.30 pm). Costs will be \$215 live-in and \$95 day only. Retreatants are encouraged to live in to gain the full benefit of a silent retreat. This covers all meals, accommodation and other retreat costs. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery 027 410 6940 or benedictus@windowslive.com

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, followed by supper. Next Mass: Friday **7TH September**. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org

John Paul II Centre for Life – Race Night will be held on Friday night the **2nd of November**. Tickets will cost \$55-00 per person and will be available in October. Hamper tickets will be on sale the weekend of 27/28 October. For further information contact Phil Gourdie by email pgourdie@chch.catholic.org.nz

Next Week 9 Sept 2018	8am	10am	7pm
Extraordinary Ministers of HC	Tim Adkin & Gabrielle O'Connor	Angela Harrison, Marleen Head & Jackie Ott	Megan Emery, Tony Azouri & Mau Fasavalu
Readers	Emily Leliza & Remy Nicdao	Jhanna Mosa & Tim Jones	Carmela Nepomuceno & Luc Etienne
Altar Servers & Handmaidens	Francis & Joachim	Josh, Connor & Argi <i>Zara & Olivia A</i>	Robb & Boeing
Greeters	Margaret Webb	Floued Mosa	Maree & David
Collectors	Tony Bowker & Raymond Tiong	Tim Jones, Antonio Bisnar & Loma Rolleston	Les & Margaret, Lolong & Peter Higgins
Counters	Mike & Gerry		