



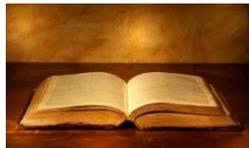
**CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON  
ST TERESA'S CHURCH**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26th August 2018**



**Today's Readings**

**First Reading:** Joshua 21: 1-2, 15-18  
**Psalm Response:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 21-32  
**Gospel:** John 6: 60-69  
 For weekday readings visit: [www.universalis.com/mass](http://www.universalis.com/mass)



**Next Sunday'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

**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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**"Fatherhood"**

After last week hearing Jesus say that the disciples must eat His Body and drink His Blood in order to have eternal life, today's Gospel says that many of his disciples leave Christ and will no longer follow Him. That seems to be what is happening today. So many families leave the Church because of scandal but even more leave because they find it hard to believe. If we are to change this, if our families are to remain faithful, we have to begin to take our faith personally. We must begin to engage.

Across our society, we find a growing absence of men from Church. If our families are to remain faithful, men too have to stand up and take on their roles as fathers. A surprising study was done a while back in Switzerland and I would like to share a bit of it.

- If both father and mother attend Mass regularly – 33% of children attend Mass regularly and 41% attend irregularly = total of 74% of children attend Mass
- If only the mother attends Mass – 2% of children attend Mass regularly and 37% attend irregularly = total of 39% of children attend Mass (60% will be lost to the faith)
- If only the father attends Mass – 33% of children attend mass regularly and 38% attend irregularly = total of 71% of children attend Mass
- If the father is irregular and the mother is non-practicing – 25% of children attend Mass regularly and 23% attend irregularly = total of 48% of children attend Mass

"The results are shocking, but they should not be surprising. They are about as politically incorrect as it is possible to be; but they simply confirm what psychologists, criminologists, educationalists, and many Christians know...

Curiously, both adult women as well as men will conclude subconsciously that Dad's absence indicates that going to church is not really a "grown-up" activity. In terms of commitment, a mother's role may be to encourage and confirm, but it is not primary to her adult offspring's decision. Mothers' choices have dramatically less effect upon children than their fathers', and without him she has little effect on the primary lifestyle choices her offspring make in their religious observances. Her major influence is not on regular attendance at all but on keeping her irregular children from lapsing altogether. This is, needless to say, a vital work, but even then, without the input of the father (regular or irregular), the proportion of regulars to lapsed goes from 60/40 to 40/60."\*

Hopefully in writing about this, we can rediscover the importance of the role of both parents and in particular the role of fathers in raising the family in the Church. May both the mothers and the fathers take their roles seriously, and may they work tirelessly for the holiness of their children.

\*("The demographic characteristics of the linguistic and religious groups in Switzerland" by Werner Haug and Phillipe Warner of the Federal Statistical Office, Neuchatel; See also article: The Truth About Men & Church, by Robbie Low in Touchstone Magazine)

In Him,  
 Fr Michael Thérèse

**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 Matthew Lucas Coloma.

**In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - August & September**

**27<sup>th</sup> Aug:** 1959 Bernard O'Shaughnessy, 1974 Isabel Veronica Shrimpton, 1977 Esther Mary Frances Willis, 1995 Olive Agnes Body

**28<sup>th</sup> Aug** 1981 Herbert Lennan, 2011 Mary Noeleen Finnie

**29<sup>th</sup> Aug:** 1946 Mary Yoe, 1996 Geoffrey Thomas Mahon, 2005 Margaret Catherine Reilly

**30<sup>th</sup> Aug:** 1992 Natalie G Newman, 1999 Mary Lillian Mooney

**31<sup>st</sup> Aug:** 1986 Ninian George Trotter, 1999 Doreen Teresa Lynskey

**1st Sep:** 1974 Howard Henry Dodson, 1993 Pieter Johannus L. Schuit, 1996 James Noonan

**2nd Sept:** 1957 Arthur Jarman, 1957 Robin Patrick McAtamney, 1980 Andrew George Bain  
 2003 Joan Rosarii Brosnahan

**Quote of the Week**

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."



**St. Therese of Lisieux**

**Thursday Talks** - will recommence 6<sup>th</sup> September, "Introduction to Theology" presented by Fr Sean Mary.

**The Couples for Christ invites you to the ANCOP Walk 2018 2 September (Sunday), 9AM – 12pm North Hagley Park.** We are raising funds for ANCOP NZ, a registered charitable trust. ANCOP which stands for "Answering the Cry of the Poor" provides an alternative solution to poverty in third world countries like the Philippines. The funds raised from the event will go to the ANCOP's Educational Sponsorship Program. Currently, ANCOP NZ has 63 scholars in the Philippines. **Registration: \$20/adult, child free.** For more information about you can visit <http://cfcancop.org/>

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to offer a Mass Intention please use the Mass Intention Envelopes that are in the foyer of the church. When completed please pop them in the small box on the side table. At the moment we are low on requests.

**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- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### KID'S CORNER

#### **St. Bartholomew | Feast Day 24<sup>th</sup> August**

BARTHOLOMEW lived near Bethsaida and was also known as Nathaniel. Philip, his friend, was a disciple of John the Baptist. One evening Philip told Nathaniel that John the Baptist had pointed out the Messiah as the Redeemer and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. When Jesus saw the two friends coming, He spoke to Nathaniel, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no evil." Nathaniel then made this act of faith: "Master, You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel." To be so pure and noble that even the Lord considered him "without evil" is the great honour of Nathaniel. He was honest and simple and strong in his faith. Nathaniel was on the lake shore when Jesus showed Himself after His Resurrection. He and some of the Apostles fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told them to cast the net once more, and they caught many fish. After the Ascension, Nathaniel preached the Gospel in Arabia and India.

### Diocesan Notices (More on notice boards)

**Bryndwr Catholic Women's League** Blessed Oscar Romero "A Social Justice Saint of our time" Sister Sue Cosgrove from the Sisters of Compassion Wellington will be speaking on her recent Pilgrimage to El Salvador. This is where Blessed Oscar Romero was martyred on 24 March 1980 while celebrating Mass. He is to be declared a Saint on 14 October 2018. All welcome! St Matthews Hall, Holy Trinity Parish, 108 Jeffreys Road, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm. Gold Coin donation.

**KERALA DISASTER:** We will all have seen the television coverage of the monsoon devastation in Kerala in Southern India. Our diocese has a special connection to Kerala as it is the home diocese of several of our priests. CARITAS is sending support to the region and would be appreciative of any financial support offered. Details of how to give are on their website [caritas.org.nz](http://caritas.org.nz) Click 'Donate Now' and the details/instructions will come up. Please keep the Kerala situation in your prayers.

**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 in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday **7<sup>TH</sup> Sept.** For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: [www.ccrnz.org](http://www.ccrnz.org)

#### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTCHURCH - Leavers**

**1968:** If you left Sacred Heart School in 1968 (50 years ago) and would like to catch up with other 1968 leavers, or can help us contact these girls could you please contact either Jennifer Hamilton (Martin) on 0211846908 [jenniferwks9@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jenniferwks9@yahoo.co.nz) or Janet Verrall (Lendrum) 0274855611 [janet\\_verrall@hotmail.com](mailto:janet_verrall@hotmail.com)

**CARMEL YOUTH MASS:** Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> of September**, 6.30pm. 52 Halswell Road, Hoon Hay. Come join CYT, Bishop Paul and the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmelite Monastery to celebrate Mass and get the chance to meet the sisters afterwards! Supper and refreshments provided. If anyone would like to donate food to the Sisters for Supper then please contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Coordinator at CYT. [dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**DOMINICAN DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at the Christ the King Parish Centre starting after 9am Mass. Morning session Mary Betz (Auckland) on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (Care for our Environment). Lunch Provided. Afternoon session Judy Garvey "The Role of the Laity in the Church Today". Cost: Donation to cover costs RSVP [kaypricenz@gmail.com](mailto:kaypricenz@gmail.com) or 3517683.

Next Week 2 Sept 2018	8am	10am	7pm
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of HC</b>	Mel Castillo & Sheila McLaughlin	Suzi & Diggs De Gouveia & Rosemary Cooper	David & Maree Khouri & Ramanie Weerasinghe
<b>Readers</b>	Joachim Castillo & Mau Fasavalu	Stella Breannan & Mary Shaw	Diane Moore & Sherol Ytang
<b>Altar Servers &amp; Handmaidens</b>	Zyromme, Stephen & Karlson	Andrew, Maua & Miguel Pina & Kalo	Timothy and Tim Jones
<b>Greeters</b>	Patricia Meskill	Virgie Herd	Mary O'Brien
<b>Collectors</b>	Tony Bowker & Raymond Tiong	Tim Jones, Antonio Bisnar & Loma Rolleston	Les & Margaret, Lolong & Peter Higgins
<b>Counters</b>	Warren & Loma		