



CATHOLIC PARISH OF RICCARTON ST TERESA'S CHURCH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 August 2018



Today's Readings

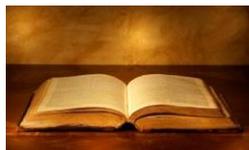
First Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalm Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

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



Next Sunday'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

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

We have spoken about not complaining, and hopefully that helps to calm our minds and hearts. Then, last week, we went into the importance of listening. By listening, we open ourselves to the other, and perhaps we begin to really pray. This week, we have to learn to eat, spiritually speaking. There are of course many ways to eat spiritual food. Reading the Bible is an obvious way to feed your soul, praying the Rosary is another. But there is a special place put aside for the Eucharist. Christ says, "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

Receiving Communion at Mass is perhaps the greatest act that we can do on this earth. "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

If I were to pinpoint one thing that is perhaps the most important thing that Jesus Christ gave us, it would be the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council calls the Eucharist "the Source and Summit of the Church". I believe we would be hard pressed to find words that could put the Eucharist in a higher place.

Why is this the most important food for us?

1. He is the Sacrificial Lamb: This passage takes place during the Passover, and they are discussing bread and wine and eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Lamb. Jesus Christ is the New Lamb that is given to us. Like the first Israelites who ate the flesh of the lamb and were saved from the 10th plague, the angel of death that was passing over their houses, so we are called to eat the flesh of the new Lamb in order to be saved and therefore have eternal life.
2. He is given to us and for us: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Communion with Him, gives us life.
3. He is there: Jesus Christ, the true mediator between God and man, really gives us His Body and Blood, under the appearance of Bread and Wine. This means that He is truly there! God has loved us so much that He is giving us His Heart through the Eucharist. It is not merely a symbol or a nice action. God is truly there. The first Christian knew this, they kept the Eucharist as their greatest secret, the earliest writers attested to it, many even were martyred for it.

Thus, the key word for today is "Food". Do you seek out spiritual food throughout your day? Is spiritual food more important or less important to you than physical food? Finally, and above all, do you see that the greatest spiritual food that you can have is the Eucharist?

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, for unborn babies and for all souls of the faithful departed including.

In Memoriam - Rest in Peace - August

20th 1958 Winifred E Madden, 1975 Douglas A F Smith, 1978 Margaret M Daly, 1985, Denise K Delahunty, 1996, Teresa H Journee, 2011 Francis (Skip) Johnson

21st Winifred Kennedy

22nd 1960 Kathleen M Auauo, 1966, Cecil R Banker, 1968, Harry B Hope, 2010 Bridget Austin

23rd, 1966 Christina A king, 1979 Theresa Raee, 1985 Denise Delahunty

24th, 1988 Martin Forman

25th 1974 Marion C L Davidson, 1987 Beryl J M Sheahan, 2005 Margaret C Reilly, 2005 Elizabeth M (Betty) McGuire, 2011 Duncan J Simon

26th August 1966 Murdock A McRae, 1981 Herbert P Lennon, 2008 Reginald G Lambie

Quote of the Week

"Since Christ Himself has said, "This is My Body" who shall dare to doubt that It is His Body?"



St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday Talks - All are welcome to listen to this series presented by Fr Michael Therese on Angels and Demons. Meet in the hall at 7.30pm

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for any personal requests you may have 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 Mass Intention requests.

Parking. Due to the large number of attendees at each Mass (yay!) we are facing a challenge with parking issues. **PLEASE** do not park in St Ninian's car park or in the five-minute zone across the road outside the dairy. Failure to comply with this request MAY just result in your car being towed.

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. On average we are now distributing about 75 food parcels per week so everything you donate is gratefully received. Our Young Vinnies group will be hosting a cuppa and a slice after Mass on Friday 24th. It would be lovely if you could pop over to the hall to meet these wonderful workers of Christ.

Revolution Camp is for year 9 & 10 students. This is a weekend long camp where our young people will experience God through prayer, praise and worship, games, activities and through the Sacraments. It is held at Woodend Christian Camp from the 28th – 30th September & the cost is \$70 per person. 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 before Mass*) 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to the crowd "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever" We believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Though it only looks like a small, white host, we know that through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus becomes present in the host. Do you truly believe? If you don't, that's okay! It does sound a little bit crazy doesn't it?! But if Jesus says it Himself, it must be true. Ask Jesus to help you to see Him in the Eucharist and to help you believe.



Diocesan Notices (More on notice boards)

REPLENISH RESPITE AND HEALING TRUST operates a house in the North Canterbury Countryside where individuals can rest and recover from life's curveballs (see <https://www.replenishhealing.co.nz>). We are looking for a spiritually mature Christian couple to add to our team. Attributes we are looking for are : personal wellbeing, servant hearts, humility, honesty, good communication skills, reliability, accountability, flexibility and relevant practical skills/experience. Appointment will be for an initial period of 1 year with an initial trial period. Please phone 0273009887 or email di.ingle.nz@gmail.com for further information and an application pack.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP is pleased to welcome **Sr. Kathleen Rushton RSM** as our speaker for September. Sr. Kathleen will speak into 'Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to contemplate with gladness and praise' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home). Sr. Kathleen is an experienced and engaging speaker – this gathering is not to be missed! **Saturday 8 September 1pm – 3pm**, Christ the King Parish Centre Greers Rd Phone txt Diane 0274312026 for more info.

ADULT EDUCATION: Fr Frank Kelly will be presenting three talks on: **Jesus Then and Now**. 7.00pm on Sundays 9th, 16th & 23rd September. Venue is St Joseph's Parish Centre in Papanui. Free admission. Enquiries 378 3647.

Sunday 9th: Jesus in the Gospels

Sunday 16th: Jesus in the Early Church

Sunday 23rd: Jesus Today

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 1st September, 9am-4pm, Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield 7481. Facilitators, Tim and Jennifer Goulding. Registrations and inquiries: beatitudesnz@gmail.com Ph. 03-3148837 Registrations \$30 per couple.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES (Gospel according to Mark Year B): Tuesday 21 August, 7.30pm – 9pm with Dr Kathleen Rushton RSM. Venue: 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

Next Week 26 August 2018	8am	10am	7pm
Extraordinary Ministers of HC	John Reilly & Gabrielle O'Connor	Sylvia & Terry Wales & Angela Harrison	Mau Fasavalu, Megan Emery and Tony Azouri
Readers	John Reilly & Mike Doolan	Lydia & Andre Sula	Maria Bautista & Ernest Adu
Altar Servers & Handmaidens	CSJ	Frances, Raphael & Karlson <i>Serena & Maria</i>	Matthew & Anthony
Greeters	Peter McGuire	Brian White	Sara Etienne
Collectors	Tim, Gerry & John R	Warren, Loma & Steve	Robin, Robb, Tony, Johnver & Lilan
Counters	David, Maree and Jay		