



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHĪ - CHRISTCHURCH

1st November 2020
All Saints Day, Year A

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We are in the first week of November. It is the month which is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. She desires that all her children would be in heaven with God and her mission is to help them getting there. More than that the Church is to bring the Good News of the Kingdom of God to those who do not know and believe in Christ and to help these people receiving Salvation. That is why we are to pray not only for the faithful departed but for all the souls in Purgatory.

As Christians we do not travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others. When a part of the body is hurt, all parts of that body also become wounded. When one member has fallen it is necessary and vital for other members to try their best to come to their aid. We are to help each other, to care for each other and to pray for one another. It is good to pray for ourselves yet it is even much more beautiful to pray for others. We believe that our prayers for others are more likely to be heard as they show our love, generosity, and charity for them. Our prayers can help their period of purification to be shorter and quicker.

Our faith in God gives us eternal life. It also offers us hope while we are still on earth. We believe that on the last day, the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven and the dead who are in Christ shall rise. We don't know who will be saved. Yet our love and prayers for the dead can assure us that their atonements in Purgatory are shortened and they will soon be in the fullness of joy and peace in Heaven. During this month we are also encouraged to visit the graves of our deceased loved ones. By doing this and by praying for them, we show our children that it is crucial to pray for the dead and we encourage them to pray for us and to visit our graves after we have gone. May our prayers and love for the dead not diminish but be constantly radiant and bright.



Thanh Tran
Assistant Priest

Mass Offered For: Russell Steel, (recent), Joseph Fernandez, Nikhil D'Cuntha, Herbert Fahey (anniversaries), Yvonne Sisson, Souls in Purgatory; Thanksgiving (1)

There will be no 9.15am Mass on Friday 6th November as Bishop Paul will be celebrating the end of year Mass for Marian College at 9.30am at the Pro-Cathedral.

**READINGS FOR THE DAY 1ST APOCALYPSE 7: 2-4, 9-14;
2ND 1 JOHN 3: 1-3; GOSPEL MATT 5: 1-12**

PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates!

We have 38 Candidates being Confirmed by our Bishop this weekend and we pray that this will be a significant point in their journey of faith. May the experience of the Holy Spirit in their lives lead them to new ways of serving God. We celebrate with them and ask that parishioners keep them in their prayers in the weeks ahead.

Father Thanh at the Chatham Islands

Please note Fr Thanh is going to the Chatham Islands on 3rd November with Fr Chris Orr. They will be visiting the people and ministering to them for one week.

Pray for the Holy Souls

November is the time in the Liturgical year when the Church calls us to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and to visit the Cemetery.

We will visit Ruru Lawn Cemetery on Sunday, 8th November, at 2.00pm and thereafter Memorial Park Cemetery. All welcome. There will be a box for the names of our dearly loved Holy Souls placed in front of the Altar, during November. (No offerings to be placed in the box please. If you want a Mass offered for a special intention, please pass an envelope to a priest in the usual way).

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.*

SVDP

Our members have helped **93 people** this week. Our pantry is in need of: rice, 2 minute noodles, soap powder and toilet paper.

Christmas cards and Columban calendars will be available for sale from Sunday 1st November until 6th December: Calendars \$13.00; Packet 5 cards \$2.50.

Church App

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and **Search 'ChurchAppsNZ'** to download the app onto your device. Then search 'Catholic Cathedral Parish' to find our Church's app.

Prayer Ministry

You will note that at some of our Masses, we will begin to have parishioners available after Mass, to join with anyone who would like prayer for any particular need. At the end of Mass, when those on the prayer ministry team are available, the Priest will invite anyone who would like prayer, to come forward after Mass to the front pew, where you can join with two members of the prayer ministry team. This is one way that we can support one another as we journey in what can sometimes be difficult times. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Ministry Team, please contact Maurice Lawlor on 022 050 7151 and he will ensure you receive the training to equip you for this ministry. Together we are pilgrims on a journey and as parishioners, we never walk alone.

JP2 Centre Fundraiser

In lieu of Race Night

We cannot hold our annual Race Night fundraiser due to Covid level uncertainty but ask for your support with our Raffle Fundraisers:

Pamper Hampers \$10/ticket (7 prize baskets each with \$100 Carlton Dining Voucher and \$100 Ilam New World voucher plus edible goodies)

JP2 Jumbo \$50/ticket, 1 in 15 chance of winning 20 great prizes. See www.jp2.org.nz for prize list. Tickets will be sold after Parish Masses or through the JP2 Centre 351 3225.

Payment cash, or online via our website. Thanks for your support.

Ignatian Reflection Meeting

All are welcome to join in a time of prayer and reflection on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm. All you need bring is pen and paper. These are currently held on Zoom. If you have the Zoom platform already downloaded on your computer you need simply click on the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89874873524?pwd=SmN2YUtpWU1WdEtybml1aGRhT2FkQT09>

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11am Choral Mass, 4.30pm, 6.00pm
Te Rangimarie 11.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday
7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm
Saturday 9.15am
(Novena at 9.45am Saturday)
Public Holiday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am
Saturday 9.45am

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