



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

14th February 2021

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

A Fruitful Lent

As every good gardener knows, tilling the soil and digging in compost always leads to a richer harvest in the garden. During the season of Lent, we enter into 40 days of prayer, fasting, abstinence and other holy practices designed to enrich the 'garden' of our hearts. We learn once again to make room in our lives for God.

Here in the parish, there are a number of opportunities for you to enrich your Lenten experience. Here are some of them:

- Weekday Mass – come along at 7.30am, 9.15am or 12.05pm
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – weekdays 11.00am-12.00pm in the chapel
- Holy Hour – Thursdays 8.00am-9.00am: join the parish team praying for the needs of the parish
- Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent 5.30pm
- Caritas envelopes – send your gift via Caritas to those who truly need help
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – 11.30am weekdays; 9.45am Saturdays
- *Oasis of Mercy* – Friday 19th March 7.00pm-9.00pm: an evening of Confessions and Taize music
- Caritas Lenten Study – Tuesdays morning or afternoon, or Thursday evening: your choice
- Lenten Prayer Retreat – online and one weekly meeting

On **Ash Wednesday (this week)** we offer Masses at 7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm and an extra Mass at 7.00pm.

As well, we celebrate the Ash Wednesday ecumenical liturgy with our Anglican brothers and sisters, this time at the Transitional Cathedral in Latimer Square. You are welcome to attend – 5.30pm.

Simple additions and changes to our daily and weekly routine can be immensely rewarding. Our spiritual exercises and active care for one another will bring blessings to us and those among whom we live. May your Lent be blessed and fruitful.



Father Simon Eccleton
Administrator

Masses offered for:

Teresa Chau Ngoc An (recent); Jerry Sequeira (anniversary)

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Te Rangimarie Centre
11:00am (Maori Mass)

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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READINGS FOR THE DAY 1ST LEV 13: 1-2, 44-46: 2ND: 1 COR 10: 31 – 11:1; GOSPEL: Mk 1: 40-45
PSALM RESPONSE: I TURN TO YOU, LORD, IN TIME OF TROUBLE, AND YOU FILL ME WITH THE JOY OF SALVATION.

Days of Penance

Canon 1249 reminds all Catholics of their obligation to do penance.

This obligation comes from the Gospel. Because of the value of taking part in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed for us. On these days we pray more extensively, do works of piety or charity, fulfil our responsibilities more faithfully, and sometimes fast or abstain from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence in New Zealand. All persons who have completed their fourteenth year of age are bound by the laws of abstinence. Those who have completed their eighteenth year of age are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year.

In the Catholic Church, all Fridays are days of penance. Our Bishops' Conference has stated that Catholics in New Zealand may fulfil the law of common practice of penance by performing any one of the following acts of piety or charity:

- a) Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- b) Abstaining from alcoholic drink, smoking, or some other form of amusement.
- c) Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual.
- d) Giving what is saved as a result of fasting and abstinence to the needy at home or abroad.
- e) Going out of the way to help somebody who is poor, sick, old or lonely.
- f) Making an extra effort in terms of family prayer, participating in the Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, or praying the Stations of the Cross.

Caritas Lenten Envelopes

Today you will find an envelope for the Caritas Lenten Appeal attached to the newsletter. Inside you will find six Lenten story envelopes to return with your donation. You can also give online at www.caritas.org.nz. Please consider giving generously to this appeal.

St Vincent de Paul

This week we helped **66 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of **pasta, 2minute noodles, soap powder, tea, coffee and tinned fruit.**

Wednesdays at One

This week's concert features **CBS Soloists: Liszt Via Crucis – The Way of the Cross.** Cathedral Café open from 12.45pm, concert starts at 1.10pm.

First Communion Registration is now open

For more information contact Clare
cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Prayer Ministry Training

Anyone who is interested in helping to provide prayer after weekend Mass for parishioners who have specific needs they want prayer for are invited to come along to a training session on Saturday 20 February at 10.00am in the Assisi Lounge.

School at Mass

St Mary's School will be at the 9.30am Mass next Sunday 21st February.

Parish Alive Conference

The last day to register for the Parish Alive Conference is the 21st of February. Register online at the parish website www.catholiccathedralchch.org.nz, pop your completed yellow form in the collection basket or give it to a staff member or priest. We would love as many of you to come and be part of the day. Remember children are welcome.

Serving at Mass

We are still in need of people to help in ministries at Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 4:30pm and 6.00pm Masses. If you are regularly at these Masses please put your hand up to help. If you don't usually attend this Mass but are happy to serve once a month please contact Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz

LENT

Lenten Retreat

Follow the Lenten Retreat guide and join Kirsten Challies online for prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday. To receive the link via email, be sure to register on the sheet in the Narthex, where you can also pick up your Lenten guide. Gather in the Church on Tuesday evenings 7.00-8:30pm for prayer and reflection. Let's give God an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Him this Lent.

Caritas Lenten Reflection

First session this Thursday at 7.00pm and next Tuesday after both 9:15am and 12:05pm Masses. Sessions will run weekly for an hour from there and are independent, so missing a week does not inhibit attendance on other weeks. Gather in the Assisi Lounge, alongside the Music Centre.

New Choristers Needed

We practice most Monday nights and sing at Mass on 1st Sunday of the month and some other feast days as requested by priests. We are looking for any choristers but especially tenors/baritones & basses. You do not necessarily need to read music, you just need to love singing and sharing in the unique ministry of the church which is using your talents in music to the glory of God. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Catherine Rietveld 0272286747 if you are interested. Added bonuses of being in the choir is that you are guaranteed a seat and the best view!