



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

28th February 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Tuning in to God this Lent

I recall one of my irritating moments as a parent, when, after calling incessantly for everyone to come to the dinner table, one of my children hadn't responded. (This wasn't a one-time memory!) Filled with built-up frustration, I strode to his room, hoping that each thundering footstep was creating accumulating fear within him, only to find him sitting there with his headphones on, listening to music, blissfully unaware of the tsunami of anger that had headed his way. Argh!!!

While I imagine God's parenting response to be somewhat different to my own, I think he might sometimes quite identify with that experience of not being heard. Our life can be so filled with noise and busyness that sometimes we fail to hear the voice of God or be aware of his companionship. So much stimulus vies for our time and attention and we can find ourselves, at times, hitting an exhausting pace on the treadmill of life and God can become squeezed out to the fringes.

Some of the demands on our time and attention cannot be abandoned if we are to continue to be responsible human beings. But our challenge is to find God amidst the things we do. How can we be more attuned to God amidst our daily activities?

This Lent is an opportune time to sharpen that awareness, to take off the headphones and tune in to God. Moments of silence can be an effective tool for this, where we lessen the demand on our senses, to allow God some room to engage more fully with us and draw us more deeply into Himself. That might simply be taking a moment each hour to be aware of God with me in what I'm doing or it might be participating in one of our parishes Lenten offerings: our Caritas Lenten Reflections, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Retreat, Daily Masses or our Oasis of Mercy (details to follow soon).

Tuning in to God goes against the natural current of NZ society, so it won't happen without some effort on our part. What effort can I make this Lent, to keep Christ central in our lives?

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church on Friday evenings during Lent at 5.30pm.



Kirsten Challies
Pastoral Worker

Masses offered for:

Chris Butler, Mathew Joseph, Glenys Dalziel, Denis Mullany (recent); Beryl Cartwright, Bill Ward, Audrey Broadbent (anniversary); Joseph Vincent Smee, Jim Wilkinson.

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 GEN 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18: 2ND: ROM 8: 31-34; GOSPEL: MK 9: 2-10
PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

A huge thank you to the anonymous parishioner who generously funded our Parish Conference. You are an inspiration to us all.

First Communion Registration is now open

For more information contact Clare
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LENT

Lenten Reflection

Come along to a time together on Tuesday evening in the Chapel 7.00-8:30pm. To join in with online prayer, contact Kirsten Challies for a link to be sent via email on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Caritas Lenten Reflection

An opportunity, especially in this Lenten period, to prayerfully reflect on the Sunday Readings with a small group of parishioners. Tuesday after Midday Mass in the Assisi Lounge, in the Narthex on Wednesday after 9:15am Mass (**NB- change of day**) and Thursday evening at 7 00pm. Please come along. No need to have been previously.

Transport Needed

A parishioner in the Richmond area is requiring transport for an evening weekend Mass and another in the Preston's area needs a ride to Saturday 5:30pm Mass. If you can help, please contact Kirsten Challies in the parish office.

Know of Someone Who Needs a Visit?

We have a Pastoral Care team who are happy to visit any parishioners who need some extra support. If you know of someone returning home from hospital or facing difficult circumstances, please contact Kirsten Challies, who can organise for one of our team to make a visit.

Homebound but happy to provide support to parishioners via phone?

If you are interested in being part of our Pastoral Care Team by providing support to parishioners via the phone, please contact Kirsten Challies, who can provide full training and further information.

St Vincent de Paul

This week we helped **75 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of **tinned fruit, 2 minute noodles, jam, peanut butter, toothpaste and soap powder. Thank you for your kind donations but please note non-perishable food only please as we don't have any means of storing perishable or frozen food.**

St Paul's Indoor Bowling Club

The new season commences on **Tuesday 2nd March and finishes last Tuesday in September** at the Canterbury Indoor Bowls Hall, 25 Kearneys Rd. Be there by 7.15pm. For more info contact Carmel Sullivan on 027-6304024 or Email – sullivancm59@gmail.com. Coaching available. New members most welcome.

Wednesdays at One

You are invited to a mid-week spiritual oasis in our church. 1.10-2.00pm each Wednesday features top quality musicians in an hour of classical music. This Wednesday, Veronica van der Knaap plays our beautiful Steinway piano in works by Chopin and Schubert. A light lunch can be purchased from the Cathedral Café in the foyer of the church from 12.45pm. Slow down for an hour and bring a non-Catholic friend into our church. It may be the beginning of their walk towards Our Lord.

Young Adults Meeting

All young adults (18-35 years old) invited to the Assisi Lounge on Monday 1st March at 7.00pm for our monthly meeting. The topic for this month is the Eucharist. Meetings are the first Monday of each month, followed by a quiz night at the Cranford Ale House on the 3rd Monday of the month.

Singers Needed

The O'Malley Choir needs more singers and invites any parishioners who enjoy singing to join our choir. For those not familiar with us we are a Parish Choir that leads the music at Mass once a month [1st Sunday of month @ 9.30am] and some feast days when required. We sing a variety of forms of music and welcome anyone who likes to sing. We practice every Monday night 7.00pm-8.30pm. You do not need to be able to read music, just to enjoy music and share in this unique ministry, using your music talents for the Glory of God. We welcome all singers and are particularly short of male voices. Please contact Catherine Rietveld 027 288 6747 if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mission Circle

The Mission Circle is resuming in its new home – the Assisi Lounge, now relocated in Manchester Street. The first meeting for 2021 will be on **Tuesday 9 March at 1.30pm**. The Mission Circle has been running for more than 50 years in Mairehau and its purpose is to raise monies for various Catholic missions. Last year \$2,600.00 was distributed to the missions currently supported. An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with us for an afternoon of fun, including games of Housie, raffles and afternoon tea. No joining fee – just come along with a small grocery item for a 'Housie' prize as well as a small raffle prize. Housie cards are 30c each and raffle tickets 50c. Any queries – phone Diana Clark 942 1705 or Gaye O'Connell 960 5328.

Children of Hope

We are re-starting Children of Hope at the Cathedral Parish. Sunday 7th March at 3.00pm in the Chapel. Children of Hope is half an hour of adoration for children, including songs, prayer and short times of silence. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome. Contact Debra McTague 0277175616 for more information.