



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ
Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

11th April 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter Year B, Divine Mercy Sunday

THE EMPTY TOMB

The Easter gift of light that scatters the darkness of fear and sadness is meant for everyone; all are offered the gift of the peace of the Risen Christ, who breaks the chains of violence and hatred.

We now rediscover with joy and wonder that the world is no longer a slave to the inevitable. This world of ours can change: peace is possible even where, for too long, there has been fighting and death.

Men and women of every continent, draw from his tomb, empty now forever, the strength needed to defeat the powers of evil and death, and to place all research and all technical and social progress at the service of a better future for all.

From the moment when your tomb, O Christ, was found empty and Cephas, the disciples, the women, and "more than five hundred brethren" (1 Cor 15:6) saw you risen, there began the time in which the whole of creation sings your name "which is above every other name" and awaits your final return in glory.

During this time, between Easter and the coming of your everlasting Kingdom, a time like the travail of giving birth (cf. Rom 8:22), sustain us in our dedication to building a more humane world, a world soothed by the balm of your love.

Saint John Paul II



Father Simon Eccleton
Administrator

Congratulations Father Job

On Wednesday evening at the Town Hall Fr Job made the oath of allegiance and became a citizen of New Zealand. He is now a proud Kiwi! Congratulations from all of us at Cathedral Parish.



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
Public Holiday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am
Saturday 9.45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY 1ST ACTS 4: 32-35 ; 2ND: 1 JOHN 5: 1-6;

GOSPEL: JOHN 20: 19-31

PSALM RESPONSE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

We welcome families with new students at our schools to the 9.30am Mass today. Please make them feel welcome.

New Parishioners

Please ensure you fill out a green "Cathedral Parish Registration Form" from the Narthex (foyer) so that we have your contact details on file. You can also request to receive updates online by going to the very base of our website <https://catholiccathedralchch.org.nz/> and clicking on "Subscribe Here for Email Updates".

Prayer Ministry Training

Anyone interested in training to help with prayer ministry after weekend Masses is invited to come along on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge.

Men's Luncheon

Parish Men's Luncheon is to be held on 20th April at "GBC" 180 Marshlands Road at 12 noon. To confirm attendance please contact Martin on 385 9947.

Mission Circle

The Mission Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday 13 April at 1.30pm in the Assisi Lounge**. 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.

Contact Details

Would the following people please get in touch with the Parish Office as we don't hold enough contact details to get in touch with you directly: A Iosefo, G Manlunas, H Walker, Ancy John, G Luderico, I Colipano, A Pernites, N George, HT Bui.

The Hope Project

Want to participate in evangelism in our city? Come and help deliver the Hope for All booklets around the streets in our central city area. This is a non - confrontational way to spread the Gospel. Choose a time and come help deliver: Tuesday April 20th 1.00-2.00pm, Saturday 24th 10.00-11.00am or Wednesday 28th 4.00-5.00pm. Choose a day /time and fill in the online form: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GL2EjrJEMpFNRV/mNddUZuu62m-zqzxtFsa9zpaOaPc/edit> or fill in the registration form in the Narthex marked The Hope Project.

Masses have been offered for:

T M Joseph (Kerala, recent); Cyril McKeefry (anniversary); Special Intention (3)

Parish Workshop

We are bringing to you again the workshops that you may have missed out on at our Parish Alive Conference. See our Parish Workshop flyer in the Narthex for dates and times throughout the year. The first of these is Fr Simon's workshop on 'The Saints' on April 24th at 10.00am in the Assisi Lounge.

Alpha

Today at Mass you will receive a little flyer with some information about Alpha. We ask you take it and read it. Feel free to pass it on to someone else who might be interested. We are offering Alpha on Tuesday nights starting 4th May at 7.15pm in the Assisi Lounge and we will serve dessert. We will offer Alpha online via Zoom on Wednesday nights starting 5th May at 7:30pm and also Thursdays at 10.00am starting on 6th May in the Assisi Lounge, we will be serving morning tea. You are invited to sign up for Alpha by signing up on a clip board in foyer or email Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz



Why I did Alpha

The Alpha Course came at a time when I needed it. I was looking for a sign from above and I believe this was it. I decided to do Alpha as I have been disassociated from my religion for around 30 years. With my children completing their First Holy Communion I wanted to rediscover this part of my life and hopefully find the part of me that was missing - Leanne

Parish Planned Giving Programme – Financial Year End

Thank you to the 718 givers enrolled in our Parish Planned Giving Programme for your regular contributions. Your donations allow the parish to carry out its Pastoral Ministry. Your Planned Giving tax receipts for Inland Revenue will be available for collection across the **weekends of Sunday 18th and 25th April** along with your new envelopes and annual financial report. If the office holds your email address your tax receipt will be emailed to you. In line with New Zealand's banks, the parish will no longer be accepting cheques. If you have been a regular cheque donor, we ask that you consider setting up an automatic payment. The advantages to automatic payment/internet banking are less time spent counting cash and less money spent on printing envelopes. The parish bank account number is **03 1592 0207236 020** (Catholic Cathedral Parish Trust). Contact the parish office for your updated Planned Giving number. A number of givers are still donating into the former parish bank accounts. It is our hope to close these accounts by the end of April so ask you to please update your automatic payments to the new account.