



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

4th April 2021
Easter Sunday Year B

Our Easter Joy



A lament I sometimes hear from parishioners is that Lent has passed them by. Before they could organise themselves to embrace simple disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the season has gone. This is one of the characteristics of our age – time passes at great pace. Lent is now over, and we have come to the greatest Christian festival in our calendar. The whole world rejoices today in God's good news. Jesus is risen from the dead – sin and death no longer have the last word.

If Lent has slipped by you, don't be disheartened. The Church now invites us to claim the season of Easter as our own. So great is the feast of Easter Day that the church celebrates it over an 'octave'. The eight days until next Sunday are to be seen as one great celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead.

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are called 'Eastertide'. Over this period we savour the full implications of the Lord's resurrection from the dead. We can mark this period with renewed attention to the things of faith. Popping in to the church to light a candle, a visit to someone housebound, a special gathering of the family for a meal preceded by prayer, a renewed commitment to attending Sunday Mass together as a family – there are countless ways to mark out and salute the season of Eastertide.

Any effort you make to strengthen your faith will lead to a strengthening of your personal life and friendships. And it all starts with something as simple as coming to Mass.

A joyous and peace-filled Easter to you all.



Father Simon Eccleton
Administrator

Embracing Alpha

In our parish we are seeking to grow in our ability to proclaim Christ to the world. One of the best steps we can take is to sign up for an Alpha course here at Cathedral Parish. In this course participants are helped to put into words the questions of their hearts – why are we here on earth; what is God's plan for me; how can I do my part to tell the world about God's love for us all.?

We hope that everyone will sign up for this course. It's fun; it's life-giving; you will make new friends. It will help you to draw ever closer to Jesus our Lord and saviour.

Have Easter courage – sign up for Alpha soon.

Masses have been offered for:

Gerald O'Farrell, Special Intention (1)

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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There will be no Holy Hour on Tuesday 6th April.

READINGS FOR THE DAY 1ST ACTS 10: 34, 37-43 ; 2ND: COL 3: 1-4;
GOSPEL: JOHN 20: 1-9

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.



Congratulations James

At the 9.30am Mass today James McLaughlin will make his first Holy Communion. James was very unwell last year and so missed the opportunity to make his Holy Communion with his classmates. We are delighted to celebrate with him and his family today.

The parish office and the Catholic Shop will be closed on Tuesday 6th April.

Pick up your copy of our new parish magazine 'Yes, Lord!' available this weekend from the church foyer. If you know of someone who is housebound please drop a copy in to them.

Please pray for our children who will make their First Reconciliation on Thursday evening.

Christchurch City Marathon

The City Marathon will be held on Sunday 11th April and part of Salisbury Street will be closed until 2.00pm. If this is the way you usually come to Mass please choose a different route.



St Vincent de Paul

This week we helped **117 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of: **long-life milk, pasta, instant coffee, tea bags, canned fruit, biscuits and soap powder..** Thank you for your kind donations - please note non-perishable food only as we are unable to store perishable or frozen food. Who are we?... what do we do? How do we help those in need? Please visit our website: <https://www.svdpchch.co.nz/>

Caritas Lenten Appeal

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Caritas Lenten Appeal. Parishioners have donated \$1,029.60 in the 6th week of Lent. Any money received by Caritas before 31st March will be received by them for the 2020-2021 Financial Year.

Malayalam Mass

6.00pm Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month will be in Malayalam. It will be a Latin Malayalam Mass and a leaflet will be available for anyone to follow. Please contact Fr Job for more information on 0226829886.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 11th April here at the Pro-Cathedral. Starts with reconciliation at 1.30pm and concludes with Mass at 3.00pm. For more information email info@divinemeracy.co.nz or phone 359 2087.

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".

On Sunday 11th April at 9:30am Mass we will welcome the new pupils from both of our schools. They will receive a blessing and after Mass there will be morning tea for everyone in the Assisi Lounge.

Testimony Training

If you would like to share some of your faith story either at weekend Masses or in written form, come to an hour of testimony training on Wed April 7th at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge. For more information, contact Kirsten Challies in the parish office on 379 1068.

Prayer Ministry Training

Wednesday April 14th at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge for all interested in supporting parishioners at the end of weekend Masses by providing prayer for their needs.

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. 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.

Contact Details

Would the following people please get in touch with the Parish Office, 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.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for all of us. It is a chance for us to renew our commitment to our faith, to grow and learn. It is also a place where we can invite friends who are curious about faith. Keep an eye out for registration in the coming weeks. We will be beginning first week of May.