



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

25<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B



This Anzac Day we remember the great sacrifice our forebears made, losing or risking their lives, for a greater good and a more just world. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" Jn 15:13.

Today, the battle that threatens our land is of a different nature and is insidious, silent and subtle - the battle that seeks to separate us from God. This battle is camouflaged amidst our normal everyday lives and is therefore often overlooked, yet its consequences last forever. Whether we live for eight years or 88 years, neither compares to the 'forever' life we will spend in eternity, so staying vigilant and keeping faith at the forefront of our lives is vital.

Noticeably the nations which are strong in faith often contend with serious hardship, and consequently are very aware of their dependency on God. Amidst our relatively luxurious living in New Zealand, there is greater temptation for us to arrogantly think ourselves self-sufficient and to decide faith is unimportant or irrelevant, or, through complacency or mediocrity, for faith to slip through our fingers.

Many of us have family members and loved ones who have let go of their faith for various reasons. Let's be inspired by the example of our forebears and take up the battle on their behalf, being belligerent in prayer, that God work in their lives and overcome whatever keeps eyes and hearts distracted.

Join with others from the parish in taking Wednesdays as a day of particular prayer for our loved ones. Maybe by relinquishing a meal on Wednesdays, your body will remind you to lift loved ones to the Lord. Or maybe fasting from social media or a particular drink for a period of the day would be more effective. Or you may want to say a rosary or make some other offering. (The attached prayer can be found in hard copy outside the Chapel if it is useful to you.) You might like to put a reminder on your phone until this Wednesday prayer becomes a habit. Let's take up the call to battle and commit to prayer together.

**Kirsten Challies**  
 Pastoral Worker

**Masses have been offered for:**  
 M. A. Vincent, Josephine Jones (recent); Thomas Elliot (anniversary); Special Intention (1)

## A Call to Battle

### The Prayer of a Parent

Lord,  
 I am grateful  
 that my love for my child  
 is only a dim reflection  
 of your all-encompassing love for them.  
 War rages in the heavenly realms  
 with empty promises and fleeting joys.  
 May they find you amidst the chaos  
 And hear your knocking on their heart.  
 Win that battle for their lives  
 And show them who you are.  
 May they know that they are loved  
 And choose to follow You.  
 Amen.

## 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 1<sup>ST</sup> ACTS 4: 8-12 ; 2<sup>ND</sup>: 1 JOHN 3: 1-2;  
GOSPEL: JOHN 10: 11-18

PSALM RESPONSE: THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE.

**As Monday is a Public Holiday there will only be one Mass at 9.15am that day.**

### Alpha

This weekend is sign up Sunday. We are grateful to those who have already signed up. After Mass today you will find some clip boards in the foyer and some people to help you sign up. You can also go on to the Parish Facebook page and click on the link to register online. You can choose from Tuesday 7:15pm in the Assisi Lounge, OR Wednesday 7:30pm via Zoom (this session is great for those who do not have a babysitter, great for mums with small children) OR Thursday 10.00am in the Assisi Lounge. Alpha is 10 weeks but it flies by and you will miss it once it is completed. If you are unsure come to the first Alpha session and check it out. Each week we will be providing dessert or morning tea and we are looking for people who are willing to bake every few weeks to support Alpha. If you can help please email Clare [cbell@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:cbell@cathedralparish.nz) or ring the Parish office. We ask you to keep Alpha in your prayers. We ask you to come and to invite friends and family.



### **Why I decided to do Alpha**

I decided to do the Alpha course because religion is something that I have always been curious about. With having had both my children baptised, I felt this a great opportunity to explore my spiritual beliefs and seek answers to questions that I had, and to help guide them with their journeys as they grow – Kelly.

### Planned Giving

This weekend is your last opportunity to pick up your new Planned Giving envelopes. Any not collected will be delivered during the next week or so. Your tax receipts will be emailed for those donating via Automatic Payment/Internet banking. If we don't hold an email address for you it will be posted at the end of the month.

### Deliverers

If anyone would be happy to help deliver the remaining Planned Giving envelopes to letterboxes, please get in touch with the parish office this week.

### Novena

The Novena is held in the church after the 9.15am Mass on Saturday mornings.

### 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.

### Scripture Group

The Cathedral Parish has a Scripture Group who have been meeting for the past few years. We meet once a month, on the last Tuesday of the month, and welcome anyone who is interested to join us for our next meeting - **Tuesday, April 27th, 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge**. We begin with a cuppa and chat, followed by reading/studying the next Sunday's Gospel using the Lectio Divina model. Any queries contact Louise 3655-293.

### The Hope Project

There is another chance for delivering the **Hope for All** booklets to letterboxes this Wednesday between 4.00-5.00pm. They are simple booklets that explain how faith makes a difference in New Zealanders' lives. It is an easy way to participate in evangelism. Meet in the Assisi lounge at 4.00pm.

### New Parishioners

If you haven't filled out a green Parish Registration Form please collect a form from the stands in the Narthex, complete it and return it to the Parish Office or to a staff member. This ensures we can contact you if the need arises. You are invited to a Wine and Cheese evening on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Assisi Lounge, where we can get to know you a little better and tell you about our parish life.

### Meals/Baking

Meals and baking are a practical way of supporting fellow parishioners in a difficult time. We have freezer space available for anyone who would like to contribute. Please contact Kirsten Challies to arrange a time to bring it in.



### St Vincent de Paul

This week we helped 99 **people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of: **winter breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, sweet treat biscuits**, tea bags, instant coffee, cakes of soap. We are currently experiencing very high demand for our services, with 180 calls for the month of March, the highest number we have recorded in the last 6 years of record taking.

### Adoration

Adoration is held in the chapel on weekdays between 11.00am-12 noon.

### Mother's Day Cards

The John Paul II Centre for Life is selling Mother's Day cards this year, with a portion of sales going towards supporting the work of the Centre. Go to their Facebook page to order <https://www.facebook.com/jp2centre/>  
Thank you for your support!