



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
 ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

9th May 2021

6th Sunday of Easter Year B

Our Parish – One Year On



Later this month our new Cathedral Parish will be one year old. We came into being through the merging of the former Cathedral and St Francis' parishes on Pentecost Sunday last year. Our plans to celebrate this new beginning were downgraded when the Covid-19 pandemic blew up. We will acknowledge our first anniversary together on Pentecost Sunday 23rd May. We have much for which to be grateful to God.

In preparation for Pentecost everyone is invited to an event we are calling Come, Holy Spirit. Join us on **Thursday 20th May 7pm to 9pm** for the Sacrament Reconciliation followed by a time of praise and worship. Come for part or all of the evening. A number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm, and from 7:45pm there will be song and prayer to God. These events have been very popular over the last year. A blessed time to receive God's grace and healing.

This last week 80 parishioners gathered on two separate days for the start of the Alpha Programme here in the parish. This was a wonderful response to our call to participate in this faith-development initiative. In time, we hope that everyone will feel moved to sign up for this programme. It's energising and fun to grow together in our relationship with the Lord.

Prayer for Christian Unity – This year it is the turn of the Anglicans to lead this prayer service in the week leading up to Pentecost. Join us at the Anglican Transitional Cathedral on Wednesday 19th May 7pm for these prayers.

Last Friday evening we had a great gathering of those new to the parish. We discussed how the diocesan pastoral priorities (personal holiness, building up our parish, and outreach to the world) are finding expression here at Cathedral Parish. We are blessed with those who come and make their home among us.

On the last two Sundays of this month, we will conduct the first census of our new parish. We have waited until this moment because people needed time to work out which parish they want to make their home. Holding contact details makes it easier for us to communicate and care for each other.

Thanks to all those who helped distribute the Hope booklets around the inner city over recent days. A practical way of spreading the word!

Father Simon Eccleton
Cathedral Administrator

Masses have been offered for:
 Neville Tiller (Recent); C T Joseph
 (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
 Public Holiday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am
 Saturday 9.45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY 1ST ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 2ND: 1 JOHN 4:7-10;

GOSPEL: JOHN 15: 9-17

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER

Take Action Against Modern Slavery Modern slavery is the severe exploitation of other people for personal or commercial gain and is in the clothes we wear, the coffee we drink, and the goods we love and purchase. Two-thirds of all people in modern slavery live in Asia Pacific – the area New Zealand trades with extensively. Unlike many other countries, New Zealand has no legislation that requires companies to undertake due diligence looking into the risks of modern slavery within their supply chains and taking actions to address those risks. Modern Slavery legislation is a key way for New Zealand companies to work together to eliminate modern slavery in private and public sector supply chains. You can take action by signing the petition in the Narthex or going online to www.signforfreedom.nz.

Our Lady of Fatima Thursday May 13th is the anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance at Fatima. You are invited to join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after the 9:15 Mass on this day to pray the rosary.

Malayalam Mass 6:00pm Mass TODAY 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 022 682 9886.

Hope Project We still have booklets to deliver to letterboxes and if you would like to be designated a few streets and deliver them in your own time, please contact Kirsten Challies. This is your chance to take part in getting the message of Christ to those who don't yet know Him.

St Vincent de Paul This week we helped **108 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of **pasta, canned soup, rice, soap powder, jam, vegemite, peanut butter**. *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/>

St Vincent de Paul - Free Budget Advice Day to Day Money Planning. SVDP will discuss with you confidentially, ways and solutions to your money worries. To make an appointment phone 021 244 9966 or email penny@svdpchch.co.nz. Appointments available Wednesday and Friday 10am-1pm. 265 Stanmore Road, Christchurch.

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

Mission Circle Mission Circle meets again this Tuesday 11 May 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, a small raffle prize and a small plate for afternoon tea. Housie cards are 30c each and raffle tickets 50c. Last month we had 30 people attend and \$216.80 was raised for the various Catholic Missions which we support. Any queries – phone Diana Clark 942 1705 or Gaye O'Connell 960 5328.

Areas in which you can serve at Sunday Mass

Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) Helpers

We are in need of 3 or 4 helpers to support the teacher at Liturgy of the Word with Children at 9:30am Mass during term time. If your child/ren attend LWC we would ask you consider being a helper. We would also invite others 16 and over to join the team. For more information contact Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Altar servers In the next few months we would like to offer training once again for Altar Servers. To be an Altar Server you must be Year 5 and above and have made your First Communion and have a level of maturity. Please take a blue form from the Narthex or email cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Lectors needed for 4:30pm and 6.00pm Masses.

Next Sunday we will have the **CYT Youth Ministry** music group leading the music at 4:30pm Mass. Everyone welcome.

Pastoral Care If you know of a parishioner who could do with a visit from one of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Kirsten Challies.

Parish Workshop Fr Job will be giving a workshop on Saturday 15th May in the Assisi Lounge at 10am on 'Caring for the Sick & Dying'. All are welcome.

Preference of Enrolment Certificates If you are about to enrol your child in a Catholic School you need to obtain a Preference of Enrolment Certificate. This can be done by bringing your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate to the parish office during office hours.

Catholic Cathedral College Open Evening Tuesday 18 May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road,

NZ Catholic & Marist Messengers are for sale at the back of the church.