



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ

Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

25th July 2021

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Grandparents

I grew up with 4 grandparents and each one brought something different to my life, but the one thing they all had in common was love for all of their grandchildren, and I can see this with my parents as they enjoy their 10 grandchildren.

Grandma would dance around the room with us and let us try on her lipstick. She made the best Louise slice and shortbread. Grandad was gentle, told great stories and we could all see he was Dad's best mate.

Grandad Lily was the one who taught me to accept a compliment and how to drive. He also showed me how to love until the end. My greatest memory was him painting Gran's nails in her last days. Gran was a strong woman. She set the tone for our family. She taught us so many things. I can still picture us all standing around her sharing our prayers or singing our songs.

My life is richer because of their love. I am grateful that they got alongside my parents to teach us.

People often say parents are the first teachers. I would like to say they go hand in hand with grandparents. Grandparents often are not facing the stresses of living with little children so can be more patient and take the time to spend with the children. When life gets busy and a child's behaviour is overwhelming for me it is Gran and Papa who step in and gently love and guide my children. They are often able to get the best out of my kids.

Grandparents show us the love of God. Grandparents are love. Love is patient, love is kind... it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails (1 Cor 12: 4-8).

Pope Francis has named the closest Sunday to the feast of St Anne and Joachim, (Mary's parents) a day to celebrate grandparents and the elderly who are such a gift to our community. They strengthen us with their prayers, wisdom, and love.



Clare Bell
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Masses have been offered for:

Gavin McKay, Catherine Nolan (UK), Mrs Vasilica (Romania), Joy Damian (recent); Charles (Viv) Leech (anniversary), Mary Blank, M A Vincent, Holy souls in purgatory, Thanksgiving (1), Special intention (2).

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 (Miha Māori)

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 2 KINGS: 4: 42-44; 2ND: EPH 4: 1-6;

GOSPEL: JOHN 6: 1-15

PSALM RESPONSE: THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US; HE ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS.

COVID 19 Please continue to sign in either using the tracer app or signing the register when you come into the church or parish facilities.



Confirmation – 4th September

Confirmation is for students Year 8 and older. Preparation will happen in August. For more information and to sign up please scan QR code. For any adults who wish to be confirmed please contact Clare Bell.

Jubilate 2021 You are invited to join Archbishop Paul, his priests, and over 600 of our best young singers for a midday Mass and 7:00pm concert in the Christchurch Town Hall on **Friday 6 August** (The Feast of the Transfiguration). Come to receive our Lord in the Mass and enjoy great singing in praise of him. Free *concert tickets* available at <https://events.humanitix.com/jubilateconcert>

Ignatian Guided Reflection 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the Assisi Lounge 7.00-8:30pm beginning Thursday 5th August. Beginning with the daily examen over supper, followed by guided reflection on a passage from Mark's Gospel and small group discussion about our discoveries together. For more information contact Colin Renouf: cgreno21@outlook.co.nz

Kai for the Community We are catering and serving the dinner for those homeless and in need on **Sunday 8th August**. We require a hot meal and dessert for up to 90 people. eg. mince & vegies, pasta, sausage casserole, fruit crumble. If you are able to assist with preparing food or serving please contact Phil: phil.clare.bell@gmail.com, or speak to Clare at the parish.

Workshop Matt O'Connell will offer a workshop entitled "Discerning your Spiritual Gifts" on Wednesday August 4th at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge, based on his presentation at our Parish Alive Conference. Through the eyes of the Called and Gifted programme, come and learn about how to discern the spiritual gifts God has given you for the sake of others. All welcome.

Volunteers for the Catholic Shop The Catholic Shop needs volunteers to work in the shop. If you have computer skills and customer service experience and would like to do some volunteer work please contact Vicki on 0274 222 515.

Do you volunteer in the parish? If you volunteer in any ministry/role in the parish then you are required to attend a Diocesan Safeguarding Workshop. There will be a Safeguarding Workshop 1 session held at Sacred Heart, Addington on Tuesday 27th July at 9:30am. If you have not previously attended Workshop 1 you are welcome to attend. You don't need to RSVP.

Parish Garage Sale The parish is going to run a garage sale on the old Mairehau site to deal with the household items accumulated across the 5 former parishes. As a first step we are seeking volunteers to form a team to plan, organise and market the garage sale tentatively planned for Saturday 21st August. If you have experience and would like to be involved please contact Kirsten Tester in the parish office on 595 1053 or ktester@cathedralparish.nz At a later stage we will ask for assistance on the actual day.

"Let's talk Catholicism" Participate in discussions using the series "Catholicism" developed by Bishop Robert Barron, of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. This engaging formational DVD programme uses art, architecture, literature, music and other Catholic treasures to explore what Catholics believe and why, to aid a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. First session is August 18th, 7:30 – 9.00pm in the Assisi Lounge. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul This week we helped **69 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need **winter cereal, canned baked beans, long life milk, jam, cup of soup and sweet biscuits**. SVDP Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex by the picture of St Vincent de Paul. Should you wish to make an online donation to SVDP the account number is 03 1700 0027831 00. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

August Young Adults The next Young Adults meeting will be on Monday 2nd August at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge. Our topic is Amazed and Afraid: The revelation of God become man. We will also discuss our upcoming quiz night where our fundraising goal is for Tearfund's Disaster and Conflict Relief in Lebanon. <https://fundraise.tearfund.org.nz/fundraisers/catholicathedralparish> Drinks and nibbles provided. Bring along a friend.

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