



## CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ

*Christ in the Centre*

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

### “Open Our Eyes to See You, Lord”

In the gospel this weekend we hear how those who grew up with Jesus were unable to accept he was anything more than just another man. They had seen him day in, day out, as he grew and, in their eyes, he was who they had always believed him to be – a lad like any other from the town of Nazareth. Their perception of Jesus was limited by familiarity, and they were not open for that perception to be expanded.

How often do we let familiarity limit our own perception of God at work in our lives? How often do we not recognize God in the everyday things around us because they are just always there?

Let's consider a world absent of God. What would it be like to live in a world without love i.e. no loving relationships of any kind or any love or care within social structures or community organisations? How would our world be without joy in any form; without either internal or external peace; without patience or kindness displayed by anyone; without generosity or faithfulness or gentleness; with no evidence of self-control (Gal 5:22-23). Take a moment to imagine that world.

When we consider a world with an absence of God i.e. without the effects of his Holy Spirit listed in Galatians 5 (love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) we can then begin to appreciate that what we count as normal and familiar is in fact bathed in God, oozing the touch of his Holy Spirit.

Let's invite God to open our eyes this week, to see how the Holy Spirit is at work in the normal everyday things that we engage in, things where we might not typically recognise God's hand but simply regard as normal. And as we notice and appreciate God's handiwork, may our hearts be so filled with gratitude that we echo Mary's words "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour".



**Kirsten Challies**  
Pastoral Worker

#### Masses have been offered for:

**Katherine Teresa M'Coster, Noemi Balan (recent), Brett Chapman, Des Brennan, Sara Needham (anniversary), Frank & Theresa Delahunt. 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 (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 EZEKIEL 2: 2-5; 2ND: 2 COR 12: 7-10;

GOSPEL: MARK 6: 1-6

PSALM RESPONSE: OUR EYES ARE FIXED ON THE LORD, PLEADING FOR HIS MERCY.

**The Parish Office will be open 8.30am-12 noon only every day this week.**

**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.

**Cathedral Brotherhood Men's Group** monthly gathering Wednesday 7th July, 7.00pm in the Pro-Cathedral Chapel. Talk from Steve Entwistle and time of prayer, followed by fellowship at The Last Word, New Regent St. All men of the Parish welcome.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** is held in the Chapel after the 9:15am Mass on Saturday mornings.



#### **Confirmation – 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Confirmation is for students Year 8 and old. 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. Adult preparation starts on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July via Zoom.

**Parish Winter Dinner** Save the date Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 5:30pm, St Francis School Hall. Dinner will be pot-luck and all are welcome.

**Alpha** Please pray for all those who have attended Alpha. This week coming is the last week. It has been such a blessed programme. We look forward to beginning the next programme in September.

**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>

**St Vincent de Paul** -Do you have bedding surplus to requirement, buried in your linen cupboard that you no longer need? SVDP are in desperate need for sheets and blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need in our community this winter. We also have a great need for Household furniture particularly Whiteware and Dining Tables. Bedding can be placed in the Parish Clothing bins or email Penny on [penny@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:penny@svdpchch.co.nz) to arrange bedding/furniture pickup/drop off. Thank you for helping us help others.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held in the Blessed Sacrament chapel every weekday between 11:00am -12 midday. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

**Workshops** Fr John O'Connor will be re-presenting his workshop "Praying With Scripture: Lectio Divina" from the Parish Alive Conference in the Assisi Lounge on Wednesday 7 July at 7.00pm. All are welcome. Fr Thanh's workshop has needed to be moved. He will now present on "Reconnecting with God: Reconciliation" on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**One-Day Parish Retreat** "Encountering Jesus: Through Praying With the Gospels". Take some time to nurture your faith and be led in prayer and reflection by Colin Renouf, spiritual director of 25 years. Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 9:15am and finishing at 3:30pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity for God to work within you. Register by contacting Kirsten Challies or by signing up on the form in the Narthex. Bring your own lunch. A koha of \$20 would be gratefully received but not essential.

**Interested in becoming Catholic?** We will begin a weekly journey in August for those wanting to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. To join with others on this journey or simply to investigate that option, please make yourself known to one of the priests or pastoral workers or complete the green OCIA form in the Narthex to register your interest.

**St Vincent de Paul** This week we helped **69 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of **tinned fruit, long-life milk, biscuits, cakes of soap and cup a soup**. Thank you to all who continue to support us financially through donations directly into our bank account or through the SVDP envelopes available in the Narthex. May God bless the givers and their gifts. *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/>

**July Young Adults** Our next Young Adults meeting is on Monday 5th July at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge. We will begin to use Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series and discuss our upcoming August quiz night where our fundraising goal is for Tearfund's Disaster and Conflict Relief in Lebanon. Find us on Facebook - Cathedral Parish Young Adults.