CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

17th April 2022
Easter Sunday, Year C

Extravagant Love

To those who are with us for the first time this weekend, WELCOME! It is lovely to have you here at this special Easter time. We are excited to be receiving 18 of our Catechumens and Candidates into the Church and are so pleased family and friends could come to support them. It may be that our Easter ceremonies are a little baffling for you, but we invite you to let go of 'full understanding' and take note of a sense of the 'sacred' or 'holy' – God being with His people.

This Holy Week, the week leading up to and including Easter Sunday, has been a chance to put the normal things of life to one side and to focus on Jesus' journey to the cross, where He willingly died for each of us, while knowing that we may choose not to respond to Him. He took the punishment we deserve for our sins, willingly suffering scourging and being nailed to the cross, in the hope that you and I might turn to Him and recognize it is our sinfulness that holds Jesus' hands nailed to that cross. His great hope is that we ask for forgiveness and return to the relationship with Him that He intended for each of us, where we are free to walk daily with Him, not just in the next life, but in this life as well.

For those who are Catholic and for those being received into the Church this weekend, during the prayers at the altar, we join Jesus at the cross, acknowledge what He has done for us, and receive the new life he won through his rising from the dead. Partaking of the Eucharist allows us to receive Jesus, spiritually and in physical form, that He might transform us with that new life, and enable us to affect the world we live in.

In our Easter Vigil ceremony, we see the flame of the Easter candle bring light to the whole Church as that one flame is used to ignite a multitude of candles and consequently darkness is dispelled. We are invited to take this light out into the world and allow Christ to shine through us. Our world desperately needs that light, so may we receive Jesus' extravagant love for us this Easter and be so transformed by it that our world is a better place for Christ's work in us.

Extravagant Love invites an extravagant response.

Kirsten Challies
Pastoral Worker

The 7:30am Mass this Week

Please note there will be no 7:30am Mass this week. A reminder that Easter Monday and Anzac Day are public holidays so the only Mass those days is at 9:15am and the Parish Office will be closed.

Masses offered for: Sr Marita Breen, Peter Thuy Quang Pham (recent); those who are sick (1), Souls in Purgatory (3), Souls of D'Souza & Pinto families.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish website
www.catholiccathedralchch.org.nz

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 4.30pm and 6.00pm

Te Rangimarie Centre
11.00am (Miha Māori)

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday to Friday
7:30am
9:15am, 12:05pm
Saturday 9:15am
Public Holidays
9:15am

RECONCILIATION
Currently in the side chapel
Monday to Friday 11:30am
Saturday 9:45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

ACTS 10: 34, 37-43; 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.

Our **9.30am Sunday Mass is livestreamed** on the Diocesan Youtube channel Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - YouTube

A Taste of the Spiritual Exercises Colin Renouf (Spiritual Director) will offer reflections focused on the themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 5th May at 7:00pm in the Assisi Lounge. A chance for spiritual nourishment and a deepening of your faith. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Colin on cgreno21@outlook.co.nz

Safeguarding Workshops for Volunteers & Ministries The next Safeguarding Workshops will be held on Wednesday 4th May (1:00pm-2:30pm) or (7:00pm to 8:30 pm) at St Teresa's Riccarton. Who should attend? Any new volunteer in ministries or any volunteers who have not yet been able to attend a Safeguarding workshop.

Lectors training for new and current lectors Join us for training on Tuesday 26th April at 5:30pm in the Church. If you are new and wish to train as a reader/lector at Mass please contact Clare for more information. We are looking for additional lectors for all Mass times. RSVP to the Parish office if you can attend the training.

St Vincent de Paul Cathedral SVDP are looking for some white and grey paint in order to paint the new foodbank. White water-based acrylic and grey that can be used on the concrete floor. If you can help please contact the parish office on 379 1068. This week we fed 99 people in our area. The pantry is in need of breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned soup, baked beans and tinned spaghetti.

'We Belong' Monthly Newsletter If you have something that you would like included in the Parish 'Belong' monthly newsletter, please email to Clare by 24th April. cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Homily Clips Listen to weekday homilies from Father Simon on the parish Facebook page or on the parish website (under 'Our Church').

Divine Mercy Sunday April 24 This annual event will be held here at the Pro-Cathedral next Sunday. Confessions 1:45-3:00pm, Chaplet sung/prayer 2:30pm, Mass 2:45pm.**Planned Giving** Tax receipts for the financial year end 31st March 2022 will be issued by the end of April along with new envelopes for those on envelope giving. It's not too late to sign up for Planned Giving for the new financial year or to move from Envelope giving to Automatic Payment. Just get in touch with the parish office 379 1068 if you would like to join the Planned Giving programme.

The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch wishes to share a **special edition** of the **Inform magazine** exclusively on the new Christchurch Catholic Cathedral. This includes concept designs and plans of the precinct. This will be distributed late May.

The Parish Office would like to share your postal details with the Diocesan Office in order for this to take place. If you do not consent, and wish to opt-out of any communications, please let the Parish Office know by Friday 22 April at office@cathedralparish.nz or phone 379 1068.

You are all invited to Alpha Alpha is a chance to ask question on life, faith and meaning. Beginning in May. Registration information will be out next week. Check out the Parish Facebook page for promo videos, and registration details. Queries to

cathedralalphachch@gmail.com

NOTICE OF SCHEME FOR VARIATION OF TRUST

PART OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 122 – 140 BARBADOES STREET ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RESERVE

PLEASE NOTE THAT a scheme has been submitted by Archbishop Paul Martin as the Apostolic Administrator of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Christchurch for the Variation of the Trust upon which part of the above properties are held. A copy of the Scheme, the statement providing full information about the reasons for the proposed Variation and the trust instruments can be inspected at Cathedral House, Unit 2/9 Washington Way, Sydenham, Christchurch 8011 during normal working hours. All objections to, or representations concerning, the scheme must be:

1. In writing; and
2. Sent within 60 days of the date of this notice to The Diocesan Board of Management and Finance – Christchurch Diocese whose address is:

C/- PO Box 4544
CHRISTCHURCH 8140

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