



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

22 May 2022  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C

## Do You Believe in Miracles?



Over these days of Eastertide (the fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost) the daily Mass readings focus on the life and experience of the early Church, especially as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

And it's all about Mission. The apostles are on fire with the Good News and filled with the Holy Spirit. Truly wondrous events accompany the teaching of Paul.

Last Monday we listened to the story of Paul healing a man whose feet had been crippled from birth. The people were overjoyed and wanted to worship Paul and his companions. They thought these apostles were Gods who had come to earth in human guise! Their thinking was that only a God could perform such amazing miracles.

Paul explained to them that they were only men and that it was the power of Jesus, working through them, that was bringing about these healings and transformation.

This was a new idea for the people. Fellow human beings performing miracles?

But this is exactly what Jesus promised. He says: *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. They will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father (Jn 14:12)*

We will perform great miracles in the name of Jesus if we have faith in him. We can start with the small miracles when we forgive others their wrongs. Forgiveness liberates people from their chains and makes them truly free. We can extend the hand of friendship to those who are new to our country, to the lonely, to the isolated family member – in this way bringing new life to our sister or brother. We can share our faith with those who do not know Jesus, or who only know him as a swear word – in this way proffering the gift of eternal life to those who are lost.

Try making a determined effort to pray every day for someone who is sick, or lost their job, or who is broken-hearted after suffering a bereavement. Watch how the Holy Spirit heals and brings new life, and then tell others what you have seen.

**Father Simon Eccleton**  
Cathedral Administrator

**Masses offered for:** Mitchell Rosevear, Dave Hunter, Maria Hill, Betty Conaghan, Nadillo Walter Veronese (recent); Albina Idul, Ted Quinn, Dino Aldo Veronese, Thora Cosgrove, Ruth Flett (anniversary), Marie Therese Foster (other), Thanksgiving (3), Special Intention (1).

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish website**  
[www.catholiccathedralchch.org.nz](http://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

Monday to Friday 11:30am  
Saturday 9:45am

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

ACTS 15: 1-2, 22-29; APOC 21: 10-14, 22-23; GOSPEL JOHN 14: 23-29

PSALM RESPONSE: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU!

Our **9.30am Sunday Mass is livestreamed** on the Diocesan Youtube channel [Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - YouTube](#)

**St Mary's School Feast Day** St Mary's School will be attending the 9.15am Mass this Tuesday, 24 May, with the school choir to celebrate their Feast Day, Our Lady Help of Christians.

**Altar Servers Needed** If you have made your First Communion and you are Year 5 or older we would like you to consider being an Altar server. Training will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.00pm in the church. If you would like to register your interest please contact Clare Bell or Fr Job.

**Volunteers for the Catholic Shop** Are you looking to volunteer? The Catholic Shop has Thursday afternoon shift available plus the opportunity to backup other volunteers. Customer service and computer skills needed. Full training given. Contact Vicki on [Vschupbach@cdoc.nz](mailto:Vschupbach@cdoc.nz)

**Share your faith** For those who feel led to share something of their faith journey at Masses, please contact Kirsten Challies for information and training.

**First Holy Communion Programme** Our First Holy Communion Programme for 2022 is set to start on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. Children can be part of this programme from Year 4 upwards in preparation for this special sacrament. Our programme this year consists of 3 parent and 3 child sessions. The First Holy Communion date is 28<sup>th</sup> of August. If you have a child who is interested in being part of this programme, please email Cathie at [churdle@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:churdle@cathedralparish.nz). Registrations close on 5 June 2022.

**Prayer Walk:** Please contact Kirsten Challies for a map and prayer cards to deliver to letterboxes in the inner-city. Take a half hour/hour and walk the streets and pray for all those in our parish boundary.

**NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again.** Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: New site for Auckland theologate campus; pastoral implications of legal euthanasia; images of God for Pacific Women; Kiwi priest's healing ministry in Medjugorje.

**Could John Roundhill and Catherine McClean please make contact with the parish office. Thank you.**

**Prayer Assists** The "Pray as You Go" app can be helpful in leading you in prayer. The "Universalis" and "Laudate" apps have morning, midday and evening prayer outlined and also have Mass readings of the day, with commentaries and other pray offerings. You may find these helpful.



**St Vincent de Paul** We have helped 102 people in our community this past week. Our pantry is in need of winter breakfast cereal, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, tinned soup and toilet paper. Thank you to all those who so generously respond to our requests for help so that we can help those in need in our community.

**Join us for our FIRST Family Mass** On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am the Cathedral Parish will be hosting its first Family Mass and we would love for you to join us. Come and be inspired by a family orientated homily, hear some of our children speak and sing to lively hymns. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Assisi Lounge where we will have time to connect and catch up. Family Mass will be held monthly on the last Sunday of the month and will be focused on all things family, from children and parents to aunties, uncles, grandparents, and Godparents. It will be the perfect ease back into Mass if you haven't been for a while or a Sunday to look forward to if you're a regular. Why not make Family Mass extra special by inviting someone you love to share the celebration with you!! We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [churdle@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:churdle@cathedralparish.nz)

**Villa Maria College Open Day Wednesday 25 May** 9.00am-2.30pm. Principal Deborah Brosnahan and student leaders will address visitors in the auditorium at 9.00am and 1.00pm for Year 9 intake and at 11.00am for Year 7 intake. [www.villa.school.nz](http://www.villa.school.nz)

**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE**

**OPEN EVENING**  
TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022  
6.30 TO 8.00PM  
[www.cathcollege.school.nz](http://www.cathcollege.school.nz)