



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

13 November 2022  
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

## Giving and Sharing with a Loving and Grateful Heart



to become more meaningful.

Last Sunday and this, our parish is undertaking a planned-giving renewal programme. Giving is a crucial thing in life and we all do this a lot. The more we love and care, the more we give and share. Giving and sharing are done in each family and community. Such beautiful acts help society to develop, community to grow, and people's lives

Possibly, we all know that giving is indispensable as it gives joy and warmth to our hearts and the hearts of others. Nevertheless, we may find it hard to give when our lives are still struggling and when our money and possessions are not yet abundant. Giving can be challenging because it requires generosity and self-sacrifice. We may often find ourselves say that we will give the Church a big amount of money and do a lot of charity work when we are rich or if we have won the lottery. This kind of thinking is lovely because it helps us to realise that giving money to the Church and doing charity work are significant and splendid things. Yet, we may forget that we can always give, even when we do not have much. The widow in Mark (12: 41- 44) gives us a vivid example about giving generously even when we are poor. The Lord Jesus said that she gave more than anyone else because she gave everything she had. Though she only put two small coins in the treasury box, she gave with great love, gratitude, sincerity, generosity, and total trust in the Lord.

We are called to give, not from the money we don't need but to give with generosity and trust in the Lord who is the Giver of all things. Giving increases our faith in God. When we are generous in giving, we express our gratitude to the Lord for his generosity for us and our trust in Him that He will bless us even more. Giving is also a good way of saving up our wealth in heaven. Though money and possessions are vital, we cannot take them with us when we go and we need to use them meaningfully while we are still alive. Giving helps the Church to grow in her mission. Our genuine offerings and money will help many necessary projects of our parish to be completed. It will extend the love and care to many people. The elderly, needy, and less privileged members of the community will be helped. Even the spreading of the gospel will be sponsored, and the kingdom of God will continue to prosper in our community and beyond.

Giving is obviously necessary and imperative. It does not impoverish but enriches the heart and soul of the giver. Our parish urgently needs our help and contribution. We all have our responsibility and duty in building up the community, the family of God. Let us be generous in giving because in giving we become detached from money, in giving we become attached and trustful to God. In giving, we bring peace and joy to our hearts and extend God's love and blessings to others. Truly, in giving, we become like God and true to ourselves.

**Fr. Thanh**  
**Assistant Priest**

Columban Calendars are available from the Parish Office for \$12 each. Payment by cash or internet payment only please.

**Masses offered for:**  
Bevan Johnson (recent); Richard Goh (anniversary); Special Intention (2); Thanksgiving (1); souls in Purgatory

### 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

MAL 3: 1-20; 2 THES 3: 7-12; GOSPEL LUKE 21: 5-19  
PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE EARTH WITH JUSTICE.

#### **November Prayer for the Dead**

**Cemeteries Pilgrimage:** TODAY meeting at Ruru Lawn Cemetery at 2.00pm and then will move to Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Masses for the Dead:** Place names of those you would like prayed for in the box at the foot of the altar. If you are including a Mass offering, please pass this directly to one of the priests or drop into the parish office.

**Amazing Grace Event** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm  
Every two months parishioners are invited to gather on a Friday evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by a time of praise and thanksgiving. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm will be our last major reconciliation event prior to Christmas. Mark this date in your calendar. There will be a large group of priests available for confessions. Receiving God's mercy and forgiveness followed by a time of prayer and song – what a wonderful way to praise God and prepare for a worthy celebration of Christmas!

**Mission Sunday Collection** Thank you to all who supported the Mission Sunday Special Collection throughout October. We are pleased to advise that we have forwarded \$5,510 to *Missio Aotearoa* being your donations to support the Missions. May God bless the giver and their gifts.

**A Date for your Diary** You are invited to come along to St Francis of Assisi School end of year learning celebration on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30pm. You will be treated to some Christmas carols and some other entertainment from the children. We would love to encourage as many parishioners to come along as possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Farewell to Colleen Carr**

After 11 years working at Cathedral Parish, Colleen is leaving us to take up a full-time position in central Christchurch.

Colleen's last day with us will be **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and we invite parishioners who have worked with Colleen to a morning tea in the Assisi Lounge on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to [ktester@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:ktester@cathedralparish.nz) or 595 1053 by 9.00am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.



**Ablaze Conference** Last weekend some 280 delegates attended the diocesan Ablaze Conference. Sixty-four of them were from Cathedral Parish (see photo). It was an exciting and life-giving event. We listened to local and international speakers who encouraged us to 'put out into the deep' (Luke 5:4) to bring the Good News of Jesus to a world hungry for hope. It was a blessed time for us. We are on mission! Thanks to the generous couple who covered the full cost for all Cathedral delegates.

**World Youth Day - Family Mass 9.30am Next Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>)** Our family Mass for November aligns with World Youth Day. We will be celebrating Mass with a special focus on our youth. Please take the time to invite the young people you love to come and join you for this special celebration.

**Calling all keen primary aged children** We are running a children's nativity play this year at the Christmas Eve Mass. We need children who are keen to be part of this creation. There will be roles for all ages and confidence levels. We will need you to commit to 2 practices and to be at the Christmas Eve Mass by 5.00pm. If you have a young person who is keen, please email me at [churdle@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:churdle@cathedralparish.nz)

**Last Safeguarding Workshops in the Diocese for this year** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1.00pm – Our Lady of Victories Parish Centre; Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – St Teresa's Hall, Riccarton 7.00pm. You don't need to register, just turn up and sign in.

**Planned Giving Campaign 2022** Last weekend Fr Simon introduced the campaign and parishioners took home the Planned Giving brochure. At Masses today you are invited to complete a Response Form to indicate what you intend to gift to the parish over the next 12 months. After this weekend we will follow up with planned givers who have not yet responded. Thank you for your participation in this campaign. May God bless the generous giver.