



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the New Year begins

On June 30<sup>th</sup> this year, we will celebrate 10 years of Perpetual Adoration in our Diocese. What a great blessing this has been for so many.

Recently I read an inspiring piece on Adoration by Sherry Weddell. She writes...

"In Adoration I have been pondering the crucial role of the living, saving, Presence of the glorified Jesus Christ in the midst of all our Catholic communities should make right now at this time in the Church's history. So many of our baptised people have no sense of a personal God ... and yet the risen Lord himself is substantially present 24/7 in our midst in the tabernacle – active and interceding, pouring out his graces, and his Spirit, ready to love, heal, inspire, and guide all who approach him.

Right now, God is raising up the apostles and saints of the 21st century whom He will use to respond to the challenges of our difficult time in ways you and I can't even imagine. Many of them are invisible to us and to their families and friends right now. Their destiny and ultimate impact of their obedience is probably hidden even from themselves and will only be revealed one step at a time as they walk in obedience to Jesus in the midst of his Church.

But they are among us now and some are (members of this parish). It is entirely possible for each and every baptised person who has been anointed for mission by Jesus Christ himself – in different ways - to become one of those seminal agents of spiritual awakening. But only if we each personally seek union with Jesus and to walk in the obedience of faith. The question is always: Will we become the "generation of saints" for this time, in this place, among these people?

The beginning of a New Year is a great time to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord and offer yourself and 2023 to him, daring to ask him to do great things in you and through you for His Kingdom. It is our response to God's grace, our openness, love, obedience, and spiritual daring that will determine whether or not 2023 will not turn out to be a pivotal turning point in the life of the Church". *Sherry Weddell*

In the Cathedral Parish we have Adoration every weekday from 11am. Perhaps this year you might consider spending more time in Adoration either in the parish or the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

**Matt O'Connell – Evangelisation Coordinator**  
(Catholic Diocese of Christchurch)

**JOB VACANCIES Admin Support Parish Office** We are seeking a dynamic team member for the role of Admin Support for Cathedral Parish. This 'front of house' part time role (16 hours/pw) would suit a person who has an understanding of the nature of parish as sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ to the World. The successful candidate will have a warm and engaging personality, being as they are first point of contact in assisting parishioners and visitors to the parish office. The role calls for the preparation of all communications including the Sunday Newsletter, posts on Facebook, the Parish App and the parish website; administrative support to our pastoral team and priests, proficiency in the use of Elvanto (or similar database), excellent communication skills and an ability to work enthusiastically as part of a team. Personal engagement in the life of Cathedral Parish would be preferred but not essential.

**Attendance Dues Debt Recovery/Finance Support (1YR FIXED TERM CONTRACT)** We are looking for someone to join our administrative team in the role of Attendance Dues Recovery. This small (4 hours p/w fixed term) but important role calls for someone with good accounts receivable skills that can be applied in a Catholic caring way. Some of this role may be undertaken from home outside of business hours.

For a full position description or to apply for either role please email Kirsten Tester on [EA@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:EA@cathedralparish.nz).

**Applications for both these positions close on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

## 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

### PRESBYTERY

03 377 5610

### BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH

Bishop Michael Gielen

### CATHEDRAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr Simon Eccleton

[frsimon@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:frsimon@cathedralparish.nz)

### ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Monty Bamford

[frmonty@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:frmonty@cathedralparish.nz)

Fr Vincent Barboza

[frvincent@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:frvincent@cathedralparish.nz)

### IN RESIDENCE

Fr Joy Thottamkara CSsR

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### PARISH OFFICE

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### Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30am – 12:30pm

### Executive Assistant to the Administrator

Kirsten Tester

03 595 1053

[ea@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:ea@cathedralparish.nz)

### Pastoral Workers

Kirsten Challies

[kchallies@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:kchallies@cathedralparish.nz)

Clare Bell

[cbell@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:cbell@cathedralparish.nz)

Cathie Hurdle

(On maternity leave)

Readings for the Day  
Isaiah 58: 7-10; 1 Cor 2:1- 5;  
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16  
Psalm Response

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

**Mass offered for** Anna Ha Thi Thanh, Alison Comerford, Rosalie Williams, Peter Haughey (**recent**); Bev Murphy, Charles Nagelkerke, Pantaleon Ontong (**anniversaries**)

## PARISH NOTICES

**Waitangi Day** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February there will only be on Mass on Monday at 9:15am followed by reconciliation.

**The parish office will be closed** on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February for Waitangi Day and also Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February while parish staff attend the Divine Renovation Conference in Australia.

**Daily Adoration** (Monday to Friday – 11am to midday) Come and spend an hour before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for just call in for a visit.

### Parish Community Market Day Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

What we need this week:

- > Grocery items for the raffle (put in the labelled box in the Narthex near the kitchen.
  - > Baking for the cake sale
  - > Helpers on the day
- Sign up slips are on the Welcome Desk

PLEASE NOTE: We are not collecting 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods.

**Thank you** to all who completed yellow volunteer forms last week. If you have not completed one and would like to assist where we need you, please complete & drop into the returns box at the Welcome Desk. Please note Only fill in a yellow form if you are not already volunteering in ministry.

**2023 Alpha – Starting Soon!** We will have Tuesday evenings for Dinner Alpha 5:30pm commencing Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday evenings for Dessert Alpha. To register scan the QR code in foyer or email [cathedralalphach@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralalphach@gmail.com) Registration is open. We encourage you to invite someone to come with you.



**Sacrament of Baptism** The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Assisi Lounge. To register complete a Cathedral Baptism Form available in the Narthex and return to the parish office.

**Workshop on How To Share Your Faith** run by Kirsten Challies - Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Assisi Lounge. All welcome, no previous experience needed 😊

**NZ Catholic** (\$4) available this weekend in the back of the church. Please leave payment at the time.

**New Parishioner Wine & Cheese Evening** All those who have recently joined us here at the Cathedral Parish are invited to come along on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Assisi Lounge to meet the parish team and to hear how we are assisting the work God is doing here. If you have joined us over the past year and haven't attended one of these evenings, we would love to see you there.

**Parish Men's Luncheon** to be held at **GBR Cafe** 180 Marshlands Rd 12 midday Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February Please confirm attendance by Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> to Martin 385 9947. The men's luncheon is every 2<sup>nd</sup> month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - why not make this the year you get out and meet a few more of your fellow parishioners.

**Funeral Booklets** are again available for anyone wishing to make their final preparations. Pick one up from the Narthex or the parish office.

**Restarting this week** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
Ukraine Prayer – Fridays at 5:30pm  
Morning Prayer (with staff) – Tuesday's 8am

**2023 First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme** The parish First Holy Communion Celebration will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The programme will commence soon. We are inviting children Year 4 and above who have been baptised in the Catholic Church to sign up now. For sign up information contact the parish office or email Clare on [cbell@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:cbell@cathedralparish.nz)

We still have **2023 Columban Calendars** in the office – sale price \$6 each (half price).

You can receive the weekly **Sunday newsletter** via email or on the Parish App. Sign up via the parish website.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Valentine's Day Mass** All are invited to celebrate a St Valentine's Day Mass on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Reflecting on God's gift of love in marriage. Hospitality to follow. Come and celebrate with others.



**Auckland Flood Appeal** Bishop Michael has launched an *Auckland Flood Appeal* to provide support to those in Auckland who have been severely impacted by the recent flooding and its effects. If you wish to support the Appeal, please donate to the Diocesan fundraising account: 03 0802 0948733 22 with the following information: **Particulars:** Your surname & initials **Code:** AKL **Reference:** Phone #. If you require a receipt please email [giving@cdoc.nz](mailto:giving@cdoc.nz) with the date of donation, the amount, your phone number and your email/postal details.



The **Catholic Shop** seek a volunteer to work Fridays in the shop. Contact Vicki (Shop Manager) on 027 422 2515 if you are interested.