



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ

Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday

STAY AWAKE

This week we come to the pinnacle week of our liturgical year, where we walk with Jesus, contemplating all that he endured and all that he achieved for us. Many of us would admit that, had we been alive in the time of Jesus, we may not have recognised him as the Son of God. And yet, even for those lacking that understanding and faith, he died. Perhaps we too may have joined the crowds jeering at him, or at least remained silent as he journeyed to the cross. Maybe in our everyday lives we do that now – remain silent and allow Jesus' story to move past us without us getting involved or being known as a follower. Even in that state, he died for us.



Jesus was continually tolerant and forgiving of shortcomings, from his closest followers to society at large. The disciples, who knew him well, didn't fully comprehend what was to come and even amidst their lack of faith he loved them unconditionally. In humbling himself to become man, he knew the violence and selfishness of society, which eventually took his life. Yet his love for us gave him the courage to come. 'What is man that you think of him' (Ps 8:4)– we might say – "why bother with us as a people Lord?" But his ways are not our ways, and his thoughts are not our thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9) His capacity for love is beyond our ability to comprehend and he invites us to reach for that type of love. May we be a people worthy of his love and may we be courageous enough to love him in return and be known for what we believe.

On Holy Thursday night, we remember Jesus' agony. We can only imagine the thoughts that Jesus wrestled with there. Having been there when the world began, we know he knew Abraham and Moses (Jn 8:57). Perhaps while on earth he also knew those who were yet to come. Maybe on his earlier journey to Jerusalem, or in these final days, or on that night in the garden, he might have been mindful of the generations to come that he would die for – of you and me, who would stay with him in vigil as they contemplated him there at Gethsemane and on the road to Calvary.

Stay Awake! Let's keep Jesus company this week. Let's remain with him in heart and mind.



Kirsten Challies

Parish Pastoral Assistant

HOLY WEEK at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Reconciliation Times

Monday - Wednesday 11:30am – 12:00pm

Tuesday 4th April: 4 - 5:30pm

Wednesday 5th April 10-12pm

Holy Thursday 9-10:30am

Chrism Mass Monday 3rd April at 7:30pm



EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday (6th April)

The regular 3 Masses this day are cancelled.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday (7th April)

Stations of the Cross – 10am

Passion of the Lord – Midday and 3pm

Holy Saturday (8th April)

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday (9th April)

8am, 9:30am, 11am (choral Mass), 4:30pm & 6pm

Easter Triduum



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

Monday to Friday 11:30am

Saturday 9:45am

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Readings for the Day

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matt 26: 11-54

Psalm Response

My God, My God, why have you abandoned me.

Mass offered for: Muriel Malcolm, Siegfried Lindlbauer, Gloria Ward (Rec); Francis Fitzgerald, Robert Harte, Diny Nagelkerke (Ann) Quinciana Fiel; Special Intention (1)

New Office Hours are effective from this week. Tuesday to Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm (closed public holidays).

New Administration Staff We welcome to the parish team this week Anna Tamplin who joins the admin team in the parish office. Anna starts on Tuesday and will be responsible for the newsletter, social media, parish roll/database, church/venue bookings and other administrative tasks. You can get hold of Anna on 379 1068 or office@cathedralparish.nz

Easter Live Streaming The Good Friday Passion of the Lord Liturgy at 3:00pm along with the regular 9:30am Sunday Mass will be live streamed on YouTube. To watch, go to YouTube and search for Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

Altar Servers needed We are looking for young people from Year 6 up to train as Altar Servers for Sunday Mass. We will begin training after the school holidays. A blue registration form can be collected from the church foyer or parish office. Any questions speak to Fr Monty or Clare



Kai for the Community Easter Meal for our homeless and vulnerable Sunday 9th April We need vegetable dishes such as roast veggie, veggie bake or potato bake and dessert such as fruit crumble, self-saucing pudding, ice cream. We have received donations to pay for Ham and roast chicken. We are very grateful. If you can prepare & deliver at 5pm to Aldersgate 309 Durham St contact Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz. If you can stay and serve the meal you are most welcome. If you would like to be on the contact list to help at Kai for the Community, please also let Clare know.

2023 First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme This week 40 children celebrated their First Reconciliation in the parish. Thank you to the parents and helpers who prepared the children. Please keep these children in your prayers as the journey towards First Holy Communion

Accommodation Needed If you are seeking someone to rent a room or sleepout, we have a parishioner who, in a few months' time, will need permanent accommodation. Please contact Kirsten Challies for more information.

Alpha Dinner Can you help with cooking some dinner dishes for the Alpha on Tuesday nights. We have 30 people to feed but if you are able to cook to feed 8-10 we would be grateful: April 4th Meat Dish e.g. Cottage Pie. If you can assist email Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz



Going away for Easter but still in Christchurch Diocese? Easter Liturgy times are published on the diocesan website www.cdcc.nz

Online Lenten Prayer with Kirsten Challies continues this week through to Good Friday.

Ukraine Appeal The appeal is now closed, and we are no longer accepting donations. Thank you to all who contributed. A generous total \$5670.

Pilgrimage Have you been on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Lourdes, Fatima, Santiago, or another holy place? Would you like to share some of your story in the next "Yes, Lord!" Magazine? Contact Phil Bell phil.clare.bell@gmail.com

SVDP Cathedral Parish fed 157 people in the past week. The pantry is in need of the following food items Baked Beans, spaghetti, canned fruit, breakfast cereal, long life milk and soap powder. You can donate financially to our SVDP by using the envelopes available in the Narthex & side porch – or directly into their bank account 03 1700 0027831 00.



J.S. Bach's St John Passion will be performed by the CBS Choir and Orchestra on Good Friday at 8pm in the Pro-Cathedral.

Planned Giving Programme The Parish Financial Year End was Friday 31st March 2023. Tax receipts will be emailed by 15th April. If you have not supplied an email address, your tax receipt will be posted with the annual accounts by 30th April 2023.



Good Friday Collection Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. "This is an initiative of the Pope's "to maintain a strong bond between the faithful around the world and the Holy Places." Pope Francis.

Men's Breakfast with the Bishop a special event for men of the Christchurch Diocese. Bishop Michael is calling men of the Diocese together for a special breakfast he is hosting on Saturday 13th May at 7:30am at Sacred Heart, Addington (70 Spencer Street). Join him for a time of faith, feasting and a special announcement about a new spiritual initiative for the men of our diocese. Breakfast provided. Gold coin donation on the day. Mark your diaries now. Registration information to follow.



New Diocesan Safeguarding Website As part of our commitment to creating a culture of Safeguarding, the Diocese has developed a new website for all diocesan faith communities that provides access to useful resources and detailed information on Safeguarding within our Diocese. Visit www.cdccsafeguarding.nz We encourage you to visit the website and have a look around. All members of our church community should have an understanding of Safeguarding.

The message from **Bishop Michael** read out at Masses last Sunday is available on the Diocesan Website should you wish to read it <https://chcatholic.nz/a-message-from-bishop-michael/>

Inform Magazine available this weekend – take a copy home.