



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

19th March 2023
4th Sunday in Lent

The Challenge of Perseverance in Spiritual Practices

As we enter the 4th week of the Lenten season, how do you feel? Are you eager for the season



of Lent to end quickly? It is natural to feel a sense of weariness or even anticipation for the season to end. However, instead of focusing on the negatives of the season ending, we should strive to focus on the present moment and how we are gaining and changing through our spiritual practices.

The Lenten season is a time for self-reflection, prayer, and sacrifice. It is a time when we can examine our lives and make changes that will help us to become better versions of ourselves. However, as with any worthwhile endeavour, the journey towards spiritual growth can be challenging. It is easy to begin our spiritual practices, but it can be difficult to sustain them.

Perseverance is key in the spiritual journey, as in any aspect of life. It requires dedication, patience, and a willingness to push through the obstacles that we may encounter. By persevering through the challenges of the Lenten season, we can develop a stronger connection with ourselves, others, and God.

Jesus is a great example of perseverance in the face of adversity. Despite facing tremendous challenges, he remained steadfast in his mission and ultimately triumphed over death. In Mark 14:38, he encourages his disciples to "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." By remaining vigilant and dedicated to our spiritual practices, we too can overcome the temptations that we may face.

In addition to perseverance, it is important to focus on the present moment and see how we are gaining and changing through our spiritual practices. By doing so, we can gain a deeper appreciation for the journey itself and the progress that we are making. The Lenten season may be ending soon, but our spiritual journey is ongoing, and it is important that we remain committed to it.

So, let us embrace the challenges of perseverance and the beauty of the present moment during the Lenten season. Let us continue to reflect on our lives, make meaningful changes, and appreciate how we are growing and changing in the process. May we continue to persevere and remain steadfast in our spiritual journey with faith, courage, and gratitude.



Father Vincent Barbaza
Assistant Priest

Easter Timetable at Cathedral Parish

Reconciliation Monday to Friday at 11:30am; Saturday after 9:15am Mass
Rite II Reconciliation Service at Amazing Grace – Friday 31st March - 7pm

Anointing Mass 7:30am Wednesday 29th March
9:15am Thursday 30th March
12:05pm Friday 31st March

Holy Week in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Chrism Mass Monday 3rd April at 7:30pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday No regular Mass timetable that morning.

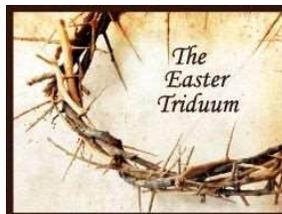
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm (Thursday 6th April)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross – 10am (Friday 7th April)

Passion of the Lord – midday and again at 3pm (repeated)

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 7:30pm Saturday 8th April

Easter Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 4:30pm & 6pm (Sunday 9th April)



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

1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Mass offered for Siobhan Bradley, Nova Heffernan, Gwenda Curtain (Rec); Bill Ward (ann); Barry Whelan, Special Intention (1)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday to Friday 11-12midday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Come for the whole hour or come spend a few moments with the Lord.

Parish Office Closed this week the office will be closed Monday 20th to Friday 24th as admin staff are on leave. To contact the priests, phone the presbytery on 377 5610 or Pastoral Workers office 595 1022.

Parish Office Hours are changing advance notice that the parish office hours will be changing from the 1st April 2023. Mondays – closed; Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm.

AMAZING GRACE EVENING

As part of our preparation for Easter, on Friday 31st March at 7pm (after Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm) we will have our next Amazing Grace evening with an hour of Reconciliation (Rite II) with 10-12 priests and a time of prayer & worship to follow. Please join us.

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

Are you able to help us with cooking some dinner dishes for the **Alpha Dinner on Tuesday nights**. We have 30 people to feed but if you are able to cook to feed 8-10 we would be grateful:

March 21st – Curry

March 28th – Mince dish eg Shepherds pie

April 4th – veggie dish eg Potatoes Bake

If you can assist email Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Sharing a testimony To help break the silence that endorses the myth that 'only the exceptionally holy experience God' we hear a testimony about once a month at our Sunday Masses. If you feel prompted to share how your faith has made a difference for you, there will be a training session on Sunday 26th March at 2:30pm in the Narthex (foyer). We will walk with you until you feel comfortable in sharing your story. If this date doesn't work, contact Kirsten Challies for a time to meet together.

Easter Biscuit World Youth Day FUNDRAISER! Made by pilgrim Bernadette. Pre-order forms in the Narthex for decorated biscuits, ready for Easter collection. A range of designs, also offered in Gluten Free and Vegan! Fill out the form and pop it in the order box. All proceeds go to our Parish's WYD Pilgrims.

Stations of the Cross continue Friday 24th at 7pm in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Please note Friday 31st Stations will start at 6:30pm

Almsgiving Continue your support of the Caritas Lenten Appeal. Please note donations received at Caritas by Friday 31st March will be included in the 2023FYE tax receipt.

Lenten Prayer If you're not yet in the habit of personal prayer or want company in prayer during Lent, join Kirsten Challies from your own home, each weekday, for about 15mins of prayer using a reading of the day. Simply go to YouTube and search Catholic Cathedral Parish Otautahi Christchurch at a time of the day that suits you.

Scott Hahn Lenten Series on Holiness continues each Thursday morning during Lent. Meet outside the Assisi Lounge.

Our **St Vincent de Paul** fed **120** people this week. The pantry needs baked beans, spaghetti, canned soup, soap powder & long-life milk. Thank you for your continued support of the work our SVDP Conference do. You can donate online to 03 1700 0027831 00.



St Joseph Saved My Life. Talk by Ron Healing Thursday 30th March at 7pm in the Assisi Lounge. All Welcome.

Safeguarding Workshops in the Assisi Lounge

Tuesday 28th March at 1pm

Wednesday 29th March at 7pm

If you volunteer in anyway in our parish you need to have completed a safeguarding workshop.

Planned Giving Programme If you donate by envelope and have been thinking about donating by automatic giving then please drop the parish a line to get this sorted – financial year end is a good time to change as it saves us on envelope printing.

Wednesday at One Concert in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral every Wednesday (1:10pm) – this week is Margot Button & Friends *Angelic Voices*.

Diocesan Chrism Mass The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Monday 3rd April in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

SVDP Christchurch – Job Vacancy Vinnies has a vacancy for a part time Administration Assistant located at Stanmore Rd. We are looking for a person who can work 20 hours per week preferably over 4 or 5 days. The position involves assisting with the financial management processes of the Society as well as providing administrative support to the General Manager. The ideal person would have past financial experience, is numerate and has used Xero or similar software plus has good office administrative skills; If you are interested, a Job Description is available. Applications close on Monday 27 March 2023. For further details contact Robin Casey at robyn@svdp-chch.co.nz

