



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

23rd April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

## A Time to Build our Faith

These days the gospel readings are all about the risen Lord appearing to his disciples. It is a post-resurrection time, and the risen Lord is strengthening the faith of his disciples by visiting them wherever they are including at their houses, workplaces or on their way home as we read in today's gospel.

The crucifixion and death of our Lord shattered his disciples, and they were filled with fear of the Jews. However, when Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection, all their fear disappeared, and they were filled with peace and joy. By making himself visible to his disciples our Lord was strengthening the faith of his disciples.

Similarly, in our lives too, we may experience times of fear, doubt, or dryness of faith, and may need our risen Lord to come and visit us and strengthen our faith. The risen Lord comes in different forms to strengthen our faith provided we are open and ready to welcome him.

In my case, I had been going through a spiritual dryness for a while. I needed the Lord to step in and boost my faith. The parish Alpha programme in which I participated was a God send, and it served as a vehicle through which the Lord deepened my faith. As I was attending different sessions which featured powerful video talks, lively group discussions, and a retreat which was the climax, I had a personal spiritual revival, that is, I sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit. Now everything has become new and alive. Just to give you one example now while reading the Bible, I experience its words coming alive and speaking directly to me. I think I've rediscovered my first love, which the Book of Revelation speaks about.

I would encourage our parishioners especially those who feel spiritual dryness in their faith or those who have lots of questions on faith to attend and see for yourselves. For more details you can contact any of our priests or Alpha team. I want to congratulate and thank the Alpha team for their hard work and self-less service in organising this programme.

God Bless



**Father Vincent Barboza**

**Assistant Priest**

## 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

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### BISHOP OF CHRISTCHURCH

Bishop Michael Gielen

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Bishop Michael is calling men of the Diocese together for a special men's breakfast that he is hosting on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30am** at Sacred Heart, Addington (70 Spencer Street) Join him for a time of faith, feasting and a special announcement about a brand new spiritual initiative for the men of our diocese. Breakfast provided. Gold coin donation on the day. To register please visit [www.cathmen.nz](http://www.cathmen.nz) or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, phone 366 9869 or 027 5398 542

### Readings for the Day

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Psalm Response

Lord you will show us the path to life.

**Mass offered for** Sr Helen Goggin RSM (recent), Fr Ferninand and Special Intention (1)

**Anzac Day - Tuesday 25th April** 9:15am Mass only and the Parish office is closed.

**Kirsten Challies (Pastoral Worker)** is on leave and will be returning to work on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

**Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to Guy Rietveld.



**Church Apps** have done an upgrade on the Parish App. Please check if your app still works, if not please uninstall and re-install the latest version.

**Global Living** we ask the Parishioners please not park in the Global Living carpark across the road when they attend Sunday Mass. This is a seven day a week retail space.

**Prayer Ministry (Intercessory Prayer)** This is a wonderful ministry that we have operating within this parish. We have trained parishioners available to stand alongside others in the presence of Our Lord and support them in prayer. You can come forward seeking help through prayer as an individual, as a couple or as a family. It does not matter, as what is important, is that through prayer, we are all able to reach out to our loving Lord in a real and meaningful way with the help of the Holy Spirit. This weekend we have people available to pray with you after 5:30pm, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm Mass. Our prayer ministry brings many blessings and hope to our parishioners and our parish community.



**SVDP Cathedral Parish** fed 126 people in the past week.



The pantry needs the following food items: breakfast cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, 2 minute noodles, jam, peanut butter and canned soup. 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.

**Prayer for Ukraine and the World:** Join in prayer for peace in our world each Friday at 5:30pm in the Chapel.

**Planned Giving Programme** Tax receipts have been emailed if we held an email address. All other tax receipts along with the distribution of new donor envelopes will be available for pick up in the Narthex on the weekends of the 30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May.



**The NET team are hosting a BBQ** for young adults in the diocese next week on Thursday the 27 April. We would love to have young adults from Cathedral Parish attend, if you are interested please email christchurch@netministries.com.au

**A Mans for all Seasons** at the Arts Centre, Great Hall 17<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023. See posters in the Narthex for details.

**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.cdocsafeguarding.nz](http://www.cdocsafeguarding.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.



**Catholic Shop Volunteer Needed** The staff at the Catholic Shop are looking for another person to join their team of volunteers to help out on a Friday. Please contact Vicki [vschupbach@cdoc.nz](mailto:vschupbach@cdoc.nz) for more information.

**Called to support children needing foster care?** Open Home Foundation is a Christian organisation that provides foster care across New Zealand. COVID impacted on our ability to recruit, and train foster parents. As a result, we have a 12 year old who is currently living between motels with staff. Open Home Foundation assess and train all our foster parents so if you feel called to provide foster care either for this 12-year-old or other children in need we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. **Please contact** Jacqueline Payne ([jacqueline.payne@ohf.org.nz](mailto:jacqueline.payne@ohf.org.nz)) on 03 3665977 to discuss this further. Please join your prayers with ours in praying for all our vulnerable children.

**A Pilgrimage with St Peter Chanel** at the Sanctuary of Fourviere: 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, Saturday 29th April from 10am. Talk by Michael Loretz and Thomas Peacock on the early missionaries from Fourviere to Oceania and New Zealand. Talk by Fr Pierre Marie CB: The Spirituality of Pilgrimage. Visit of the Heritage Mission Trail. 12pm: Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fourviere followed by shared Lunch: please bring a plate to share. For more information contact: Thomas at [apostolate@fourviere.nz](mailto:apostolate@fourviere.nz)

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** will be accepting enrolment for Second Semester for Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology between April 24 – May 19. Full-time or part-time study, in-person or online learning available. Email [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz), call (09)3611053 or check the website [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) for more information."

**Beloved Disciples** Commencing Tuesday 9th May at 7:30 pm – 8.30 pm. An inspiring course for the over-sixties. "This will help our older people hold their heads high and younger people to see the treasure we have in our older generation" Fr. Richard, Parish Priest, London Pope Francis has been reminding us all that 'older people are a treasure'. This profound and enjoyable online Zoom course will help many to feel new value and serve with fresh confidence. More details and registration at: [www.fdm.org.nz/beloved-disciples](http://www.fdm.org.nz/beloved-disciples)

**Catholic Cathedral College Open Evening** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2023. There will be two tours of the College, starting with the Principal's address, at 4.30pm and 6.30pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at the College 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch central. Parking on site.