



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI · CHRISTCHURCH

16th April 2023
Divine Mercy Sunday

EASTER JOY



Last weekend we celebrated joyfully and solemnly the heart of our Catholic faith. Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us, has been raised from the dead.

This remarkable man Jesus, whom the world knew from the time of his birth in Bethlehem, and whom the prophets and sages had foretold from centuries earlier, was finally revealed as God's only Son when he was raised to life by the Father on that first Easter Sunday. From that moment the history of the world changed.

Even the disciples were slow to take in the enormity of what had happened. Word started to filter back to the disciples that Jesus was no longer in the tomb where he'd been laid to rest two days earlier. Mary Magdalene and her friends ran to Peter with the news. The two disciples who'd been making their way to Emmaus raced back to Jerusalem with their report. When Jesus showed himself to the disciples in the upper room they were overwhelmed. Thomas struggled to believe until that critical moment when he gazed on the risen Christ, and made that most simple, yet profound, statement of faith "My Lord and my God".

Some are tempted to think that the resurrection of the Lord was simply a warm feeling within those who believed. Perhaps it was nothing more than the spirit of Jesus living on in their hearts. That it wasn't a physical resurrection at all.

That would be a travesty, an evacuation of the core of Christian faith. No, Jesus truly rose from the dead and appeared to his friends. It turned their lives upside-down. And consequently they were changed people. The call of the Lord is the same to us – to allow our lives to be turned upside-down by the wondrous truth of the resurrection.

Our God is all-loving and wants to restore us to himself. On this Divine Mercy Sunday we're reminded that human and divine mercy available to us. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine mercy grants forgiveness of sins.

God offers us his divine mercy, and in our hearts of hearts, we know that this is what we seek.

Father Simon Eccleton
Cathedral Administrator

Cathedral Brotherhood - Men's Group meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. Thursday 20th April 7:00pm - 9:00pm Assisi Lounge. Guest speaker. Connect, Grow & Pray. All welcome.
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Divine Mercy Sunday Annual Celebration



You are warmly invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **Sunday 16th April**.
Confessions from 2:30pm
Chaplet of Mercy at 3:00pm.
Mass will be at 4.30 pm celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen
Contact; Pat Barrett 03 359 2087

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
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20: 19-31
Psalm Response
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
His love is everlasting.

Mass offered for: Paul Holmes, Therese Clark, Val Langley (rec); Cyril McKeefry, Nora-May O'Neill (ann) Special intentions (2).

New Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm (closed public holidays).

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass on the 16th April will be during our 4:30pm Parish Mass, if this is your regular Mass please be aware there will be a large number of visitors there.

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 and 4:30pm Mass and next weekend 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.

Parish Men's Luncheon Group Are you new to the Parish? Come and join us. Parish Men's Luncheon to be held at "GBC 180 Marshlands Rd 12 noon 18th April". Please confirm attendance by April 16th. Confirmation or any inquiries to Martin 385 9947.

Right to Life - Annual General Meeting Members and supporters are invited to attend the AGM of Right to Life New Zealand in Christ the King Parish Centre at 90 Greers Road, 7:30pm on Friday 21st April. The guest speaker will be Helen Houghton the co-leader of the New Conservative Party.

Youth Leadership Calling all young people Year 10 to 13 who would like to take part in our youth leadership programme. You are invited to join us on Friday 21st April 10:00 - 3:00pm as begin our leadership programme. To register your interest email cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Kai for the Community Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Feast for the homeless and vulnerable community of Christchurch last week. If you would like to contribute next time, contact cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Christchurch Marathon Sunday 16th April – the route may affect your ability to travel to Mass, check out the Christchurch City Council website for route details.

Meals Needed If anyone is happy to make a meal for the freezer for parishioners for when a Pastoral need arises e.g. Lasagne, cottage pie, curries; They can be delivered to the Parish office during office hours.

SVDP Cathedral Parish The pantry needs the following food items: toilet paper, jam, Vegemite, Marmite, canned tomatoes, rice, pasta, breakfast cereal and canned fruit. 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.



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



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.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 vschubbach@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) on 03 3665977 to discuss this further. Please join your prayers with ours in praying for all our vulnerable children.

Wednesdays at One April 19th in St Marys Pro-Cathedral Apollo Musicum *A tapestry of instruments and voices.*