



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
KO TE KARAITI KEI TE PŪ
Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

29th October 2023
**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Love God Totally. Love Others Unselfishly



Love, how can we define love? Love fosters a connection that goes beyond the superficial. It is a connection where we feel on the same team, working towards common dreams.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the 2 most important commandments. 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.' This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is 'Love others as much as you love yourself.'

We know that the love God gives us is unconditional and boundless. It gives us a source of comfort, forgiveness and guidance. He is with us every step of the way, over the mountains and through the rivers, loving us without fail.

So how can we, as humble humans love God the way He deserves to be loved? It can start out little by little. God wants us to develop a personal relationship with Him. This is built though coming to Mass, spending time in prayer and with scripture, participating in reconciliation and even just thanking him for guiding you through your day.

Loving God is one thing, he also needs us to love others. It is not possible to love God and despise people. Both are needed to fulfil our faith. Do you find it easier to love God and ignore those around you or are you drawn to people but find it difficult to be attentive to God? Creating balance requires continual effort in our lives.

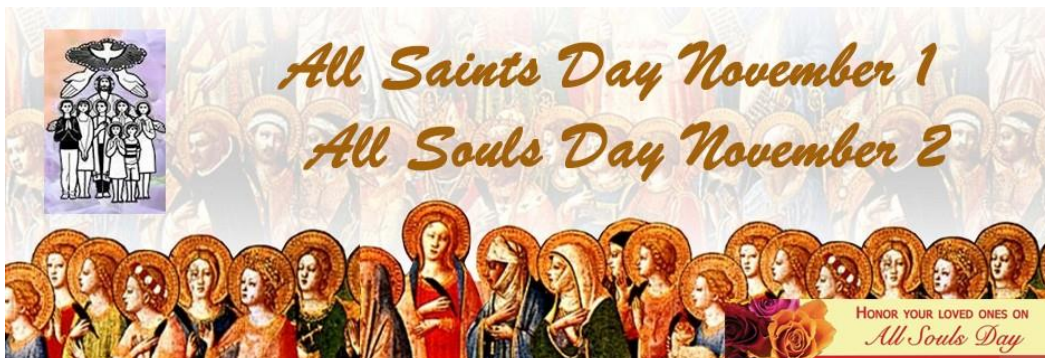
But the best thing is, love grows when we share it. When we love others, we also show love for God. So, how can we put these words into action? Let's reach out and welcome those around us. Let's volunteer and serve others. Let's share our talents and gifts. Let's pray for one another. Let's listen and forgive. Let's be the best role model that we possibly can be. Let's smile and let our love shine bright.

Cathie Hurdle
Pastoral Worker

All Saints and All Souls Day

This Wednesday is All Saints Day. The saints in Heaven are very much part of our family. They give us hope, they inspire us, and they mediate between God and us. Today we thank God for giving these ordinary women and men a share in His holiness. We are reminded that we are all called to holiness ... we are saints in the making Masses 7:30am, 9:15am & 12:05pm.

Thursday is All Souls Day as well as the usual Masses of the day, we celebrate 7pm Mass, especially for those who have passed away in the last year. Hospitality to follow in the Narthex. All welcome.



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 Saturday
and Public Holidays
9:15am
Tuesday to Friday
7:30am 12.05pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday to Friday 11:30am
Saturday 9:45am

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Readings for the Day

Exodus 22: 20-26; Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Psalm Response

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Mass offered for David Taylor, Lyn Tatterson (recent), Herbert & Edward Moyna (anniversary).

Parish Prayer Intentions

- For our Parish to be a place where people feel welcome, belonging and they encounter Christ.
- For us All, may we recognize our God given gifts and talents, and use them for the building of the Church.
- For those among us who suffer from stress, depression, anxiety, fatigue, grief or emotional distress. May they know the comfort and healing power of Jesus.

Congratulations to the families of the eight children Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



Month of All Souls During November you will see a wooden box in the sanctuary where you can place the names of your loved ones who have died. These souls are remembered in our Masses during November.

Ministry Rosters for November have been dispatched. Please contact the Parish office if you have not received yours.

Planned Giving Envelopes Please pick up your envelopes from the Narthex this weekend, as we do not want to post them. If you can't find your envelopes, or would like to sign up for planned giving, please complete the form provided beside the envelopes.



Fr Richard Laurenson appointed Catholic Bishop of Hamilton Pope Francis has appointed Father Richard Laurenson from the Diocese of Hamilton as the new Catholic Bishop of Hamilton. Bishop-elect Laurenson replaces Bishop Stephen Lowe, who was appointed Bishop of Auckland in December 2021. It means all six New Zealand dioceses now have a bishop, following the recent ordination and installation of Bishop John Adams as Bishop of Palmerston North.



Columban Calendars 2024 Available now from the parish office \$13 each.

SVDP Cathedral Parish Conference Thank you for your continued support. The pantry needs the following items: summer cereal, 2-minute noodles, soap powder, biscuits, jam, canned fruit, baked beans and spaghetti. 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.



Calling All Those in Health Care The NZ Catholic Medical Association with the support of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference aims to support all those working in the health field and who are catholic, drawing on the treasures of our faith. We invite all doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, physiotherapists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, navigators, speech language therapists, occupation therapists, allied health and students to join others in the church living their vocation in health care. As an organisation we look to provide a community that gives support and chaplaincy. There are monthly zoom meetings with our national chaplain Fr Chris Denham. For more info see <https://newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz>. Email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com to become a member and get invites to monthly zoom and other information. There will be a group starting and our first meeting will be a meet and greet **Friday 10th November** 6pm at Sprig and Fern, 7 Saint Albans Street, Merivale. Please RSVP to Debra and Katie by 7th November, email christchurchcma@gmail.com



Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Between 8th to 23rd October, 5,791 people have lost their lives in Gaza. A humanitarian crisis is looming. A Gaza Health Ministry spokesperson says that 7,000 patients and wounded in Gaza hospitals are at risk of death as fuel supplies, providing electricity, for kidney dialysis, intensive care support, and oxygen supply begin to run out. 12 hospitals and 32 Health centres are already out of service. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has called for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers have been published on the Caritas Facebook page and website. Caritas is also receiving donations through its website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land> "



Maryville Courts Retirement Village Pre-Christmas Market Day **Friday 10th November**, 10am to 2pm. Cash only. All welcome.