



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

5th May 2024
6th Sunday of Easter
Year B

Around the Parish



The news that we are to build our **new cathedral in Barbadoes Street** was received with joy and enthusiasm across the Masses of the parish two weeks ago. At the Masses I attended that weekend there was spontaneous applause when Bishop Michael's pastoral letter was read out. There's a real sense that we are ready to move forward. Those who come to the Pro-Cathedral know that we have significantly outgrown both the church and our meeting and administration spaces. We are ready for a new cathedral.

We are often asked to pray for the intentions of the parish, but regular prayer for the 'cathedral project' is a worthy commitment. We know – *"unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain"* (Psalm 127).

On the same weekend as the cathedral announcement, we hosted a **gathering of young adults** in the parish. In all, some 40 young people attended. We shared prayer, enjoyed a meal together, listened to some talks, and most importantly mixed and mingled with friends, new and old. The Catholic faith is alive and well among this rising generation and we want to explore ways for this cohort to take up more leadership roles in our community. (A number of them are already active in leadership at St Mary's).

Last weekend, we held our **Cultural Food Festival** on the church grounds. In preparation, we engaged with a broad swathe of parishioners from many different countries. The parish covered the cost of their raw ingredients and the people cooked delicious food using recipes from their homelands. Hundreds of parishioners attended the event, moving around the tables, enjoying the delights of so many cultures. There was live music, face painting, dancing, the special 'Addressing the Haggis' ceremony and much more. The food was all free, but on the day, attendees made voluntary donations of over \$1,600. Generosity is a hallmark of our parish.

The day was a lot of fun. But again, the most important fruit of the Food Festival was the human encounter with other parishioners.

As a parish we are on mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. And we are allowed to have fun as we do it!

Next up is the Pentecost Novena: all timetable details are on the attached flyer.

Don't sit on the sidelines. Please join us for these events. I promise they will enrich your faith life. Come Holy Spirit!

Father Simon Eccleton
Parish Administrator

Invitation to Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has a profound significance in the life of Catholic believers. It offers us a unique opportunity for an intimate encounter with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

On Saturday 18th May, our Parish celebrates a Day of Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament chapel from 7am to 5pm. You are invited to sign up for an hour at a time suitable to you. The sign-up sheet is available at the side door next to the chapel and in the narthex. If you are unsure of your availability, you can also drop in for a short visit to the Lord during the day when you are free.

Let us make time to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, allowing his presence to transform us and lead us ever closer to him.



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

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Psalm Response

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Mass offered for Dino Cavallin (recent) Fr Kevin Foote, Goma Goh, Murray Bunting, John & Blanche White, Mesa Amituana, Nev Tiller and the soul of Fancisca (anniversary). Special Intentions (3)

Father Simon Eccleton will be on leave from 15th May to 8th June.

Welcome to all the Neophytes and their Families Attending the 11am Mass this Sunday.



To our team of organisers and all those involved with food, entertainment and helping at the Parish Cultural Food Festival. A special thanks to Traiteur European Butchery for their generous support.

Parish Health and Safety We take the health and safety of parishioners very seriously. If something happens while you are onsite at 373 Manchester Street; a fall, a car crash, any kind of incident; the parish office needs to be advised for the accident register, whether it occurs at Sunday Mass or during the week. You can advise a staff member, the team leader at Mass or drop an email to the parish office. *Cathedral Health and Safety Committee*

Parish Planned Giving Envelopes This is the last opportunity to pick up your new set of envelopes from the church foyer. Please save us the \$4 postage.

Staff Morning Prayer Please feel free to join the parish staff on Tuesday mornings between 8-9am, or for a part of that time, in the Chapel, where prayer is offered for the needs of the parish. All are welcome.

Safeguarding Workshop If you volunteer in any ministry in the parish you are required to attend a safeguarding workshop every 3 years. The next workshop in the parish will be on Wednesday 22nd May in the Assisi Lounge at 1pm and repeated at 7pm. No need to register just come along.



Volunteers Needed Burwood Hospital Chaplains hold interdenominational Chapel Services, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We depend on volunteers to help wheelchair patients to and from these services. If you could spare an hour and a half, even once a month it would be wonderful, volunteers arrive at 10:20am, the service is at 11am and everyone is back on their ward by Midday. If you could help, please ring Jane Dick on 021 572 480.

SVDP Cathedral Parish Conference Thank you for your continued support. 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.



Praying For Vocations and Priests on Thursday's In the past the diocesan family used to pray for priests and vocations on Thursdays. We have begun this again. You might like to come to Mass on Thursdays, if possible, but all are invited to pray for this intention using a prayer for vocations written by Pope Francis. Prayer cards are available in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, the narthex or online <https://cdoc.nz/> For more information contact the Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366 9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

Memorial to the Unborn and Blessing of The Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe 11th May at the Beatitudes Community, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield. 10am - Talk by Michael Loretz on the Pro-Life battle - a struggle for compassionate unity. 11am - Opening of the Memorial and Blessing of the Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 12pm - Opening Mass followed by a shared potluck lunch. For more information, please contact Michael Loretz at michael@beatitudes.nz

Healing Service Fr John Rea SM On Wednesday 15th May, 7pm at St Gregory's Church, we will be holding a Healing Service with. All welcome. For more information, please contact Judith 027 261 5655 or email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz.

Assisi Library Did you know that the Assisi lounge hosts the Assisi library and the Thomas Merton library? It is available to all parishioners during office hours.

FORMED Our parish maintains a subscription to FORMED, and all our parishioners have access to this amazing resource. Think of it as the Catholic version of Netflix. To sign up follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
 - In the box 'find your parish or organisation' type Cathedral Parish' at 373 Manchester Street. Click Next.
 - Type in your Name and Email. Click Sign Up
- See: <https://watch.formed.org/search?q=pentecost> for Pentecost content.

NZ Catholic for sale in at the back of the Church. Price \$4.00. As a promotion venture for this issue, it is also available here: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/59667795-59f2-4110-a7b6-fa37588e9730>

Diocese Weekly Notices to view: <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/weekly-notices-5may24>



Abuse in Care
Royal Commission of Inquiry

Evaluation Survey – Royal Commission Te Rōpū Tautoko, the Church group established to engage with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care is seeking people's thoughts on the Church's engagement with the Inquiry. Feedback received will inform Tautoko's final report, as a reflection of the broad reality of people's experiences. Please consider completing this form. Go to <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/anonymous-evaluation/>