CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

28th July 2024
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

The Power of Grandparents

While I was preparing to write this, I asked my children to tell me what they loved about their grandparents. My younger one said she loved painting, gardening and eating chocolate with her grandparents. However, the older two thought a bit and said they like how much their grandparents care about them, how they make an effort to see them and "*How nice they feed us*". In my eyes, these statements sum up the power grandparents have in our lives.

Today we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and Grandparent figures. For some of us, our grandparents will be a cherished memory and for others, they play a very active part in our lives today. Some of you are grandparents or are looking forward to the day when you become grandparents. While others are forever grateful for the support and wisdom that grandparents have on their everyday lives and the lives of their children.

There are many different roles of a grandparent which range from faith mentors to emotional anchors, life skill teachers to spiritual wisdom givers and all that goes between. Grandparents can be influential and the glue that hold families together. They are the ones who often maintain family unity and keep family members connected. They are often the ones who are living examples of faith. They model a life of faith through their actions, demonstrating love, compassion, forgiveness and service.

As we celebrate grandparents today, it's interesting to draw a parallel to the Gospel message, where Jesus feeds 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. This miracle is not just about the multiplication of food, but about the power of sharing and the miracles that can unfold from simple acts of kindness. Our grandparents' simple acts, contributions and the love they share can multiply in ways that nourish the hearts and souls of many.

So, as we think of our grandparents today, let's thank them for the powerful way they impact our lives for the better. Happy Grandparents Day!

Cathie Hurdle
Pastoral Worker

Royal Commission

Abuse in Care
Royal Commission of Inquiry

The final report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care was published on July 24. It shone a light on our country's failure to protect large numbers of children, including within Catholic settings. New Zealand's Bishops and Congregational Leaders acknowledge the abuse within the Church and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. They will now review the final report and consider its many recommendations. Significant progress has been made over the past 30 years to develop robust policies and procedures, but also to foster a culture of safeguarding. Find out more at: https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/

Traditional Latin Mass

The Traditional Latin Mass is being celebrated each Sunday at 11am at St Patrick's church in Kaiapoi. This new Mass follows Bishop Michael's decrees removing the faculties of the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, as recommended by the Vatican. Bishop Michael would like to remind the faithful that any public Masses celebrated by the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer are illicit – that is, outside the rules of the church. The decrees remain in effect regardless of any challenge. Any enquiries or concerns, including around the provision of the Latin Mass and the Sacraments, can be made by emailing tlmc@cdoc.nz or calling 03 244 0331.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ephesians 4: 1-6
Gospel: John 6: 1-15

Psalm Response

The hand of the Lord feeds us,
he answers all our needs.

Mass offered Ricardo Mercado, Elizabeth Davidson, Luis Cabardo Balili, Ofelia Caracta, Paul Patrick Murphy (recent). Tania Garea, Meilin Goh, Anne Chen, John Collins, Wilhemia (anniversary). All Holy Souls in Purgatory. Special Intentions (4)

Congratulations to the nine children receiving the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The Assisi Library has a number of excellent Catholic books that parishioners are welcome to borrow. The lounge is open during office hours Tuesday to Friday 8:30am to 12:30pm. Closed on public holidays.

Craft and Connection following 9:30am Family Mass today. Come on over to the Assisi Lounge to make a card for grandparents' day and connect with others over coffee.

Family Fun Day TODAY 2-4pm at St Francis of Assisi School Hall. Come, enjoy some fun and entertainment while we celebrate our FHC group. We will finish with a shared afternoon tea so please bring a small plate to share. See you there.

Kai for the Community We are preparing and serving a 2-course hot meal for the homeless and vulnerable community of Christchurch on Sunday 4th August. We require mains such as meat, pasta and veg, lasagne, shepherd's pie and desserts; apple crumble, cake etc. Also, hands to help serve and cleanup. If you can help, please contact: Phil Bell phil.clare.bell@gmail.com.

Christchurch Choral Festival Free concert 2:00pm–3:00pm, Sunday 11th August at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Come and enjoy a concert celebrating the joy of singing together.

Mass for the Suffering & Dying of our troubled world will be offered at the Mary Potter Community Centre 442 Durham St Nth on Saturday 3rd August at 10:30am. Morning tea to follow. All welcome.

Presbytery Phone If you require a priest urgently, outside of office hours, please text Kirsten on 022 063 5119.

Breakfast for Men with Bishop Michael Following last year's successful breakfast event with Bishop Michael, we are again gathering for a men's breakfast on Saturday 10th August at St Teresa's Parish Hall, 8 Puriri Street, Riccarton. There will be adoration in the church from 6:30am with breakfast at 7.30am. Suggested koha of $5 to cover the cost of a cooked breakfast. Come and be with other men as we hear from Bishop Michael. To register please visit www.cathmen.nz or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, phone 366 9869 or 027 5398 542.

Victims & Survivors of Sexual Abuse will be honoured at a poetry reading in the Transitional Anglican Cathedral, Christchurch on 8th August at 7pm. Award-winning poet, Dr Jane Simpson, will read from her new poetry collection, *Shaking the Apple Tree: poems in response to sexual abuse by clergy in the Anglican Church.* Everyone welcome.

John Paul II Centre for Life Race Night is back in 2024. Join us on Friday 6th September in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JPII Centre for Life. Tickets will be $60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. Contact Matt on moconnell@cdoc.nz for more information.

Cathedral Precinct Outdoor Mass Bishop Michael invites you to a Mass of thanksgiving for the precinct of our future Cathedral. Sunday, 24th November 2024, 11am – on the Feast of Christ the King. Barbadoes Street site. All are welcome to come and share in this celebration. More details will follow.

A Reminder to all our parishioners that, as a parish, we have access to a tremendous resource for our faith formation. It's called FORMED and everyone in the parish can access this online resource. Signing up is easy by following these steps:

1. Formed.org/signup
2. Find our parish: Cathedral Parish
3. Enter you name and email
4. Sign Up

Diocese Weekly Notices See online website https://cdoc.nz/news-events/weekly-notices-21jul24