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

10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A

LET ME BURST YOUR BUBBLE

When I first began working in youth ministry many years ago, people often spoke with disappointment about the lack of young people at Mass. I don't hear that as much anymore. Not because our churches are suddenly full of young people, and not because we no longer care but because our attitude has shifted.

In the past, the response was often to grumble. Now, in our parish, the response is to seek the Holy Spirit and ask what *we* can do to help. And we can see it. We can feel it. The Holy Spirit is at work among us, and God is doing something truly beautiful.

To whom much is given, much is expected.

We are seeing more and more people seeking faith or returning to it. This can no longer be left to the priests alone; to journey with them, to encourage them, to walk alongside them. This is the work of the lay faithful. It belongs to all of us.

Next weekend is our **Parish Conference**. The keynotes and workshops are designed to equip us to live lives filled with the Holy Spirit - to be witnesses of faith in our families, our friendships, and our wider community.

As a baptised person, you are called to use your gifts, your skills, and your personality to help build the Kingdom of God. I know some of you might be thinking, "That's not me. I just say my prayers and keep to myself." But I'm going to gently challenge that and burst your bubble. It's time to ask God what your role is in His plan and to take a step forward.

Do not be afraid. In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we are not sent alone. We are given a Helper, an Advocate. You will have everything you need to do the Lord's work. So I encourage you - step out. Come to our **Parish Conference**. Be part of our beautiful parish family. Share a meal, be inspired, and grow in faith together.

I know life is busy. The juggle is real, I'm right there in it with you, balancing four sports games for my three children! But instead of taking a posture of excuses or frustration, let's take a posture of expectation. God is moving. Let's be part of it!

Clare Bell
Pastoral Worker

Parish Alive! Parish Conference

Friday 15th May 6pm – 8:30pm
Saturday 16th May 9am – 4pm
Catholic Cathedral College Hall (62 Ferry Road)
ONE week until our parish conference
****REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 9AM ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY****
Scan the QR code or click on the link below
Cathedral Parish Conference PARISH ALIVE! – Fill out form

Our Saturday 9:15am Mass CANCELLED next week

You are welcome to join us for Mass at the Parish Conference, 9:30am 62 Ferry Road Saturday 16th May

PARISH INFORMATION

373 Manchester Street
Christchurch Central

PARISH WEBSITE
www.catholiccathedralchch.org.nz

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8am, 9:30am,11am
12:30pm (te reo Māori, in chapel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sunday)
4:30pm and 6pm (te reo Māori 4th Sunday).

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 Today

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Psalm Response

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Masses offered for Hendrina Verstappen, Bill Thorn, Sister Patrica Mary Bell LCM (Congregation Leader of the Little Compnay of Mary) (recent), Eliza Collins, John Clifford Draper, Pedro Fernando, Robencio D. Pelobueno Neville Tiller (anniversaries), Thanksgiving (1); Special Intention (1)

Family Mass Today 9:30am Mass – please join us in the lounge afterwards for a cuppa.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers with us today. We remember in prayer all those whose mothers have gone to God and those mothers who have lost children.

St Joseph's Men's Group Our Men's group will not be meeting next Saturday 16th May. We are taking a break to attend the Parish Alive Conference. However, we will be meeting again the following week 23rd May at 7am in the Chapel. Pop along for a time of prayer, reflection and support.

Help Needed – Baking for Parish Conference We are so

excited about the upcoming Parish Conference and would greatly appreciate any help with baking for the morning tea. If you can contribute, please contact the Parish Office. Baking can be dropped off at the Parish Office on Friday 15th or brought along on the morning of the Conference.

Mission Circle Tuesday 12th May at 1:30pm in the Assisi Lounge. A warm welcome is extended to all parishioners to join with us for an afternoon of fun, including games of Housie, raffles and afternoon tea. Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea, a grocery item for a Housie prize and a raffle prize. All proceeds are forwarded to the various Catholic Missions we support. Any queries – phone Diana 942 1705.or Gaye 960 5328.

Cathedral Brotherhood The men's group of St Mary's are

having a Faith building quiz night on Friday 22nd May. A Relaxed mix of social time, fun competition in small groups with the chance to learn some new biblical facts. This is an open invitation to all parish men to join in the fun, fellowship and faith building and is a great way to get to know more people in our parish. More details to come via posters and parish social groups.

Amazing Grace: Note your diaries now for our next Amaz-

ing Grace night on Friday May 29th. We will begin at 6:15pm with worship followed by Reconciliations at 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come in humility before our God and to be cleansed. Our whole parish reaps the benefits of God's grace.

Guitars Do you have an old guitar at home that is deemed unrepairable? Fr Viet would like to take it off your hands for a project he is working on. If you are happy to donate your old broken guitar(s) please contact him on frviet@cathedralparish.nz to arrange pick up or drop off.

Pentecost Sunday After most Masses on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, we will have some hospitality. Please stay around for a drink and nibbles.

SVDP Cathedral Come and see! Our St Vincent de Paul conference is holding an information evening for anyone who may be interested in learning about the work of St Vincent de Paul within our local community. It is set down for Tuesday 19th May, 7pm in the Assisi lounge. This is an invitation to come along and learn more. Answering God's call to never overlook the poor can take many different forms but it will lead to growing closer to God in personal holiness. It's faith in action! Contact Maurice 022-0507151 of Pat 0274430543 if you want to know more.

SVDP Cathedral ask... What do you do with your dishwash plastic bottle when you finish with them? We need them to make up a few days' worth of dishwash from bulk supplies. Just put your empy clean bottles in the baskets in the narthex. We can always do with household cleaning products. Please think of adding one extra to your weekly shop and pass it on to us.

Catholic Social Services "SOUP KITCHEN" A quick reminder that our first Soup Kitchen for 2026 is on the 14th of May at Hampshire Street, Aranui. **Vinnies** will also be there again with a selection of blankets, jerseys, and other winter items for free. Please pass this on to your networks and hopefully we can get plenty of people there for the free much-needed kai – Hot Soup and Snags lovingly prepared by the staff at Catholic Social Services.

Kai for the Community – Cathedral Outreach We are

preparing and serving meals for the homeless and vulnerable on Sunday 24th May. We need cooked mains (meat, pasta, veg, lasagne, shepherd's pie) and desserts (apple crumble, cake, etc.) enough to feed 10-12 people, delivered to the new location - 35 Manchester St- on the day. If you can help, please contact Tiji at tijigeorge65@hotmail.com

Diocese Weekly Notices To view see the noticeboard in the narthex or the or click the link: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/weekly-notices-10-may-2026