CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

21st June 2026
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH!

Does anyone know how many hairs are on their head or their child's head? No of course we don't as there are just too many to count. But in today's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples 'even the hairs on your head are counted.'

You are greatly loved. God loves us so much and throughout the scriptures we find so many promises he makes to us.

- **"I will never leave you nor forsake you."** Hebrews 13:5
- **"Fear not, for I am with you."** Isaiah 41:10
- **"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds."** Philippians 4:7
- **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."** John 14:27
- **"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."** Isaiah 40:31
- **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** Philippians 4:13
- **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He will direct your paths."** Proverbs 3:5–6
- **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** Psalms 119:105
- **"My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory."** Philippians 4:19
- **"Seek first the kingdom of God… and all these things will be added to you."** Matthew 6:33
- **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** Romans 10:13
- **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son…"** John 3:16
- **"Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."** John 3:16
- **"I go to prepare a place for you."** John 14:2–3

What do you need to do to receive these promises? – NOTHING. You are so loved by God these are given to all freely.
I encourage you to take these promises and learn them so you can use them to speak truth into your life and the lives of others. Use a white board pen and write one on your bathroom mirror and/or place one on your fridge.

This week we were so blessed to have Carlo Acutis relics with us. Carlo knew and understood Gods love for him. This is a quality of a saint, and we are all called to be saints. Learning and living these promises from scripture begins to soak us in the word God which then transforms us. Today know that you are loved.

Clare Bell
Pastoral Worker

We wish to inform you of a privacy breach involving the parish roll and your personal information. On Tuesday 16th June 2026 unfortunately, due to human error, there was an accidental release of all parishioners' names and contact details to an unauthorised (scam) email address. No financial information was released. If you are in our parish database you will have received a notification of this via email from Fr Simon, text message or from our social media platforms and the parish website. We have notified the Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) as we are required to do. Our computer systems were not breached; this was due to human error. Please be on the lookout for texts or emails from people pretending to be one or our priests or staff. Our priests will only email from the parish domain (eg adm@cathedralparish.nz) and they will NEVER text you to ask you to buy gift cards. When in doubt err on the side of caution or check with the parish office. You can read further details on the parish website.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Romans 5: 12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

Psalm Response

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Masses offered for Carmel Harmon, Ricardo Elisino (recent), Special Intentions (1)

CANCELLATIONS - Please note that Adoration, Reconciliation and the 12:05pm Mass on **Tuesday 23rd June** are cancelled due to the Requiem Mass for Carmel Harmon at 10:30am in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Please keep Carmel and her family in your prayers.

Youth Group (Year 7 to 10) This Sunday after 4:30pm Mass in the Assisi Lounge 5:30pm to 7pm.

Safeguarding Workshops Children's Ministries Focus - but all ministries will be accommodated. Tuesday 23rd June at 7pm-8:30pm in the Assisi Lounge. No registration required just turn up and sign in. All volunteers/staff in Catholic entities regardless of role are required to attend a Safeguarding Workshop every three years.

Bereavement Mass Anyone who has recently lost someone dear, is invited to join with others in praying for their loved one at our Bereavement Mass on Saturday 27th June at 9:15am. There will be a cuppa in the narthex following that Mass. We want to walk alongside you in your grief.

A Morning with Henri Nouwen Anyone interested in the inspirational life of Henri Nouwen (Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian) is invited to a morning in the Assisi Lounge where we will watch "A Journey of the Heart: The Life of Henri Nouwen" and enjoy a cuppa and discussion afterwards. Wednesday 8th July at 10am-12pm in the Assisi Lounge. Feel free to invite others.

Welcome Team Training All current welcomers and anyone interested in joining the Welcome Team are invited to a training session on Saturday 11th July at 3:30pm. We are particularly seeking more welcomers for the 4:30pm and 6pm Masses.

Lectors Training All current lectors and those interested in becoming a lector are invited to attend a practical training session focusing on projection and clarity. Participants will have the opportunity to read and receive feedback. Tuesday 14th July from 7pm–8:30pm in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

Diocesan Women's Event – Last Chance! Join women from across the Diocese for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Friday 26th June from 6.30pm–9pm. Guest speaker: Sr Clare Lyons. Cost: $15 (includes supper). Register now: events.humanitix.com/womensevent2026

Mass for Legal Professionals All who work in the legal profession (including non-lawyers). You are invited to join us for a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas More (the patron saint of lawyers). Bishop Michael will celebrate this Mass in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Tuesday 30th June at 5:30pm. For more information contact nicholas.burley@saunders.co.nz

Parish Pilgrimage – Following in the Footsteps of Ven. Suzanne Aubert To mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, the Waimakariri Parish is offering a 5-day pilgrimage from 11–15 October 2026. The pilgrimage will visit key sites associated with her life, including the Home of Compassion, Jerusalem, and Whanganui. Places are limited. Matt O'Connell will lead the pilgrimage, with Fr Do as chaplain. For more information, contact Matt on 027 536 9407 or mattoconnell28@hotmail.com

World Youth Day - Applications Have Opened Young Adults, now is the time to move for the opportunity of a lifetime - joining with Catholics from all over the Diocese and the world for an incredible experience. All the information including about the upcoming information nights is at www.cyt.org.nz/wyd

Cathedral Vinnies We require canned and dried vegetables, bagged fresh vegetables, tea, coffee, long-life milk, and large containers of dishwashing liquid. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting local families in need.

Helping the Homeless Last Sunday, members of our Cathedral Conference partnered with Verity and the Kai for Community team to prepare and serve food to more than 70 homeless companions. Thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful act of service.

Bible in a Year - Fr Mike Schmitz If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr Mike Schmitz guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20–25-minute episode includes:

- Two to three scripture readings
- A reflection from Fr Mike Schmitz
- A guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word

Ascension App

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Diocesan Weekly Notices see the noticeboard in the narthex or click the link: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/weekly-notices-21-june-2026