

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**  
+++++ Perpetual adoration - in the chapel +++++

**MONDAY 24th**

4.45pm Exposition & prayer      **5.15pm Mass**      **St Joseph's Parish Centre**

**TUESDAY 25th**

8.30am Exposition & prayer      **9.15am Mass**      **St Gregory's Church**  
6.30pm PPRE      St Gregory's Parish Centre

**WEDNESDAY 26th** *Sts Cosmas & Damian*

8.30am Exposition      **9.15am Mass**      **St Joseph's Parish Centre**  
10.00am Prayer and Reflection Group      St Joseph's Parish Centre

**THURSDAY 27th** *St Vincent de Paul*

11.30am Rosary      **Noon Mass**      **St Gregory's Church**

**FRIDAY 28th** *St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions*

8.30am Exposition & rosary      **9.15am Mass**      **St Joseph's Parish Centre**

**SATURDAY 29th** *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael*

8.30am Exposition      **9.15am Mass**      **St Joseph's Parish Centre**  
9.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation      St Joseph's Presbytery  
4.00pm Legion of Mary      St Joseph's Parish Centre  
5.15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation      St Gregory's Church  
5.30pm Rosary      **6.00pm Mass**      **St Gregory's Church**

**SUNDAY 30th** *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8.30am Mass**      **10.00am Mass**      **5.00pm Mass**      **St Gregory's Church**  
6.00pm Youth Groups      St Gregory's Parish Centre

**PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS**

- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > In thanksgiving for a good outcome from a heart operation
- > For those on holiday around the world, that they return home safely
- > For those with mental health issues and for those looking after them
- > For those addicted to drugs, that they find a way of 'kicking' the habit

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Today's reading focuses on Jesus teaching his disciples away from the crowds. 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death ...' Jesus has now left the North, where he was safe, and is making his way to Jerusalem, where he knows that he will be betrayed. He avoids the crowds so as to continue instructing and preparing his disciples for forthcoming events.

'What were you arguing about on the road?' When Jesus asked this question of his disciples they were silent with shame. They had still not understood the real meaning of what Jesus had been telling them. They were still thinking of his kingdom in earthly terms and the status they could gain from being part of it.

So he sat down, called the twelve to him ... When a rabbi was officially teaching and making a pronouncement, he sat down. Jesus took this position to teach his disciples what it meant to be great in his kingdom. But their ambition for status must be channelled into service: *'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all, servant of all'*.

He then took a little child, set him in front of them ... In the society of that time, there was no middle class: people were either very rich or poor. People judged you by the status of the company you kept.

To illustrate his teaching further, Jesus embraces a little child, an example of one of the most helpless creatures in society. Children had the same status as slaves. Christians must show hospitality to people with the same status as children in society: the outcast, the sinner, the sick; all those who were treated like children in the community. They have no influence to rely on, and can give you nothing in return when you welcome them in God's name.

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and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Annual General Meeting

### PARISH AGM - next Sunday at 11.00am

Reports received to date will be available next week.

If you would like a printed copy please contact Wilma in the parish office.

Any comments or questions should be in writing prior to the AGM. These can be dropped into the parish office or handed to Fr John. They can also be emailed to [pap.bish.rc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pap.bish.rc@xtra.co.nz).

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering.

In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.

### SEASONS FOR GROWTH COURSE

Learn skills to manage change, loss and grief in your life in this small group programme. The Papanui Parish course starts Thursday 18th October 7.00pm and Mairehau Parish starts a course on Wednesday 17th October at 10.00am.

Numbers are limited so register early (by 11th October).

Contact Lauren on 027 424 6045 or [seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz)

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - YEAR 8 AND OLDER

Enrolments are now available, with the programme beginning on Wednesday 17th October with 7.00pm Mass for the candidates and their parents. Candidates will then be presented at Mass on Sunday 28th October at 5.00pm, followed by a shared dinner for sponsors and candidates.

There is a retreat day on Sunday 4th November beginning at 10.00am Mass, then leaving for Spencer Park. Rite II reconciliation is on Thursday 22nd November at 6.30pm. Confirmation Mass on Saturday 24th November at 6.00pm.

Presentation of certificates is on Sunday 2nd December at 5.00pm Mass, followed by a pizza dinner. All events are at St Gregory's Church.

For more details contact Irene on 027 622 9415 or [irenemaguire100@live.com](mailto:irenemaguire100@live.com)

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a person to clean the children's toys at St Gregory's Church.

If someone is happy to wipe down the toys with disinfectant wipes please ring Irene Maguire on 027 622 9415.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Wis 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16 Mk 9:30-37

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLORE BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The process of RCIA for adults wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith and to discern becoming Catholic is beginning on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. For details or to discuss your journey contact Fr John or Lauren on 027 424 6045 or [becomeacatholic.papanui@gmail.com](mailto:becomeacatholic.papanui@gmail.com)

### WILDER

Run by the Catholic Youth Team, but an event for all ages. Adoration, prayer teams and reconciliation or just a chance to sit with Jesus. Our Lady of Victories Parish on Friday 5th October Mass at 7.00pm, with Wilder to follow until 9.00pm. Supper to follow.

### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Have you or a family member experienced the grief and pain of conceiving, then losing a baby before or at birth? Whether this was recently, or decades ago, we invite you to a Mass of Remembrance on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. For details or to talk to someone about your loss ring the John Paul II Centre for Life on 351 3227.

### ST TERESE ROSE PETAL EVENING

The Beatitudes Community invites you to join them at St Teresa's in Riccarton, on Friday 5th October at 7.00pm for an evening of prayer, music and a talk on "All is grace". For more details email [beatitudesnz@gmail.com](mailto:beatitudesnz@gmail.com)

### GOLDEN CATHOLICS

For those over 65 who enjoyed the previous event a warm invite is extended again.

A special invitation is extended to those who have not been before.

No costs are involved on Wednesday, 17th October from 11.30am

St Joseph's Parish Centre. There will be two guest speakers:

Triona Doocey, the diocesan archivist and Virginia Noonan, Director for the National Office for Professional Standards for the Catholic Church. If you wish to attend please advise Wilma in the parish office by 12th October.

### DOVE - for all women

Hear the call of the Dove and be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit!

Saturday 13th October at 1.00pm at Christ the King Parish Centre.

Phone or text Diane on 027 431 2026 for more information.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have died recently
- § Don McLorinan, deceased members of Smith family and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.