

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

MONDAY 17th *St Robert Bellarmine*

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

TUESDAY 18th

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

WEDNESDAY 19th *St Januarius*

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

THURSDAY 20th *Sts Andrew Kim, Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng, Ha-sang & companions*

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

FRIDAY 21st *St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

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

SATURDAY 22nd

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**

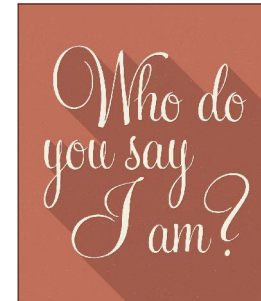
SUNDAY 23rd *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 safe delivery of a new baby
- > For those who are anxious about their grown children
- > For those suffering in war torn countries
- > For peace - in our minds and in our hearts

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WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

*Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
that we may feel the
working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you
with all our heart.*

The gospel today presents Jesus as the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah, and Jesus speaks about his passion and death for the first time. St Mark places this scene at the centre of his gospel. It is the turning point. He shows Jesus being met with confusion, misunderstanding and non-acceptance. The Christ (the 'anointed one') will not be the Messiah of popular expectation, but one who also embraces rejection.

Likewise, the true disciple is one who demonstrates his or her faith through good works. And of course, faith also calls for commitment, as we, too, try to follow the way of the cross.

Let us pray for the strength, this week, to embrace the ultimate 'good work' by doing out best to imitate Christ's loving sacrifice in our own lives, even in small ways. We ask, too, for the assurance of God's help, as we try to take up our own crosses day by day.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Annual General Meeting

PARISH AGM - 30th September

Apologies for the lateness of the AGM this year. This was delayed in the hope there would be news about our rebuild. Bishop Paul Martin announced that all building in the diocese to cease.

If you wish to submit a report for the AGM please have it into the parish office by 21st September. Any comments or questions should also be in writing. These can all be emailed to pap.bish.rc@xtra.co.nz.

33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE RETREAT CONTINUES

You are welcome today (Sunday) at 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH COURSE

Are you experiencing change and loss in your life?

"Seasons" is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. Explore feelings, memories, loss and grief in a safe and creative way. This is a 2½ hour course for four weeks, starting Wednesday 17th October at 10.00am at Mairehau Parish or Thursday 18th October at 7.00pm at Papanui Parish.

Contact Lauren to discuss further on 027 424 6045 or seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz

MERCY DAY

St Joseph's School was founded by the Mercy Sisters and as such they call themselves a Mercy school. On Friday they will celebrate the founding order of the school. Children will travel by bus to St Gregory's Church for Mass that will begin at 10.30am. Parents and friends of the school are welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Next meeting is Thursday 20th September at 1.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. All welcome to see a floral demonstration by Ruby Tuesday from Northlands.

ADULT EDUCATION - Jesus, then and now.

Fr Frank Kelly will present the second of his talks tonight at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

The theme is "Jesus in the early Church."



A BIG 'WEETBIX' THANK YOU
The St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all parishioners for the great generosity shown in their recent 'weet-bix' drive.

TODAY'S READINGS

Is 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Enrolment forms will be available from this Tuesday with the programme beginning on Wednesday 17th October at 7.00pm with a Mass for candidates and parents at St Gregory's Church. Confirmation Mass is Saturday 24th November at 6.00pm.

ST THERESE 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

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.

2018 ROCHESTER LECTURE

Christianity; challenges and opportunities in the twenty-first century.

Presented by Bishop Paul Martin SM next Wednesday (19th) at 7.00pm, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, 77 Ilam Road. Supper will follow.

DOVE - for all women

Hear the call of the Dove and be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit! Wilma Conroy, from the national team, will lead the praise and worship on Saturday 13th October at 1.00pm at Christ the King Parish Centre.

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

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the John Paul II Centre for Life is on Friday 28th September at 5.00pm, starting with drinks and nibbles, at the offices of the centre, 88 Idris Road. Please RSVP to the chairperson, Matt O'Connell on 366 9869 - for catering purposes.

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?

Contact the vocations director, Fr John O'Connor, on vocations.chch@gmail.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have died recently -
- § Peg Lyons and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.