

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

+++++ Perpetual adoration - in the chapel +++++

MONDAY 22nd *St John Paul II*

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

TUESDAY 23rd *St John of Capistrano*

8.30am Exposition & prayer **9.15am Mass** **St Gregory's Church**
6.00pm PPRE St Gregory's Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 24th *St Anthony Mary Claret*

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

THURSDAY 25th

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

FRIDAY 26th

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

SATURDAY 27th

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**

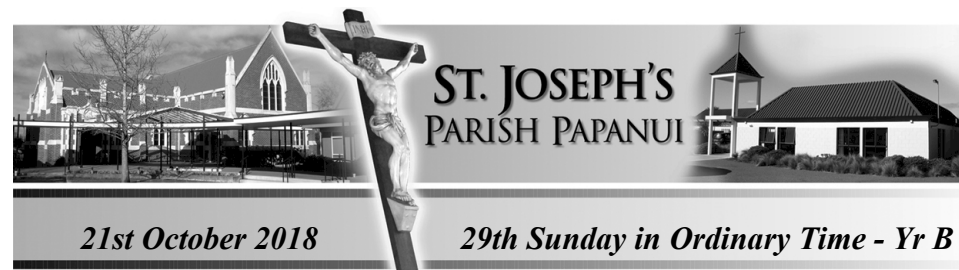
SUNDAY 28th *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mission Sunday*

8.30am Mass **10.00am Mass** **5.00pm Mass** **St Gregory's Church**

PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS

- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > For countries around the world suffering from natural disasters
- > For appreciation of our parents
- > For those suffering addictions of any kind
- > For a quick resolution to a housing situation

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ANSWERING OUR PRAYERS

I wonder if we can be a bit tough on James and John in this story from the gospel, for which they have had an unnecessarily harsh press throughout history. They come to Jesus and, in verse 35, say "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you". The other disciples react badly to their request, but in actual fact, they are only doing what Jesus had said to them previously. In Matthew 7:7, Jesus says, "Ask, and it shall be given to you..." And again in John 14:13, Jesus says, "I will do whatever you ask in my name..." So, fair dues to James and John, they must have been a bit confused by the whole situation. Jesus is telling the disciples to ask for things and then, when they do, they get told off. For 2,000 years people have labeled them egotistical.

To understand James and John in this way is to also make some sense of our own prayers of petition. We too ask God for favours – perhaps not knowing the enormity of what we are requesting, or perhaps not knowing the full ramifications of what this favour might bring about, if answered in the way we hope. Often we are asked to bear certain things for a greater good down the track.

As we continue this weekend our gospel might go some way towards explaining why sometimes it appears that God does not hear our prayers. God does always hear them, it's just that their fulfillment may come later when a greater plan has been revealed.

Fr John
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*Photos may be taken during special events or activities
and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*

MISSION SUNDAY - Today

Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, this annual day encourages prayers, cooperation and help for missions, as well as reminds Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church and of every baptized person.

The pope invites all who want to follow Christ, to seek, to discover and to persevere in their vocation. Please use your “special brown envelopes.”

NEW ENVELOPES

The new sets of envelopes are available from the foyer. Please pick yours up, to help save postage. If you wish to join our ‘planned giving programme’ or change the way you donate please ring Wilma in the parish office.

The AGM reports, minutes and parish financials are available on our website.

MASS COUNT

Traditionally during October there is a “head count” of all adults and children attending each Sunday Mass. These figures are then forwarded to the diocese.

TRAINING / REFRESHER SESSION FOR EMOHC

There is a training session today (or next Sunday) at 1.30pm for all existing and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Sunday Masses.

Thank you to all for carrying out this important ministry for the parish.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During October the Legion of Mary wishes to visit homes to pray the rosary. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity ring Rosalia on 021 255 6451.

REJOICE ALWAYS

Bishop Paul Martin’s new programme encourages parishioners to leave gifts in their wills to the Church. This gift is a powerful and spiritual way to build a legacy that includes the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. It is different from other diocesan programmes because it is part of a new vision for our faith’s future. Ring 366 9869.

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE – RACE NIGHT

Friday 2nd November. Tickets cost \$55.00 per person.

Hamper tickets will be on sale 27th / 28th October. For further information contact Trish Hubble on 354 5244 / 021 354 187 or sandphubble@xtra.co.nz

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

On sale at each Mass next weekend - \$15.00 each.

TODAY’S READINGS

Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

FR JOHN REA

Fr John Rea will minister at the Lamb of God Community, at the Burwood Christian Centre, 52 Bassett Street - on Sunday 28th October from 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

Enquiries to John Murray on 383 2888 or john.murray70@gmail.com.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

An opportunity to hear Bishop Paul Martin and support this women’s ministry.

Saturday 10th November 1.00pm (sharp) at Christ the King Parish Centre.

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

MARIAN COLLEGE – Vacancy

Marian College is looking for a pastoral chaplain to support the spiritual well-being of the students and staff. Work up to 20 hours per week in term time, by negotiation.

For information / application email princ-pa@mariancollege.school.nz.

Applications close 2.00pm on 30th October.

FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY

Firepower is being run by St Anne’s Woolston Parish.

At Catholic Cathedral College from 7.00pm - 9.30pm, on 26th October.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

Contact the Travel Warehouse 0800 356 728 or info@travcorp.co.nz

PATIENT NAMES FOR CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL

The chaplain is not receiving the names of Catholic patients at Christchurch Hospital due to the transition of a new computer system. If you are going into hospital contact the chaplain, on extension 89554 or Angela.Mccormick@cdhb.health.nz



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have died recently - Dave Holland
- § Tesia Halligan and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord.