

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

MONDAY 28th <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>			
4.45pm	Exposition & prayer	5.15pm Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
TUESDAY 29th			
8.30am	Exposition & prayer	9.15am Mass	St Gregory's Church
WEDNESDAY 30th			
8.30am	Exposition	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
10.00am	Prayer and Reflection Group		St Joseph's Parish Centre
THURSDAY 31st <i>St John Bosco</i>			
11.30am	Rosary	Noon Mass	St Gregory's Church
FRIDAY 1st February			
8.30am	Exposition & rosary	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
SATURDAY 2nd <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>			
8.30am	Exposition	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
9.45am	Sacrament of Reconciliation		St Joseph's Presbytery
5.15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation		St Gregory's Church
5.30pm	Rosary	6.00pm Mass	St Gregory's Church
SUNDAY 3rd <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
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
- > In thanksgiving for a son - that he finds happiness
- > For Fr Benito as he starts his work among us
- > For those with financial problems that worry them
- > For those suffering from natural disasters in our world

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2019, with Fr Benito (and Fr Do) at the helm. This year the parish returns rather quickly to full activity after the summer break. Those taking holy communion to the sick start this week and timelines for the sacramental programmes slowly take shape and parish activities start to rev up. May God bless us and our endeavours in this new year.

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new year.
Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.
Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new year brings. Open our hearts and minds to the new friends and parishioners.
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our works and courage to accept new responsibilities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us know your presence in other people.
Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year.
Give us insight to see realistically 'what is' but make us dreamers and give us vision of all the possibilities for 'what can be.'
Use us as instruments to form, inform, reform and transform those who come to us. We ask this in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

WELCOME

It is with pleasure and excitement that we welcome Fr Benito Velasco and Fr Do Nguyen (later in February) to be among us here in Papanui. There will be an opportunity to say "hi" to him after the 6.00pm Mass and the two mornings Masses. Stay for a moment for a 'cuppa' if you can.



THANK YOU

Janette McKee receiving the "Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice" medal (Medal of the Sacred Cross for the Church).

What a joyous occasion.

Janette wishes to express her sincere thanks for all the congratulations and best wishes that have been offered to her.

PRAY THE ST IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE

If we are not able to spend 30 days away on retreat, there is the option of praying the exercises each day over 32 weeks while continuing on with your normal life.

Lauren is looking to accompany a small number of participants in spiritual direction on this retreat. For details phone 027 424 6045 or email laurenbutler76@gmail.com

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S ATRIUM

A place of prayer for 3-6 year olds.

Friday from 9.30am - 11.00am during school terms at St Joseph's School Papanui. See flyers at the back of the church or contact Katherine Pawson on 021 107 9290 or Chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com or to enrol your child or book a visit.

TODAY'S READINGS

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10 1 Cor 1:12-30 Lk 1:1-4

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31 Lk 4:21-30

THANK YOU FROM YOUR BISHOP

Bishop Paul wishes to thank you for your support of his inaugural Care Appeal launched at Advent. You will be delighted to hear that close to \$80,000 was raised. Later in the year a report of all the activities will be available, made possible by donors' generosity. The bulk of donations were made at parish level, so a big thank you from Bishop Paul to you all. For any feedback / suggestions email bishops-pa@chch.catholic.org.nz or ring 378 3647

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP

Bishop Paul invites applications from any who would like to undertake theological studies through Good Shepherd College or Catholic Discipleship College.

These scholarships provide some financial support. For information / application contact Mike Stopforth email mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz or phone 366 9869.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of Executive Officer for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, based in Wellington. For a job description email t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz. CV and covering letter to Cardinal John Dew, PO Box 1937, Wellington or email j.dew@wn.catholic.org.nz

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE MASS

On Sunday 24th February at 5.30pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

Bishop Paul warmly welcomes those who work in health care in Canterbury. This is for all those involved in health care; doctors, nurses, rest home staff, pharmacists, administrators etc. Afterwards stay for refreshments and enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For details email Paula averypaula@gmail.com

NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC - out now

Some headlines are: New Zealand bishop to give catechesis at World Youth Day in Panama; Catholics in New Year Honours List and Marists leave Hamilton diocese.

PILGRIMAGES DEPARTING IN 2019

To the Holy Land, Medjugorje and within New Zealand. Expressions of interest welcome. Visit: www.pilgrimage.nz or contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



- § all those who have no-one to pray for them
- § all those who have died recently - Kathleen Keaney
- § and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord.