

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

#### MONDAY 29th

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

#### TUESDAY 30th

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

#### WEDNESDAY 31st

8.30am Exposition      **9.15am Mass**      **St Joseph's Parish Centre**  
10.00am Prayer and Reflection Group      St Joseph's Parish Centre  
Mass for the Bereaved      **7.30pm Mass**      **St Gregory's Church**

#### THURSDAY 1st *All Saints Day*

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

#### FRIDAY 2nd *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

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

#### SATURDAY 3rd *St Martin de Porres*

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 4th *31st 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 more trust among families and friends
- > For those suffering from cancer - of any kind
- > For a quick resolution to a housing situation

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Today we hear about the healing of Bartimaeus. Jewish people expected the Messiah to heal blindness. Jesus tells his disciples about his forthcoming passion three times, but each time he is met with incomprehension. It may be possible to see a parallel between the physical blindness of Bartimaeus and the spiritual blindness of the disciples.

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar sitting at the side of the road, had a common illness which excluded him from 'normal' society. He began to shout, 'Son of David . . .'

Crying out usually occurs in connection with a recognition of Jesus' true identity. It is the first time that a person acknowledges who Jesus is. Being Son of David made Jesus heir to the promise made to David to reign over Israel for ever.

During Roman occupation, this was a politically dangerous statement to make, and might account for the crowd trying to silence him. Bartimaeus's cloak was probably his only possession, used to collect the few coins people were giving him.

'What do you want me to do for you?' This is the same question that Jesus asked James and John. There is a clear contrast between the disciples seeking positions of honour and the humble request of the beggar.

In Bartimaeus's willingness to brave social disapproval, Jesus recognises the depth of the beggar's faith. With hindsight, we know that the road he takes leads to Jerusalem and the cross.

*St Beuno's Outreach*

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and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*

### **THE COMMERMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

For many centuries it has been a tradition among Catholics to prayerfully remember, during November, our loved ones who have died - closely associated as it is with All Saints Day (1st November) and All Souls Day (2nd November).

The month of November is often referred to as the month of the Holy Souls.

During this month parishioners are invited to place a list of the names of their loved ones who have died in a box at the foot of our altars.

In a special way those of our loved ones who have been called from this life are remembered at all the Masses during the month.

On Wednesday 31st October at 7.30pm at St Gregory's Church we will be celebrating a Mass to remember in a particular way those who have died during the last year. At this Mass a list of those who have been farewelled from our parish in the past twelve months will be read out and a candle will be lit in memory of each of them. Afterwards, there will be a cup of tea in the parish centre.

### **CEMETERY PILGRIMAGE - Next Sunday**

The annual pilgrimage to the local cemeteries will begin at 2.00pm next Sunday (4th) at the Belfast Cemetery, arriving at Avonhead Cemetery at 2.45pm and finishing at Waimairi Cemetery at 3.30pm.

This is a faithful way to remember our departed loved ones.

### **NEW ENVELOPE PACKS**

The new sets of envelopes are available from the foyer. Please pick yours up, or any neighbours - this all saves on postage. Those remaining after this weekend will be posted out. If you wish to join our 'planned giving programme' or change the way you donate please ring Wilma in the parish office.

### **TRAINING / REFRESHER SESSION FOR EMOHC**

Thank you to those who attended the first training session last Sunday. If you could not make that session, the second training is today at 1.30pm.

New people will start on the roster in December.

### **JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE – RACE NIGHT**

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

Hamper tickets will be on sale this weekend. 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**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Deut 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28-34

### **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SERIES: YEAR OF LUKE**

An overview of the gospel according to Luke to begin preparation to listen more deeply to the Sunday readings during Year C. Series continues in 2019.

Presenter Sr Kathleen Rushton, Wednesday 14th November, 7.30pm.

Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College.

Indication of attendance requested. Ring 379 1298.

### **CANDLELIT FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL**

John Paul II Centre for Life invites you to this vigil on Friday 23rd November at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Mass at 7.30pm celebrating faith in all the generations, midnight Mass for marriage and priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available from 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy 355 5841.

### **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.

### **ROAD ACCIDENT REMEMBRANCE DAY**

On Saturday 3rd November the ceremony starts at 10.30am, but you might like to be seated by 10.15am at Hagley Park, Lake Front, Victoria Lake (adjacent to the tennis courts).

### **MASS FOR THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT ABUSE**

At Christ the King Parish on Wednesday 7th November at 6.30pm Virginia Noonan from the National Office for Professional Standards will share and answer questions to help understand how the church is currently dealing with abuse.

Mass will follow at 7.30pm.

### **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](mailto:Angela.Mccormick@cdhb.health.nz)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**



- § all those who have died recently - Tony Bagley
- § Maria Picinić and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

*Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord.*