

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 30th *St Peter Chrysologus*

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

TUESDAY 31st *St Ignatius of Loyola*

8.30am Exposition & prayer **9.15am Mass** **St Gregory's Church**
 Requiem Eddie Schimanski **11.00am Mass** **St Gregory's Church**
 6.30pm PPRE St Gregory's Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 1st August *St Alphonsus Mary Liguori*

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

THURSDAY 2nd *St Peter Faber*

11.30am Rosary **Noon Mass** **St Gregory's Church**
 (followed by pot luck lunch)

FRIDAY 3rd *St Dominic*

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

SATURDAY 4th *St John Mary Vianney*

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 5th *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 all those suffering in Greece due to the wildfires
- > For those killed by suicide bombs in Pakistan
- > For those suffering from addictions, robbing them from living life
- > For the stillness to listen to and hear God's plan for our lives

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GREAT THINGS OFTEN BEGIN BY BEING THANKFUL

The miraculous feeding we hear of in our gospel this weekend has always been seen by the Church Fathers as an image of the Eucharist. Using a formula which was familiar to the Jewish people, there is the breaking of the bread and the giving of thanks. The Greek word for "thanksgiving" is eucharisteo, where we get our word "Eucharist."

We might note then, that in this great miracle of the feeding of the 5000, as in the Last Supper, and, in fact, in every Jewish prayer of blessing over food, thanksgiving precedes the meal. Many of us have learnt this as children. How often did our parents say to us "say thank you ..."? But let's be honest, this sense of gratitude can wear out. We can begin to take our good fortune for granted, after a while. Even the misfortune of others, fails to remind us how thankful we ought to be.

In the economy of the Kingdom of God thanksgiving is the platform upon which we base our actions. We begin with thanks, knowing that having acknowledged God, and accepted our dependence on God's providence – we then stand at the door way of the supernatural, the place of the miraculous.

St Paul told the Thessalonians, to rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (I Thess. 5:16-18) When we are facing our challenges, this is the time to offer thanksgiving, recognizing that the Lord is our source for what we are about to encounter. We can't operate on conditional thanksgiving.

Our gospel might remind us that we are still in the age of miracles – at each celebration of the Mass we are fed by the bread which comes down from heaven. Let's be thankful, always, for this great gift.

Fr John Adams - PARISH PRIEST

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 and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*

AN INVITATION TO COME HOME

Do you know someone who would like to reconnect with the Catholic Church? It can seem a bit daunting if they have been away for a while. Invite them to come along and explore connecting with the God who loves them more than they could imagine - it's never too late! CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME programme starts on 1st August at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. For details please ring 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366). Please keep this programme in your prayers.

'GO MAKE DISCIPLES' TALK

Hear Matt O'Connell on how it is necessary to help people become and grow as disciples of Jesus. Next Sunday (29th) at 1.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

BEREAVEMENT CUPPA & CARE GROUP

Are you adjusting to life after a bereavement? Come for a cuppa and a chat with those in a similar situation, followed by prayer for your loved one on Saturday 4th August, 9.15am Mass with the parish at St Joseph's Parish Centre, then move upstairs for a meeting. For more info contact Lauren on 027 424 6045 or laurenbutler76@gmail.com

PARENTING SPIRITED YOUNG PEOPLE COURSE

Catholic Social Services is taking an alternative approach to looking at parenting by looking first at ourselves as parents. Starting Wednesday 15th August 9.30am -noon for 6 weeks. Phone 379 0012 or email css@chch.catholic.org.nz

EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY FREE COURSE

Each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm from 31st July to 25th September at the John Paul II Centre. Cost \$50.00 per person or \$75.00 per married couple. Enquiries to emotionallyfreenz@gmail.com or ring Liz on 022 0306628.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - Friday 3rd August.

The "Renewal" Mass is on the first Friday of each month, 7.30pm, at Christ the King Church, followed by supper. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to www.ccrnz.org

HELP WANTED FOR ALTAR LINEN

The parish is looking for someone to help launder the sacred cloths used for Holy Communion each week. You will be on a roster for only one month per year. Training is provided. Please ring Janette on 352 5778.

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kg 4:42-44 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Eph 4:17 Jn 6:24-35

TABLE TENNIS

Each Sunday from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the St Joseph's School Hall.

DVD - PAUL APOSTLE OF CHRIST

This DVD is available at Christian Superstore on Colombo Street for \$32.99.

MARIAN DEVOTION

The Chinese Catholic Community in Christchurch is under the patronage of Our Lady of Assumption. This community is having a time of devotion to Mary at Christ the King Parish on Sunday 5th August, beginning at 3.00pm followed by Mass at 4.00pm, and then refreshments in the parish centre.

IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Saturdays 11th & 25th August, 10.00am – 3.00pm, facilitated by Kevin Gallagher and Sr Mary Catherwood at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Spiritual direction offered in the intervening weeks. Bring own lunch; tea/coffee provided. Suggested contribution \$70.00 or donation according to means. For information / bookings roho@xtra.co.nz or 379 1298.

ANNUAL FUNCTION

Greymouth Marist Brothers and ex-convent pupils get together at Papanui RSA on Sunday 26th August at 2.00pm. Enquiries to Frank Newsome frankandaudrey44@gmail.com or evenings 03 352 5471 by 20th August.

MISSION TO PERU

After spending six months in Peru, Celine Goulding is organising an adventure mission trip there in November. It will involve volunteering to visit the sick, work in an orphanage, build homes for the homeless and teach English to children. After ten days you will travel to Machu Picchu and other places. If you are interested in this, please email celinegoulding@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS

Many prayers and warm wishes to Peter Egan who celebrates his 70th with family and friends this weekend. Enjoy your day Peter!



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have died recently - Eddie Schimanski
- § Dot & Bert Smith all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time