

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

MONDAY 8th

4.45pm Requiem Malcolm McRae **11.00am Mass** **St Gregory's Church**
Exposition & prayer **5.15pm Mass** **St Joseph's Parish Centre**

TUESDAY 9th *St Denis & Companions, St Leonardi*

8.30am Exposition & prayer **9.15am Mass** **St Gregory's Church**

WEDNESDAY 10th

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

THURSDAY 11th *St John XXIII*

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

FRIDAY 12th

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

SATURDAY 13th

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 14th *28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

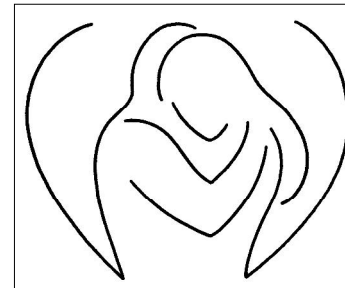
PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS

- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > For those travelling these holidays - that they return home safely
- > For a house to be sold quickly
- > For our bishop as he looks to the future for our diocese
- > For those suffering from grief of any kind

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SITTING IN THE MIDDLE



I think that most preachers struggle with the gospel for this Sunday. Jesus is adamant in his teaching on the permanence of marriage – and yet, as we all know, some marriages just don't work out. Where does this leave us? In my view it leaves us trusting in the unbounded compassion and mercy of God. Jesus and the Church have a prophetic role to play – to articulate the truth of God's plan. But it's also the work of the Church to mediate God's unconditional love, to be the voice of hope, and to preach the good news that Good Friday was not the end of the Easter Story.

So we are asked in the light of this weekend's gospel to live in that place of tension, between the ideal of married life, that we love and cherish, and the reality, that for many, marriage has been a difficult challenge. Sitting in the 'middle' should not weary us however. This life is passing away and we know that our final destiny is that place where all the sacraments shall cease – and we will see our God face to face. As St Teresa of Avila reminded all who knew her, "All will be well."

Fr John Adams
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and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*

ANNUAL SUZANNE AUBERT CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Today we remember the spirituality and good works of this remarkable woman. At the age of 25, Suzanne Aubert arrived in New Zealand to answer God's call to serve the sick, orphaned, elderly and those whom society rejected. She established New Zealand's first soup kitchen and was a pioneer of the health and welfare system and a friend to Maori throughout her life. In the 66 years she lived here, Suzanne travelled widely, visiting more than 24 towns across the country. A special pilgrimage map can be viewed on the website www.suzanneaubert.co.nz. Suzanne's works live on in the Sisters of Compassion. Please continue to pray that the church will soon recognize Venerable Suzanne Aubert's intercession in a miracle which enables her to be beatified.

SEMINARIAN GLEN

With sadness in our hearts we wish to tell you that Glen Brennan, who has been living in the parish while on holiday from the seminary will not be continuing with his studies. Please keep him in your prayers.

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. People will usually do this when you are seated for the offertory.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH SIGN UP

On this programme we learn about the process to cope with change, loss and grief in our lives. Courses start soon. Sign up this weekend in the foyer or ring Lauren on 027 424 6045.

DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet and devotions, Wednesday 10th October at 7.00pm downstairs in St Joseph's Parish Centre. If you have any enquiries ring Gerry Smith 352 8655.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - YEAR 8 AND OLDER

Enrolments are now due, with the programme beginning on Wednesday 17th October at 7.00pm, with Mass for the candidates and their parents. For details contact Irene on 027 622 9415 or irenemaguire100@live.com

GIVE A LITTLE PAGES

Take the time to look at the wonderful causes you can donate to. givealittle.co.nz/cause/walk-with-me-aotearoa

TODAY'S READINGS

Gen 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Has anyone experienced the grief and pain of conceiving, then losing a baby before or at birth? There is a Mass of Remembrance on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. For details ring the John Paul II Centre on 351 3227.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS

Over 65 - a 'no cost to you' event on Wednesday, 17th October at 11.30am at St Joseph's Parish Centre. Two guest speakers, followed by lunch. If you wish to attend please ring Wilma in the parish office by 12th October.

DOVE FOR WOMEN

Hear the call of the Dove and be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit! Wilma Conroy will lead the praise and worship this Saturday (13th) at 1.00pm at Christ the King Parish Centre. Contact Diane on 027 431 2026 for details.

MEN'S GATHERING hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP

At 7.15 pm on Wednesday, 10th October at St Gregory's Centre. Join like-minded Catholic men to be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise and teaching with real life application. This month we hear feedback from MAX NZ 18 Men's Conference. For more details ring Chris on 027 646 4138.

FORMATION MORNING WITH ANDREW WOOD

Andrew is visiting Christchurch again to talk on the "The Eucharist makes present Jesus' sacrifice" this Thursday (11th) at St Gregory's Parish Centre at 10.00am. It will finish around 11.15am and you are welcome to stay for noon Mass. Please email moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz if you wish to attend.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

There is a workshop on Saturday 13 October at 9.15am. Explore this gift to the Church and learn methods for preparing for Advent. Contact Marianne on 353 0758 or mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have died recently - Malcolm McRae, Norma McCarroll
- § and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.