

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

MONDAY 10th

There is no Mass or liturgy today

TUESDAY 11th

8.30am	Exposition & prayer	9.15am	Liturgy	St Gregory's Church
6.30pm	PPRE			St Gregory's Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 12th *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

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

THURSDAY 13th *St John Chrysostom*

11.30am	Rosary	Noon	Liturgy	St Gregory's Church
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FRIDAY 14th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8.30am	Exposition & rosary	9.15am	Liturgy	St Joseph's Parish Centre
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SATURDAY 15th *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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 16th *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am	Mass	10.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Mass	St Gregory's Church
6.00pm	Youth Groups					St Gregory's Parish Centre

PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS

- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > For the bishops and priests as they gather for prayer, formation and recreation
- > For those with financial problems at the moment
- > For victims of natural disasters in the world
- > For those suffering from depression and those trying to help them

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OUR OWN DEAFNESS

We know that deafness can be an isolating experience. It is one thing to lose your sense of smell or taste, but to lose one's hearing presents many challenges in life. It's reassuring to know there are more opportunities and resources for people who are deaf today, but those who were deaf in Jesus' day did not have any of these advantages. They did not have schools or training or a fully developed sign language. So while deafness can be a real challenge for people today, we need to remember that it was extremely debilitating for people in the time of the New Testament. For these reasons we know what a life changing experience it must have been for the man in our gospel.

Curious then that Jesus chose to take this man aside for the moment of his healing. Granted, not all of Jesus' healings were private. There were times when the crowds brought him their sick and he healed them all in front of everyone. But when it came to individual healings, Jesus did on occasion take the person aside. Perhaps this was Jesus' concern for the dignity of the individual. Jesus did not want to make a spectacle of anyone. I am guessing that this was a sign of Jesus' humility. Jesus was not looking for the admiration of the crowds. I also wonder if taking the man aside helps us to clarify Jesus mission. Jesus came primarily to preach and to teach. His miracles backed up his teaching, but he did not want the miracles to distract from his teaching. Jesus took the man aside, away from the crowds in order that his teaching might bring about life long and lasting conversion. He did not want the reputation of a worker of magic, a spectacle to be observed but not imitated.

All of us can be deaf to God's call and guilty of becoming admirers of the power of Jesus without encountering Him in person. Let's ask this weekend for our own healing in this regard.

Fr John Adams - PARISH PRIEST

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

CLERGY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - 10th to 14th

Bishops and priests gather in Christchurch this week for their national assembly.

There will be no weekday Masses in our parish but our neighbouring parish of Mairehau will have Mass each weekday at 9.15am. There will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in our parish (except on Monday).

You are welcome to attend the 6.00pm Assembly Masses on Tuesday at St Mary's Pro Cathedral and Wednesday & Thursday at Christ the King Parish.

PARISH AGM - 30th September

Apologies for the lateness of the AGM this year. This was delayed in the hope there would be news about our rebuild. Last weekend it was announced that Bishop Paul wanted all building in the diocese to cease. If you wish to submit a report for the AGM please have it into the parish office by 21st September. Any comments or questions should also be in writing. These can all be emailed to pap.bish.rc@xtra.co.nz.



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

"Each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer, for building up the Body of Christ in love." – Pope Francis

Social Justice Week occurs every September and is promoted by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. This year the focus is on removing obstacles that prevent those of us with disabilities from fully participating in society.

The theme is "Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to play."

Let us take up the challenge to promote full participation for all people.

33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE RETREAT CONTINUES

You are welcome today (Sunday) at 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH COURSE

Are you experiencing change and loss in your life?

"Seasons" is an education programme which explores the effects of change, loss and grief. Explore feelings, memories, loss and grief in a safe and creative way. This is a 2½ hour course for four weeks, starting Wednesday 17th October at 10.00am at Mairehau Parish or Thursday 18th October at 7.00pm at Papanui Parish.

Contact Lauren to discuss further on 027 424 6045 or seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz

'BE STILL' RETREAT FOR PARENTS

Sunday 23rd September, from 8.30am at Fourvière House at 67 Leithfield Road.

Join other parents for a day, spending time together in the stillness with God.

Register to renemaguire100@live.com

TODAY'S READINGS

Is 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet and devotions, Wednesday 12th September at 7.00pm downstairs in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Enquiries ring Gerry Smith 352 8655.

ADULT EDUCATION - Jesus, then and now.

Fr Frank Kelly talks tonight at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

2018 ROCHESTER LECTURE

Christianity; challenges and opportunities in the twenty-first century.

Presented by Bishop Paul Martin SM on Wednesday 19th September at 7.00pm, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, 77 Ilam Road. Supper will follow.

MEN'S GATHERING hosted by JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP

At 7.15pm this Wednesday 12th September at St Gregory's Centre.

For more information ring Chris on 027 646 4138.

DIVINE RENOVATION - A day with Fr James Mallon

Seminar on Friday 14th September at City Church & St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

Costs \$50.00. Talks, food and Mass. For details ring Matt on 366 9869.

THANK YOU

Elizabeth O'Sullivan would like to extend sincere gratitude towards the parish for their continued generosity in helping her cover her college fees.

It has been a transformative year for her and she could not have had this opportunity if it was not for your support. Be assured of her ongoing prayers.

Benjamin Sutcliffe would like to thank everyone who generously donated/sponsored him for the St Bede's CanTeen Run For A Life, either on-line or via the "Give a Little" page (donations still coming in). It is very much appreciated and to date over \$1,135.00 has been raised.

QUIZ NIGHT CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE

On Friday 21st September at 7.00pm. Teams of six, tickets \$10.00 pp from the Catholic Cathedral College Office. Fabulous prizes, free nibbles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Kevin & Margaret Dobbs who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, with family and friends. A lovely example to all.



PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have died recently - Susan Johnston
- § all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord.