

BULLETIN IN EXILE

Burnside, Bryndwr & Papanui Catholic Parishes

THE COUNSELOR WILL BE WITH YOU FOR EVER

From the very beginning of creation God said: it is not good that man should be alone (Genesis 2:18). We were created in love for love – to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are inseparably united in a community of unbreakable love.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) said: "***We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our nature.***" Jesus speaks to his disciples of the inseparable bound of love between himself and the Father, and of their love for humankind. In Jesus we see the fullness of God's love and how God's love is directed to our well-being. "*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him*" (1 John 4:9).

KNOWING GOD'S LOVE

How do we know that God truly loves each one of us? In the cross we see the proof of God's love for each of us and the incredible price God was willing to pay to redeem us from slavery to sin, death, and Satan. Jesus gave up his life that we might have life – abundant, everlasting life with God – a life of love and unity with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever.

Through the cross Jesus opened a new way of relationship for us as the adopted sons and daughters of God – his beloved children (Romans 8:14-17). Jesus calls his disciples to walk in his way of love through obedience to the will of the Father. True love is more than sentiment, emotion, or good intention. As important as these may be they are not the proof of sincere love. True love for God is expressed in obedience and obedience is expressed in love.

JESUS' BEST GIFT FOR US

Jesus promised to give his followers the best of gifts, the Holy Spirit as their Counselor and Helper. How does the Holy Spirit help us as the counselor? Counselor is a legal term for one who defends someone against an adversary and who guides that person during the ordeal of trial. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Helper who guides and strengthens us and brings us safely through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

The Holy Spirit is also the Giver of life – the abundant life which comes from God and which sustains us forever. The Holy Spirit also guides us in the way of truth, wisdom, and goodness. We can never stop learning because the Spirit leads us more and more into the knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness. Jesus also promised his followers the gift of peace. Peace is more than the absence of conflict or trouble. Peace includes everything which makes for our highest good. Trust in God, faith in his promises, and obedience to his word lead us to peace and security in God's presence. That is why a Christian need not fear or be troubled by anything. The love of Christ brings immeasurable joy and consolation even in the midst of our trials and suffering. Paul the Apostle states: "***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord***" (Romans 8:35,38-39).

May we ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with the knowledge of Christ's immense love and with his gift of peace.



LEVEL 2 LOCKDOWN UPDATE

Both Christ the King Church, Burnside and St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale are **OPEN** for private prayer and devotions. However, we ask that you observe the following procedures as we continue to stop the spread of COVID-19.

OPENING HOURS OF CHURCHES

CHRIST THE KING, BURNSIDE - **9 AM - 5 PM**

ST GREGORY'S, BISHOPDALE - **8 AM - 6 PM**

- **SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ARRIVAL - LOCATED IN FOYER
(PLEASE USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AT BOTH CHURCHES)**
- **RECORD THE DATE, YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND TIME OF ARRIVAL**
- **USE THE PEWS THAT ARE NOT TAPE OFF (PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING IF OTHER PEOPLE ARE PRESENT)**
- **IF THERE ARE 10 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH, WE ASK THAT YOU COME BACK AT A LATER TIME.**
- **WHEN LEAVING, RECORD YOUR TIME OF DEPARTURE AND SANITISE YOUR HANDS AGAIN.**
- **VOTIVE CANDLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AT THE DEVOTION AREAS**
- **BATHROOMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also recommencing under Level 2 Lockdown.

Below are the temporary Reconciliations times [please note that our normal Reconciliation times will recommence when we are able to hold public Masses again]

Reconciliations will be celebrated in the main body of the Church, face to face, while following social distance guidelines. Please note the 10 person limit is applied in the Church so please stagger your times when coming to Reconciliation. We priests will be there for the full time period.

Saturday 16 May

Christ the King Church, Burnside 9:30 - 11 am

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale 4 - 5 pm

Wednesday 20 May

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale 5 - 6:30 pm

Saturday 23 May

Christ the King Church, Burnside 9:30 - 11 am

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale 4 - 5 pm

Wednesday 27 May

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale 5 - 6:30 pm

[or by request - call 03 359 0444]



PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE



The disciples journeyed from the tomb in Jerusalem out into the country side and towns obedient to the bidding of Jesus. During this time a risen Jesus revealed Himself to them. It was a time of turmoil, a time of both extraordinary joy and a time of isolation and fear.

Does this sound familiar?

As Jesus was then, so He is now. The Lord is risen and so very close to you.

While isolation may be required and a duty, rather let us benefit from joining with a like-minded community that together "choose" a spiritual self-imposed isolation over these coming weeks until Pentecost.

Join the **PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE** today! Join thousands from around the world journeying together in joy toward the upper room. Even though the Pentecost Pilgrimage has started, you are able to watch past videos. Check out their website for more information, and to register.

<https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>

LAUDATO SI WEEK (16 - 24 MAY)

Pope Francis

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?



Motivated by this question, I would like to invite you to participate in Laudato Si' Week from **16-24 May 2020**. It is a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si': on the care of our common home*. I renew my urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis. The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue. Let's take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God. Let's celebrate Laudato Si' Week together.

May God bless you. And do not forget to pray for me.

The theme of the week is "everything is connected." This week launches a year-long journey of transformation, as we grow through the crisis of the current moment by praying, reflecting, and preparing together for a better world to come tomorrow.

There are great resources on the Laudato Si' Week Website – check it out.

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

At noon, local time on 24th May, all Catholics are invited to unite in prayer to lift up the gift of our faith to the world. Together, we will create a worldwide wave of prayer, as people in each time zone around the globe pray together. Imagine the power of a unified prayer for a more just and sustainable world.

Please pray for the following intentions

For Pope Francis and the Bishops of Aotearoa

For our Civil Leaders

For our teachers and students who return back to school this week

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we prepare for Pentecost

For those who are sick:

Bishop Basil Meeking; Gerard MacManus (Papanui Parish); Noeline George (Papanui Parish); Susan Steele;

For those who have died, especially during this time:

Brian Eccleton (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Mary Lee (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Anne Attwood (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Brian Joyce (Recently Deceased, Bryndwr Parish); Erin Vermeeren (Recently Deceased, Burnside Parish); Jill Lever (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Nora Collier (Recently Deceased); Stephen Cassidy (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Sr Enid Lagan RSM (Recently Deceased); Jocelyn Rusbatch (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish); Carlo Roberto Leopoldo Barba Fiera (Recently Deceased); Sr Mary Boyes RSM (Recently Deceased); Yvonne Rita Wilkes (Recently Deceased, Papanui Parish);

This Week's Feasts and Memorials



Tues 18 May - St John I (pope, martyr)

Wed 19 May - St Bernardine of Siena (priest)

Thurs 21 May - St Christopher Magallanes (priest) & companions
(martrys)

Fri 22 May - St Rita of Cascia (religious)

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OUR VINNIES NEED YOU

Our three local St Vincent de Paul conferences have seen an increase of those who are in need in our respective communities.

If you are in a position to be able to support them financially, please consider doing so via internet banking (**account numbers below**) with the reference '**Donation**'.

SVDP - Burnside Conference (Westpac)

03 - 0802 - 0102340 - 00

SVDP - Papanui Conference (Westpac)

03 - 0854 - 0646219 - 00

SVDP - Bryndwr Conference (Westpac)

03 - 1707 - 0154067 - 00



St Joseph's Youth Group

Sunday Evenings (during term time)

7pm

Contact Elizabeth for the link to the Youth Group on Zoom!



Christ the King Youth Group

Monday Evenings (during term time)

7pm

Contact Kaelyn for the link to the Youth Group on Zoom!

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