

HAPPY Mother's Day

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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NORTH PARISH

Weekly

SUNDAY 12 MAY / THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Motherhood, a Gift and Mission

I was reflecting on Mary's role in Jesus' life and thought of the many sacrifices she would have gone through and the pivotal role she played in his life, firstly her 'Yes,' and then how she asked Jesus to do many things including his first miracle, changing water into wine, how she stayed with him at the cross and how she endured the pain of losing a child. At times I used to think that Mary felt so unrelatable as she was the perfect role model.

A few years ago, when my boys were a bit younger, I had an incident where one of the boys went missing. You know that moment when you turn your head, and they go the other way and are now nowhere to be seen! After a very panicked search, we found him talking with some lovely older women. The next morning at Sunday Mass we were listening to the Gospel, and it was about how Mary and Joseph lost Jesus in the Temple. It didn't really hit home until I heard my oldest child telling the priest after Mass, "Do you know my Mum is just like Mary in today's reading!" The priest asked why, and he went on to explain, "Well, Mum lost my brother yesterday at the mall, and they looked and looked for him but he was lost, luckily they found him talking to some women, just like Jesus in the temple." The Priest laughed, and I felt slightly embarrassed, but in that moment, I had a true appreciation of how we can relate to Mary on so many levels as we journey through our motherhood even in the crisis moments!

This Mother's Day let us celebrate the mothers, grandmothers, and the spiritual Mothers we have in our lives. We thank God for the lasting impact they have made and how they constantly make sacrifices for us, how they pray for us and help form us into the people we are today. We thank God for the special Gift of Motherhood and how He shows us a glimpse of His infinite love for us through them.

Lord, this Mother's Day we lift up to you all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus. Help all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact in the world today. Amen.

Maria Surrey
Schools Coordinator



TO THE MUMS WHO ARE

To the Mums who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Mums who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Mums who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Mums who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighbourhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Mums no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Mums who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honour the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

*Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue
United Methodist Church*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday - Friday, 9am-2pm
The priests are available for emergencies by phoning the presbytery directly on 03 359 0444

FOR ANY PRAYER REQUESTS.
TEXT 021 413 659

Please note that there is no Noon Mass on Tuesday 14 May due to the Church pews and carpets being professionally cleaned.

The church will be unavailable from 10am Monday until 7am Mass on Tuesday morning. Then again from 10am, Tuesday morning until late while cleaning takes place.

PENTECOST EVENTS IN THE PARISH

As we prepare to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost, there are opportunities for us to really experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives through these events below.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

May 10 - 18 (Finishing with Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May)

We invite our parish community to be united in prayer as we pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit, asking for an outpouring and renewal in our hearts and in our parish community.

Physical copies are available in the foyers of the St Gregory's Church this weekend as the **Novena begins on Friday 10 May**.



HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday 15th May 2024, 7pm at St Gregory's Church.

We are hosting a Healing Service with Fr John Rea sm (From Wellington)

John Rea, a Marist priest, has the gift of healing. John Rea has been praying with people in this way since 1974. John Rea says God is the healer.

<https://www.sm.org.nz/about/missionary-parishes/john-rea/>



COMBINED PARISH PENTECOST MASSES

St Andrew's Centenary College Chapel for Pentecost Weekend.

Saturday 18 May - 5:30pm / Sunday 19 May - 10am

All are welcome to join us as one parish community to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit. Morning tea and fellowship will follow the 10am Mass.

N.B. There will be no other Vigil or Sunday Masses celebrated in the parish this weekend.



PENTECOST ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday 19 May - 7pm, St Gregory's Church

All are welcome as we come together as Christians to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. Supper to follow. If you are happy to support this service by welcoming or reading prayers etc please contact Judith in the office.



GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A series of talks on "Receiving and Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" on **Thursdays 6, 13 and 20 June - 7pm at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre.**

The aim of this series of talks is to give people a knowledge and practical experience in praying and using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. For more information please contact Judith

027 261 5655 or email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

Registration via our Parish website



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking to set up a Social group in the parish to assist with organizing morning teas, occasional lunches or planning social events in the parish.

If you think you would like to be a part of this group then please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or email:

pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz



Our vision for the Catholic Parish of Christ the Redeemer is of a missionary parish bringing people to come to know Jesus Christ personally, helping them grow as disciples, and going out to others with the Gospel message.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May but the entire month!

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary has been active in NZ since 1933. Under the powerful leadership of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Legionaries serve the Church and our people on voluntary basis in about 170 countries and started since 1921. We are also the instruments of The Holy Spirit.

Under the guidance of our Spiritual Directors, Legionaries seek to do great things for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

We welcome you all to join us and observe one of our meetings:
St Joseph's Pastoral Centre every Friday 5pm or Christ The King Pastoral Centre every Saturday 2.30pm.

Please contact Cherie 0272004573 or Genevieve 0212727597 for more information.

This week the Legion of Mary will speak briefly at the end of each Mass. At the same time we will be offering for those who pray the rosary or wish to learn the rosary, a lovely little booklet and insert to encourage the recital of the rosary across the parish.
 Fr Rick



PARISH FRIENDSHIP AND DINING OUT GROUP

This month we will meet at Christ the King Church on the Thursday, 30 May at 11.30 am and will share transport to a local lunch destination this side of the city.
 Please RSVP to Michele Ward 358-4304 by Tuesday, 28 May.
 Bring along your friends and join us.

ST THOMAS' OF CANTERBURY OPEN MORNING

TUESDAY, 14 MAY - 9AM

Our 2024 Open Morning will be held on Tuesday 14 May, beginning at 9 am with tours (please head to the school hall from 8.30 am). Principal's address will be at 10 am in the hall. [Register here](#). There will be parking available on the sports fields, opposite the front gate. <https://www.stc.school.nz/enrolment-at-st-thomas/>

YOUTH GROUP - Sunday 12th May at St Bede's PAC

Theme: The value of human life

For our Senior Youth Group we have some guests from 'Loving for Life' coming to run a session on this topic.

Please contact Hannah if you would like any more info (0210 887 5243) or hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz

Junior Youth Group (Year 7 & 8) - 4-5pm

Mass - 5-6pm

Dinner - 6-6.30pm (provided)

Senior Youth Group (Year 9-13) - 6.30-8pm

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monthly meeting for Catholic Women's League Christchurch North branch will be the combined WUCWO meeting which will take place at the Bishop Joyce Centre, Holy Family Parish (formerly West Parish), Main South Road, on Thursday 16 May, commencing at 11.15 am. There will be a shared lunch after the liturgy and Megan Emery will be the speaker. This will replace our monthly meeting. Any questions or if you need a ride, please ring Marie, 352 2707

THE JOY OF HOPE - HEAVENLY REVELATION FROM JOHN ON THE HOLY ISLAND OF PATMOS

An inspirational course filmed on location on the beautiful Greek Holy Island of Patmos, where Scripture tells us the Book of Revelation was written. Each of the four sessions is presented at key places around the island by David Payne. Uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Each session includes an engaging mix of teaching, scripture meditation and prayerful response with group discussion.

Starting 21 May at 7.30 pm.

Register at www.fdm.org.nz/joy

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

Welcomes you to the family club

Eternal membership with perpetual redemption



Friday Event Special - 17 May 2024

"60 seconds is all you've got!"

Get the family together for an evening of exciting challenges.

See you there!

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm **Venue:** St Joseph's Primary School Hall

PARISH COLLECTION - APRIL 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Automatic Payments	\$44,403	\$48,000
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$7,130	\$9,400
Loose Cash	\$5,942	\$6,600
Total Collection	\$57,475	\$64,000

Thank you for your generous gifting to the Parish

**Please send all bulletin messages and noticeboard posters to bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz
 Deadline - 9am Wednesday Morning and are at the discretion of the Priests and Administration Team.**

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm - St Gregory's Church
6pm - St Gregory's Church

SUNDAY MASSES

8 am - St Gregory's Church
9 am - St Bede's Chapel
10 am - St Gregory's Church
11 am - St Bede's Chapel
5 pm - St Bede's Chapel

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday

7 am & 9:15 am (No 7am Mass on Public Holidays)

Tuesday & Thursday

Noon - St Gregory's Church

Saturday

9:15 am (Reconciliation follows)

*Please note: a Funeral Mass may replace a Weekday Mass *

WEEKLY SCHOOL MASSES

(During Term Time)

Mondays

9am - St Patrick's School Hall

Wednesdays

1:05pm - St Bede's Chapel

Fridays

9am - St Albans Catholic Chapel
Check the bulletin for the times of the other schools

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

9.45 am - 10.45 am
St Gregory's Church
[or by appointment]

ROSARY

St Gregory's Church

Mon-Sat: After the 9.15am Mass

Wednesday: 2 pm

Thursday: 11:30 am

Saturday: 5.40 pm

BAPTISMS are held on the fourth weekend of each month. For more information view the Sacrament page on our website.

CHURCH PHYSICAL ADDRESSES

St Gregory's - 26 Cotswold Ave
St Bede's Chapel - 210 Main North Road (entry off Momorangi Crescent)

PREFERENCE TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Please see the link below, this will direct you to all information relating to obtaining preference for your child to attend a Catholic primary or secondary school. Please note that the **next preference signing will be Friday, 7 June between 3-4pm at our parish office.**

<https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/schools-enrolment>

UPCOMING SCHOOL MASSES THIS WEEK

Parishioners are welcome at all of the School Masses below.

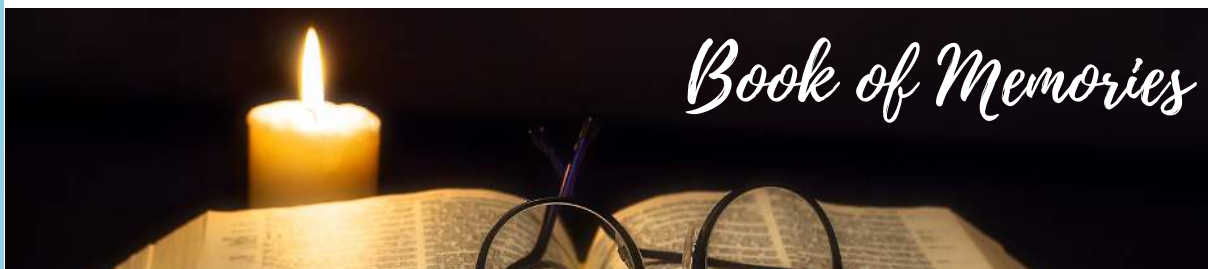
Mon 13 May, 9am - St Patrick's Mass, School Hall (Jeffreys Road)

Tue 14 May, 9am - Christ the King Mass, CTK Pastoral Centre (Greers Road)

Wed 15 May, 1.00pm - Marian College (Lydia Street)

Wed 15 May, 1:05pm - St Bede's Mass, St Bede's Chapel (Main North Road)

Fri 17 May, 9am - St Albans Mass, St Albans Catholic Chapel (Entrance off Somme Street)



Book of Memories

11 May: Leslie Blair, Petronella Reynen, John Erceg, Vaughan Roughan, Margaret Dwyer.

12 May: Margaret MacKenzie, Marie Scanlon, Roderick Davies, Irene Dempsey, Lillian Mitchell, Seamus Casey, Marie (Mary Kathleen) Mercer, Noelene Davie.

13 May: William (Bill) Mehalski, Patricia Cross, Nola McNeice.

14 May: Mervyn Johnston, Brendan Leonard, Judith Falconer, Maurice O'Leary.

15 May: Peter Wills, Patrick O'Brien, Kathleen Casey, Gordon O'Callaghan, Olga Fitzgerald, Agnes Jones.

16 May: Anna Schulze, Yvonne Souquet, Marie Crozier, Mary Brady.

17 May: Barrie Ward, Helen Conaghan, Clifford Money, Lorraine Bradley, Peter Guthrie, Delphine Buckley.

Please pray for the following intentions

Those who have recently died: Pamela Arthur, Margaret Frost, Kevin Lawrie, Gerard Stocks, Judith Joseph, Kath Crosbie, Una McGregor, David Murphy, Chris Caddick, David Mooney, Bruce Robertson (Dunedin), Gerry Kennedy, Harry Verdellen.

Mass Intentions: Margaret Collins (Ann.), George Crowe (Ann.), Robert Campbell (Ann.), Henry Crowe (Ann.), Seamus Casey (Ann.)

Those who are sick: Marie Walker, Judy Gilmore, Michael Hegarty, Gerard Clark, Helen Grofski.

Those who need our prayers: Hearty Ashwell.

If you know someone who needs our prayers please let Melonie know in the parish office.

Please note that names submitted will remain on the list for a month. At the end of this time they will be removed. If you would like them to remain on for longer please let us know.

Please pray for those who need our prayers and those who have nobody for pray for them.

This week's Feasts and Memorials

MON 13	TUES 14	WED 15	THU 16	FRI 17	SAT 18
Our Lady of Fatima	St Matthias	-	-	-	St John I (Pope)