



# NORTH PARISH

# Weekly

SUNDAY 5 MAY / SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## *Following Mary's Example: Faith, Love, and Service*

The Apostles, inspired by the Holy Spirit, realized very early on that **'Faith'** is given to everyone. Initially, God chose the Jews as His people, but then God opened it to the rest of humankind. We see Peter baptising Cornelius and his household, Philip baptizing the official on the road, and the curing and conversion of the leper Naaman. Thus, we understand the teaching that God has no favourites. Jesus confirms that each of us is chosen to have faith in Him. It is up to us to nurture this great gift of faith by obeying God's commandments and receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

**Charity is the distinctive mark of Christians.** Through charity, we gain the respect of non-Christians. Lack of charity drives others away and can cause harm and hostility. Every war we can think of results from a lack of love for God and neighbour. Mere words are just hot air; they must be accompanied by deeds and truth. St. Augustine's formula, affirming the primacy of charity, makes it the principle of Christian perfection: **"love, and you can do nothing but good."**

Our greatest model of charity among all the saints is, of course, **Mary, Mother of God.** Being chosen from all humanity to be the Virgin Mother of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, she cannot be anything but pure love. She is the most honoured of all humans, born without sin.

The Catholic Church has dedicated **two** months of the year to Mary, namely **May and October.**

After accepting the role of motherhood of Jesus Christ, she didn't dwell on the big occasion of being a Mother and a Virgin. Instead, she rushed to visit and care for her cousin Elizabeth, whom the Angel Gabriel told her was in her sixth month of pregnancy.

I am privileged to be chosen as the Spiritual Director of one praesidium - Mary Help of Christians. **The Legion of Mary is one of the biggest armies of Mary in the parishes.** We do everything in the name of Mary for the parish. **One group meets every Friday at 5 pm at St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre, and the other at 2.30pm at Christ the King Pastoral Centre every Saturday.** We pray, visit our auxiliary members and others as the need arises, pray the rosary at the request of parishioners in their homes (especially during May and October), and assist with the duties of the parish such as greeting, organizing morning teas, and assisting during Masses, alongside other tasks the parish priest wishes us to undertake.

We learn from Mary how to do everything with the love of God and neighbour. In return, Mary guards us, answers our prayers, and keeps us motivated. We would love to have more parishioners join us as full auxiliary members. We are a happy bunch and we do something special for mothers on Mother's Day, and for the children in the parish on their First Holy Communion Day and, if possible, on their Confirmation day.

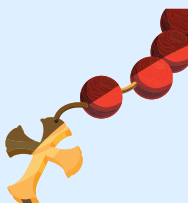
Blessed Easter and Love,

*Fr Kevin Wei*



### ROSARY PRAYERS LED IN YOUR HOME

The Legion of Mary - Mary Help of Christians Praesidium are available to visit your home to pray the rosary with you and your family during the month of May (the Month of Mary). They have left a calendar in the foyer of St Gregory's Church for you to reserve a date and they will contact you to arrange a time. Alternatively you can text Noemi 0212508374 or Janet 0223417806 to organise a day and time.



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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**



This Sunday at the 8am Mass we will welcome with great joy to the Catholic Community new members who have been journeying with us during this year. **Billie and Susan** will receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, while **Hilary and Robert** will receive Confirmation and Eucharist. We congratulate and welcome them as they enter into full communion in the Catholic Church.

We also welcome **Oscar, Louis** and **Eilidh** who will also be baptised on Sunday morning.

Please continue to pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.



## 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. *More details to follow.*



### 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 [pastorale@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastorale@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 Mary 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.

*Next 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*



### CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking to set up two groups in the parish to assist with

- Liturgy planning
- Another for social events, like organizing morning teas, occasional lunches or planning social events in the parish

If you think you would like to be a part of either of these groups then please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or email: [pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz)



### CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH FAMILY CLUB

We welcome parishioners, with their families and friends to participate in these family activities every Friday.

**Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm Venue: St Joseph's Primary School Hall, Vagues Road, Papanui** Come and join us.

For more information please contact Fr Edwin

BUILDING COMMUNITY  
**TOGETHER**



**KAI FOR THE COMMUNITY** is a charitable Trust that has fed the homeless and vulnerable in Christchurch for some years. The Trust provides a sit down two course meal on Sunday evenings for these folk.

The Trust rely on groups such as parishes from the Catholic community and other Church groups to provide the food, to serve it and clean up. The meal commences at 5.30pm, the exercise is well finished by 7pm. Families from our parish have assisted in this rewarding endeavour on four occasions in the past twelve months.

We need to provide a main and a desert for around 90+ persons. About 8 people are required to serve the food and assist with cleaning up. Food to be provided could consist of a meat, pasta or chicken dish, veggie dish or other suitable meals, also a dessert such as a fruit crumble (all to feed about 8 to 10 people). Meals are best cooked in disposable aluminium dishes.

The food needs to be delivered on the Sunday to the Deaf Centre,

**80 Fitzgerald Ave by 5pm**

**(speak with John for alternative arrangements)**

**The Parish of Christ the Redeemer next date to assist the hungry is Sunday, 12 May**

To offer your assistance or have queries email John Dooley [helenjohndooley@hotmail.com](mailto:helenjohndooley@hotmail.com) or text/ring 021 908 130

### SR MARY XAVIER - RIP

Many of you would have known Sr Mary Xavier of the Sister of Jesus and Mary who worked for many years in the Bryndwr Parish. She has died at 100 years of age in Ireland. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

### YOUTH GROUP RESUMES FOR TERM 2

**Sunday 5 May, 6pm - 8:30pm. St Bede's College PAC**

This week's youth group is a **combined** youth group so all students from Year 7 - 13 are welcome.

Mass begins at 5pm, and we'll have dinner at 6 - 6:30pm. All welcome!

### ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 7 May // 9am - 12 Noon

Registrations not required. See the school website for more information - <https://www.stbedes.school.nz/>

### CATHOLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE

Calling all Catholic Health Professionals to come meet some of the Catholic hospital chaplains, come have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two and a chinwag with the chaplains and other health professionals from around Christchurch.

**Saturday 4th May, Anna's Cafe Tower Junction RSVP or any questions email [christchurchcma@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchcma@gmail.com)**



**Please send all bulletin messages and noticeboard posters to [bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto: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, 10 May 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 6 May, 9am** - St Patrick's Mass, School Hall (Jeffreys Road)

**Tue 7 May, 9am** - Christ the King Mass, CTK Pastoral Centre (Greers Road)

**Wed 8 May, 9.15am** - St Joseph's Mass, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre (Vagues Road)

**Wed 8 May, 1:05pm** - St Bede's Mass, St Bede's Chapel (Main North Road)

**Fri 10 May, 9am** - St Albans Mass, St Albans Catholic Chapel (Entrance off Somme Street)



**4 May:** John Brennan, Margaret O'Connor, Williamina (Lela) Helman, Thomas Caldwell, William (Bill) Meehan, John East, Leo Murphy, Ah Heng Quek (Steven), Kathleen Carrington.

**5 May:** Ronald Telford, Anthony Lasorsa, Br Paul Scott, Gareth Maddock, Bernard Glubb, Perc Gallagher, Linda Scanlan, Mary Groves.

**6 May:** Matthew O'Brien, Irene Carney, Sylvette Murphy, Michael Riley, Arthur Shaw, Henricus (Harry) Trip, Norma Jacobs, Fr Denis (DK) O'Sullivan, Antoni Leparowski.

**7 May:** Mary Whiting, Roie Thorn, Rona Kennedy, Mary Shea, Basil Murphy, Robert Mercer, Rona Kennedy, Denis O'Malley, George Gasper, Annette van Leuven.

**8 May:** Francis Pender, Lillian Pooley, Uta Stewart, Marie Healey, Eileen Fisher, William Slaven, Xiaolan Zhu, Betty Leggat.

**9 May:** Michael Farrar, Fr. Edward Coleman, Lawrence White, William Foley, Colin Ferris.

**10 May:** Doreen Curry, Duncan McMillan, Russell Unwin, Terence McBrearty, Edna Moesbergen, John (Jack) Lagan, Colleen Frost, Mary (Molly) Empson, Lillian Carr.

## 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).

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Collins (Ann.), Michael & Gertrude Cosgriff (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 6	TUES 7	WED 8	THU 9	FRI 10	SAT 11
-	-	-	Thursday before Ascension Sunday	St John de Avila	-