

Mercy Parish ~ Whanau Aroha

10th February
2019

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

10 February 2019 Year C

5th Sunday OT

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am
11.00 am

17 February 2019 Year C

6th Sunday OT

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am
11.00 am
11.00 am Broad Bay

**Weekday Masses in the
Mercy Chapel
Monday - Saturday at 9.00 am**

**School Masses
St Bernadette's 9.10 am Thursdays
St Brigid's 10 am Fridays (first Mass 22nd Feb)**

Mass Intentions *Please contact the Parish Office or
place in an envelope in the collection tray if wishing to
arrange for a Mass to be offered, specifying the preferred
day and place.*

Reconciliation: 11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

11.00am—12 noon

First Saturday of the month in the Mercy Chapel

Put out into the deep

Jesus gives three instructions to Simon Peter and the other fishermen in today's gospel: "Put out into the deep", "Lower down your nets" and, finally, "Follow me".

The first instruction captures a missionary thrust, a call for us to reach out to others, not only to show care and kindness, but also to share with them something of our faith. That takes courage! and humility. When we enter into the deep, however, we are casting our nets (our lives) into the Great Mystery. We are immersed into God's realm and God always provides.

In response to the second instruction Peter explains to Jesus that they have been casting nets into the water all night and have caught nothing. I don't know how many times over the years I have heard the complaint, "we've tried that before and it doesn't work". It's a good excuse to do nothing. But Jesus sometimes asks us to do something again and to keep on casting our lives into the Great Mystery. We continue to live faithfully and proclaim the message of hope that is Jesus Christ in season and out of season.

"Follow me!" Isn't it extraordinary that this instruction has been issued to each one of us. I often look out at Mass on a Sunday and wonder how this person or that person experience in themselves the call to follow Jesus. I know that I don't fully grasp the call Jesus has extended to me. I just know he has called me. It is a great mystery.

Let us tune into the voice of Jesus as he calls each of us in our own unique way to "Put out into the deep", "Lower down your nets" and "Follow me".

Fr Gerard

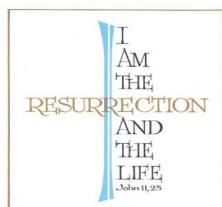
We Prayerfully Remember

those who have died recently

Dorothy Kearns
Maureen Bennett

and those who have anniversaries
at this time

Violet Mulder



Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

If you are unable to come to Mass on a Sunday or know of parishioners who are no longer able to come to Mass please let us know so Holy Communion can be taken to them.

**Please contact the Parish Office, Ph. 455 8933
or Adrienne Ryan, Ph. 476 1520**

Parish Pastoral Council – Calling for Nominations

We are calling for nominations for four new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Please consider who you believe could serve the parish on the PPC over the next three years. The PPC gathers once a month to pray, reflect and discuss how we can continue to live out our call to serve our whānau both within the parish and the wider community.

Please complete the following and place in the collection basket over the next three weeks. Nominations close on February 11.

I would like to nominate:

Your name:

HEALING SEMINAR WITH FATHER John Rea Father John Rea who has a world renowned healing ministry is coming to Mercy Parish South Dunedin on Friday February 22nd at 7pm for a Healing Meeting and Saturday February 23rd from 9.30am till 3pm approx for a Healing Seminar There will be a shared lunch. This is a great opportunity to receive prayer for healing of any physical emotional or mental afflictions. Scores of people around the world have attributed miraculous healings to the prayers of New Zealand Marist Priest Father John over the past 40 years. If you or someone you know is in need of healing mentally, physically, or spiritually please spread the word and join us. **THROUGH JESUS FAITH AND MIRACLES HAPPEN**. For further information Phone Kathy 034737115 or Mary 034556238.

Invitation to Ministry

When you think of Prison Ministry what is your reaction? Positive or Negative?

Do we listen to God as much as the media? We need people to assist with Prison Ministry on a voluntary basis in Otago Corrections Facility. In particular we need people to Companion the Seasons for Growth Programme. Seasons for Growth is an education and support programme which deals with Grief and Loss and achieves wonderful results among those who participate. It gives them a voice, and encourages the making of good, positive, life giving choices for the future. Bishop Michael asks that you reflect deeply on this invitation to a very special ministry. Maybe if not yourself, you might know someone whose attention you could draw to this opportunity of professional and faith service. For further information and to express your interest and/or apply for this very rewarding ministry please contact: Daniel Rooney: Chaplain OCF on 0212347614 daniel.rooney@corrections.govt.nz

Sr Veronica Casey PBVM, Senior Catholic Chaplain on 027 5233983. vcasey@nzcbbc.org.nz

Training and support are provided.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION EVENING FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

to be held at St Patrick's Church, South Dunedin at 7 pm on Tuesday, 12 February 2019
More information on the poster

ALPHA

ALPHA is a world renowned programme that assists people in exploring the Christian faith. Our diocese is keen to start running the ALPHA and so provide the opportunity for members of our community to discover the Good News of Jesus. We are really keen that a small group from our parish learn some more about this course. If you are interested please see Fr Gerard.

There will be a day of training held on Thursday Feb 28th in the Mercy Room at the St. Patrick's Community Centre, 42 Macandrew Road. It is an all day and evening workshop with two sessions. The all-day session, **1:30pm-6:00pm**, is to learn to run the alpha retreat day/weekend and the evening session (**7:00pm-9:30pm**) is to learn how to run the weekly small group sessions.

St Vincent de Paul Friendship group will happen on Wednesday 20th February at Croque-o-dile, the Botanic Gardens cafe, beginning at 10am. Come and join us You will be made welcome.

Dunedin Catholic Youth Join us for Adoration and Reconciliation followed by potluck dinner 3 March at Holy Name Church. Notice in foya.

St Valentine's Day Mass Thursday 14th February 7.00pm St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin. For more information contact Michelle 0212506505.

Concert—Musicians of Notre-Dame Cathedral Paris

St Joseph's Cathedral 7pm Thursday 21st February for more information see poster in foya.

One Bedroom Flat Wanted in South Dunedin Area. Please contact Pamela De Jong on phone 02108883494.

Friendship Group Our first meeting for 2019 will be held on Thursday February 14 at 2pm in the St Francis Parish Centre. Afternoon tea will be provided and a raffle held. If you have any thoughts for future meetings this year please bring your ideas.

Situation Vacant—Catholic Pastoral Centre 300 Rattray St, Dunedin (Cleaner)

A cleaner is required for this easy to are for office building. The position requires two cleans per week, on a Wednesday and Saturday with total hours of 6.5 pw. Applications close on the 12th February. For more information please contact Pauline Lee on 4745750 or paulinel@cdd.org.nz

16-17 February	Vigil	9.30am School Mass	11.00am
Team Leader	Kerry Sinclair		John Paterson
Greeters	Evan & Mary Vincent		June Watt
Readers Prayers of the faithful	George Morris Y Coughland Derrick Railton		Jake Mazur Kat Mazur
Projector	Arlene Ozanne		Ray Paterson
Off/ Collection	Evan Vincent Tony Cossens		June Watt Taua Family
Altar Servers		Candice Clark Kairangi Koni Cody Shaw Molly-Jane Gallagher	Matanofu Taua Shalia Kelekolio
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Vincent Deborah Riley Kerry Sinclair	Brendon Jarvie Linh Ashton Meli Iaseto	Janferie Ed Hayes John Paterson
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Meli Iaseto Margaret O'Sullivan	John Paterson
Childrens Liturgy			
Organist			
Morning Tea		Bridget A & Linh	Maria & Dorothy
Counters		J Paterson, D Price, T Tuai	