

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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Parish Priests:

15th March 2020

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

15th March 2020 Year A 3rd Sunday of Lent	22nd March 2020 Year A 4th Sunday of Lent
6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)	6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am	9.30 am
11.00 am	11.00 am
11.00 am Broad Bay	6.00pm Filipino Mass

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

School Masses
St Bernadette's 9.10 am Thursdays
St Brigid's 10.00 am Fridays

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.

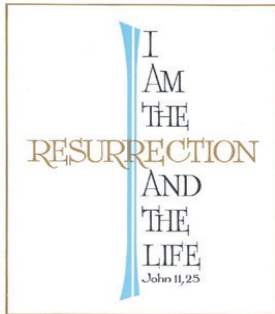
Reconciliation: 11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
11.00am—12 noon
First Saturday of the month in the Mercy Chapel

Encounter.....

God does not need our prayers but looks for simplicity, beauty and nobility in our spirit. The spirit of God cannot be communicated except to those who seek the truth and live according to truth in a World of Deception. The samaritan woman received so much joy and relief from her encounter with Jesus. This encounter transformed her, filling her with joy. She left her water jar behind, symbolizing the giving up of everything that was weighing her down. **She is empowered and became Jesus' disciple and a missionary bringing other Samaritans to Jesus.**

Each one of us is the Samaritan woman. What happened at the well of Jacob describes our own encounter with Jesus. The ways by which Jesus let the woman to recognize and love him are the ways by which Jesus, step by step accomplishes our own conversion. Needed and found worthy she turns with hope to listen and trust the one who quenched her thirst with the Living Water. Jesus promises to give us the Living Water if only we ask. What does this Living Water symbolize? It symbolizes the real happiness of life that we find in God alone. We can find this living water in ourselves, welling up by becoming and living as Christ did. It is for the transformation of all of us that Jesus thirsts and it is for this change that Jesus is asking each one of us today.

Fr Fivins



We Prayerfully Remember
those who have died recently
Ed Hayes
Jenine Childs

and those who have anniversaries at this time
Patricia Brensell
Pamela Farry
Maureen Cahill
Thomas Cahill

DUNEDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KĀHUI AKO COMBINED MASS

You are warmly invited to join
Kavanagh College, St Joseph's Cathedral,
St Joseph's Port Chalmers, St Mary's Dunedin,
St Mary's Mosgiel,
St Francis Xavier, St Peter Chanel,
Sacred Heart,
St Brigid's and St Bernadette's for
our first Kāhui Ako combined
Mass with
Bishop Michael Dooley.
Friday 20th of March at 10am
at the Edgar Centre



Webpage: mercyparish.nz **Facebook:** @mercyparish.whanauaroha

We are so happy you could join us today. If you would like to be more involved in parish activities and ministries please call either Jo 021 231 889 or Claire 021 130 7691 or visit us online.

The Mercy Pastoral Team (MPT) supports the parish in its mission to be a welcoming, caring and outwards-focussed Catholic community. Elections are held every 3 years and people may also be asked to join to ensure we reflect the diverse ethnic mix of people in our parish. We aim to build connections both within and beyond the parish.

The MPT has oversight of all parish committees, groups and activities. In consultation with the parishioners and guided by prayer we plan our direction and how to make that happen. We want to inspire other parishioners and draw on their talents and gifts to help build a better place for everyone.

Parishioners are welcome to submit comments or suggestions in writing to the parish office, for discussion at an MPT meeting, or you are welcome to contact a MPT member if you have an idea or comment you would like to discuss. There is a poster/list of current MPT members in the foyer to the Church. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 6pm, in the Church foyer. Parishioners are always welcome to attend.

LAUDATO SI' – Caring for our Common Home

Jesus said to her “Give me a drink”..... Woman: “Sir, give me this water so that I may never be thirsty ... again.”

Water is the foundation of Life. We can be without food for a long time, but not without water to drink; Water for washing food, for manufacturing basic items for living. Jesus explains that we need to drink His life-giving water the same as we need to quench our thirst. Unfortunately, many of Mother Earth's wells no longer provide water, or are contaminated, mostly because of industrial agriculture. **BUT, DID YOU KNOW:** that **500 million small family farms produce 75 – 80% of the world's food using much less water. (Reuters)**

Prayer: “E te Ariki, Lord Jesus, may we be open to you as you sit down by the well of our everyday lives. Satisfy our thirst for you. Empower us to look beyond our physical needs and realize our need for you. Amene. (Caritas Lenten booklet):

Renewed by the Spirit - Ka tū tātou - Stand together!



Everyone is welcome to come and join us for these Stations of the Cross

- **Fri 20th 5.30** St Patrick's Basilica Oscar Romeo Theme
Led by Gerry O'Farrell
- **Fri 27th 5:30** St Patrick's Basilica Indian Community
Led by Fr. Fivins Chittilappilly
- **Fri 3rd 5:30** April St Patrick's Basilica
Led by Tongan Community

Meditation during Lent

The church will be open on Wednesday during Lent from 5:30-5:45pm for silent meditation. You are welcome to join us on the way home from work or if you just want to break the routine of your day for quiet community prayer.

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**

3rd Sunday of Lent — Year A

1st Reading: 1 Sam 16.1b6-7
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14
Gospel: John 9.1-41

Care of Priests	\$640.00
Parish	\$1289.00
Total	\$1929.00

Climate Change Through The Lens of Antarctica

7:30 pm Thursday 19 March

Dunedin South Presbyterian Church - Chalmers Hall
393 King Edward Street, St. Kilda

Dr. Gary Wilson - GNS Science General Manager Strategy

Hosted by Dunedin South Presbyterian Church



Prison Ministry will inspire you and those whose lives you will touch

We need people to help with our Seasons for Growth Programme in Otago Corrections Facility

Catholic prison chaplains help with the spiritual, cultural and social needs of all prisoners.

Seasons for Growth is an education and support programme for prisoners. It deals with Grief and Loss, and achieves wonderful results among those who participate. It gives prisoners a voice, and encourages the making of good, positive, life-giving choices for the future. We ask that you reflect deeply on this invitation to a very special ministry. Even if this fulfilling work is not for you, you probably know someone who would be drawn to this chance to give professional and faith service. For further information, or to express your interest or apply for this very rewarding ministry please contact: Sr Veronica Casey PBVM, Senior Catholic Chaplain on 027 5233983. Email vca-sey@nzcbc.org.nz Full training and support are provided.

Ministry	21-22 March		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Team Leader	Kerry Sinclair		Ray Paterson
Greeters	Deborah Rielly		Pam Forgie
Readers	Arlene Ozanne		Kat Stachowic
Prayers of the Faithful	Susan Howard		Yarek Stachowic
	Kerry Sinclair		
Projector	Deborah Rielly		June Watt
Off/	Peter Rielly		Pam Forgie
Collection			Kelo Taua and Family
Altar Server/s		Kalo & Kyla Aston	Matanofu Taua
		Kiana Fuller	Shalia Kelekolio
		Niamh Booth	
Eucharistic Ministers	Deborah Rielly	Maria Noonan	Letty De Bono
	Jill Mangos	Chi Nguyen	Ed Hayes
	Terry Mangos	Lee Nicol	Dorothy Jacobson
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Mary Snelling	June Watt
		Anne-Marie Taylor	
Childrens Liturgy		Jane Faragala & Jo Bell	
Morning Tea		Ashton Family	Sua Family
Counting		Lee Nicol	
		Lee-Ann Henry	