

# Mercy Parish ~ Whanau Aroha

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**18th November  
2018**

## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

18th November 2018 Year B

33rd Sunday in Ord Time

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am Broad Bay

25th November 2018 Year B

Christ The King

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am First Holy

Communion

11.00 am

## Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel

Monday - Saturday at 9.00 am

St Brigid's School—Friday 10.00 am

St Bernadette's School—Thursday

9.10 am

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—12.00pm

First Saturday of the month

## Gifting

Collection for 11th November 2018

Care of Priests	\$620.00
Prop of Faith	\$25.00
Parish	\$1242.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1862.00</b>

Bank account number for people  
wishing to pay by automatic pay-  
ment is 060901-0054866-15 (ANZ)

## 2nd World Day of the Poor

*Today is the 2nd World Day of the Poor and Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the phrase "The poor soul cried out, and was heard by the Lord", from Psalm 34. The following are some extracts from Pope Francis' letter. The full text is available on our parish webpage.*

Psalm 34 allows us today, surrounded as we are by many different forms of poverty, to know those who are truly poor. It enables us to open our eyes to them, to hear their cry and to recognize their needs.

We are told, in the first place, that the Lord listens to the poor who cry out to him; he is good to those who seek refuge in him, whose hearts are broken by sadness, loneliness and exclusion. The Lord listens to those who, trampled in their dignity, still find the strength to look up to him for light and comfort. He listens to those persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name, and terrified by violence, yet know that God is their Saviour. What emerges from this prayer is above all the sense of abandonment and trust in a Father who can hear and understand.

No one should feel excluded from the Father's love, especially in a world that often presents wealth as the highest goal and encourages self-centredness.

What does the cry of the poor express, if not their suffering and their solitude, their disappointment and their hope? We can ask ourselves how their plea, which rises to the presence of God, can fail to reach our own ears, or leave us cold and indifferent. On this *World Day of the Poor*, we are called to make a serious examination of conscience, to see if we are truly capable of hearing the cry of the poor.

The Psalmist tells us that the Lord does not only listen to the cry of the poor, but responds. God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise. The World Day of the Poor wishes to be a small answer that the Church throughout the world gives to the poor of every kind and in every land, lest they think that their cry has gone unheard.

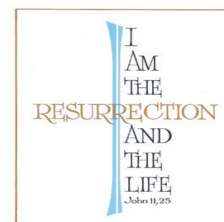
Pope Francis



*Holy Communion*

## First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated  
next Sunday at the 9.30am Sunday Mass.  
Please keep the children and their families  
in your prayers as they prepare for this  
important Mass.



**We Prayerfully Remember those  
who have Died Recently**

**and those who have  
Anniversaries at this time**

Tom Rodden  
John Coory  
Gloria Beulink

## Christ The King

**1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14, 2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8 ,Gospel: John 18.33b-37**

**St Brigid's School Principal Chris Hogue is retiring.**

St Brigid's School have organized two events to farewell Chris and they would like to invite you to join them for both.

The first event is an opportunity for adults to celebrate with us and this will be held at the Dunedin Rugby Club, 12 Moana Cres, Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm onwards. Cash bar available. BYO Desserts/nibbles to share. **This first event is a surprise for Chris so please do not tell him.**

The second event will be the end of Year School Mass at the Basilica on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm followed by a BBQ with BYO salad to share.

Please RSVP for both events to [farewell\\_chris@stbrigidsdn.school.nz](mailto:farewell_chris@stbrigidsdn.school.nz) as soon as possible. The Board of Trustees will be presenting Chris with a travel voucher and if you would like to contribute to this please put this in an envelope with "PTA" written on the outside and leave it at the school office or alternatively you may wish to deposit into the "St Brigid's Home and School" 03-1732-0001257-00, Particulars: Chris Hogue, Reference: your name.

**The St Vincent De Paul Friendship/Coffee** group is gathering for the final time this year at the Carey's Bay Hotel on Wednesday 21st November at 12 noon. We are looking forward to having a meal together. You are welcome to join us. To coordinate shared transport phone Ken 472 8370.

**St Vincent de Paul Dunedin – Quiz Night**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - 7pm at the Kensington Tui Clubrooms. Tickets are \$5 per person with teams of up to six people. Lots of raffles with great prizes.

Tickets are available from the Centre 452 George St phone us on 4770555. Come along, have some fun and support this great cause.

25 November 2018	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>9.30am First Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Team Leader	Robyn Firman		Ray Paterson
Greeters	Deborah Rielly Peter Rielly		Pam Forgie
Readers Prayers of the faithfull	Rob Duffy George Morris Kerry Sinclair		Kat Stachowic Yarek Stachowic
Projector	Arlene Ozanne		Ray Paterson
Off/ Collection	Robyn Firman Mike Firman		Pam Forgie Taua Family
Altar Servers		Jaydan Steenkamp Evie de Graaf Tamzin Clarke Isabelle Mahoney	Toini Chadwick Mariah Taunga- peau
Eucharitic Ministers	Deborah Rielly Jill Mangos Terry Mangos	Brendon Jarvie Linh Ashton Chi Nguyen	Letty De Bono Ed Hayes Dorothy Jacobson
Sacristan	Robyn Firman	Jenny Batey Margaret O'Sullivan	John Paterson
Childrens Lit		Jo Bell & Theresa Lam	
Morning Tea		Annabelle & Lynne Toomey	Sua Family
Counters		J Paterson, T Tuai & D Price	



**Mercy Parish Thanksgiving**

This will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday Evening, November 22 from 7.00pm.

Wine, Beer, Juice and snacks will be provided. All are very welcome.

**Prayer group for adult young women (Including Mums!) in Spanish & English.**

Last Friday of each month 30th November in the Mercy Chapel (Beside St Patrick's Basilica).

English: 11 am to 12 pm

Spanish: 12 pm to 1 pm

Come and join us for the Lectio Divina, a deep and beautiful way to pray and learn the treasures of our faith! (There will be a space available for the children to play). You all are welcome! Any enquires please call or text Abi Garcia 02102913835.

**Employment opportunity: Family Faith Formation**

The Catholic Diocese of Dunedin is seeking the employment of a self-motivated and creative person to establish a pilot faith formation programme for young families. This is a one-day a week role with a fixed term of 18 months. The successful applicant will be responsible for meeting and getting to know families of young children with the aim to develop and run and this pilot programme. Applications close on the 23 November 2018. For a full job description please email Amy: [amya@cdd.org.nz](mailto:amya@cdd.org.nz)

**Columban Calendars**

\$12.00 each. Please pay in the Tablet container.



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