

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

1st September
2019

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Parish Priests:

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

1st September 2019 Year C	8th September 2019 Year C
22nd Sunday in Ord Time Year C	23rd Sunday In Ord Time Year C
6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)	6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am	9.30 am
11.00 am	11.00 am
11.00 am Samoan 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 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

What if every place around the table was a place of honour?

I love how in baptism we receive the extraordinary honour of being beloved children of God, anointed as priests and prophets and members of the divine royal family. How can you beat that?! Really? How can you better that? So much crazy stuff happens in our world because of a desire to be greater than others. But how can you better the honour already given to us in baptism?

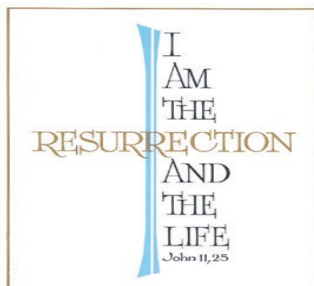
In July, Fr Tom O'Loughlin, an historical theologian from Nottingham University ran a workshop in the diocese focused on ministry. He painted for us a very powerful picture of the early Christian Communities who would gather together in small groups of 20-30 in private homes. The small Christian communities will have literally gathered around the host's table to hear the stories of Jesus retold and to hear read out messages from St Paul and the other apostles and to break bread. We were provided with an image of a community where each person around that table had a valued place within the community, each person was honoured for who they were and what they offered. Sitting around that table no person was more important than another. Because, how could you be *more* important than a daughter or son of God?!

We are never going to be able to replicate that with our Sunday gatherings, but we can embrace the same spirit. We can be a community where every person is honoured and appreciated, where what is offered by each person is valued. We may not literally gather around a table, but each place in our gathering is a place of honour.

Fr Gerard

125th Celebrations: October 4th ,5th & 6th

Novena, Historical presentation, Wine & Cheese, Combined Mass, Food fair, bouncy castle... See the brochure for more details. Also, a history of our past 25 years has been written and will be available as an accompaniment to the centenary booklet for \$10.



**We Prayerfully Remember
those who have died recently
Ken Stockman**

**and those who have anniversaries at this time
James Turnbull
Jean-Jude Turnbull**

Social Justice Week: 8th – 14th September 2019 - Fair, You Say? He Tika, Ki Tō Titiro?

'And what is tenderness? It is the love that comes close and becomes real. It is a movement that starts from our heart and reaches the eyes, the ears and the hands.' – Pope Francis, TED talk, 2017

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference gives us Social Justice Week to consider Catholic social teaching on an issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme for parishes is 'Fair, You Say?' More on this next week, but in the meantime for resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/ social-justice-week

St Patrick's St Vincent de Paul: There will be a meeting of St Patrick's SVDP on Friday 6th September at 1-30pm in Mercy Chapel meeting room. All welcome.

Mens Breakfast: Friday 6th September at 7.00 am in the Mercy Room. Come and join us to reflect on the weekly gospel reading and enjoy a cooked breakfast.

Public Meeting at 6pm on Monday 9 September at the Nations Church, 334 King Edward St, South Dunedin .

We would like to invite you to this meeting to listen to the prospective Mayoral Candidates We will be asking them questions about their position on the future of our part of the City and allow them to provide you with more information to make your decisions.

This meeting is organised by the Greater South Dunedin and St Clair Action Groups to allow the communities across the Flat to express their concerns and seek reassurances from the next Mayor.

We would like you to attend to hear the concerns and contribute to the discussion to move this issue forward as a community in a positive way.

Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group & Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy, 16th Annual Peace Lecture

'Social Cohesion Product of Respecting Diversity: an Islamic Perspective', with Imam Gamal Fouda, Imam of Al Noor Mosque, Christchurch.

Imam Gamal was in Al Noor Mosque when the 15 March terrorist attack took place. He survived the attack and became a symbol of resilience and hope. One week after the attacks he gave a passionate speech in which he noted, 'We are broken hearted, but we are not broken' and 'Hate will be undone and love will redeem us'.

Monday 9 September, 2019, St David Lecture Theatre 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm. All welcome. Nau mai, Haere mai. Supper to follow at: All Saints' Anglican Church Hall 786 Cumberland Street.

Along with Supergrans and Neighbourhood Support Otago we are part of hosting "Scam Savvy" in South Dunedin. You may have heard about how we lost 13 million in New Zealand last year to scammers.



Come along for a cup of tea and biscuits and learn about keeping your livelihood safe,

Please pass on to your networks, friends and whanau.

Thursday 12th September
10am—11.30 am
132 Hillside Road
Supergrans Charitable Trust

Care of Priests	\$600.00
Parish	\$1205.00
Diocesan Needs	\$85.00
Total	\$1290.00

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18
2nd Reading: Philemon 9b-10,12-17
Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

"Pilgrimage for Life - In response to the proposed abortion law liberalisation, Family Life International New Zealand has organised a **Pilgrimage for Life**, starting on Sunday 1st September 2019. Two consecrated statues (the Immaculate Heart of Mary starting from Cape Reinga and the Sacred Heart of Jesus starting from Bluff) will travel through the country from parish to parish and meet in Island Bay Wellington on Wednesday 18th September, the day before the submissions on the proposed legislation close.

Dunedin Itinerary

Tuesday 3rd Sept.: St Joseph's Church, Little Sisters of the Poor, Brockville: Rosary 6.30 pm; Pilgrimage Mass 7 pm

Wed. 4th Sept: Sacred Heart Church, North Road, NEV - Rosary at mid-day; Pilgrimage Mass 7 pm

Thurs. 5th Sept: St. Francis Xavier's Church, Mornington - Rosary at mid-day; Rosary at 7 pm

Season of Creation 1 Sept- 4 Oct 2019 - celebrating God's wondrously complex and diverse web of life



'Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity'... Laudato Si' # 240

Safeguarding Workshops for a Safer Church Educating ourselves with training is a very positive response we can make to the recent sexual abuse crisis in the Church. A workshop for Dunedin will be held at the Mercy Chapel South Dunedin on Monday September 16th at 7pm.

7-8 September	Vigil	9.30am Mass	11.00am
Team Leader	Jill Mangos	Sr Jan Ogilvy	John Paterson
Greeters	Mary Glass	Delaney Family	Laraine Cuttance
Readers	Susan Howard	Liz Rose	Heather O'Neill
Prayers of the faithful	Tony Yelavich	Brian Whelan	John Paterson
	Mary Glass	Sr Jan Ogilvy	
Projector	George Morris		June Watt
	John Fitzgibbon		Laraine Cuttance
Off/Collection		Teitei & Susi Lei	Jeslin, Jaimon & family
		Chloe Uluakiola	Matanofo Taua
Altar Servers		Chloe Lam	Shalia Kelekolio
		Feile Ryan	
		Isla Bell	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jill Mangos	M O'Sullivan	Janferie
		Sandra Boock	John Paterson
		Sr Jan	Letty De Bono
Sacristan	Robyn Firmin	Mary Snelling	John Paterson
		Lee-Ann Henry	
Childrens Liturgy		Jan G	
Morning Tea		K & M O'Sullivan & Alice	Ed & Ray
Counters		R Paterson, J Curran, C Radford	

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**