

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

25th April
2021

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Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9am-2pm

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

25th April 2021	2nd May 2021
4th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter
6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)	6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am Basilica	9.30 am Basilica
11.00 am Basilica	11.00 am Basilica
	11.00 am Samoan Mass

School Mass

No school Masses this week.

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

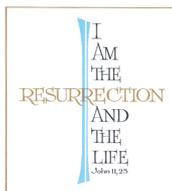
Reconciliation: 11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

11.00am—12 noon on the First Saturday of the month in the Mercy Chapel.

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.



We Prayerfully Remember those who have died recently

Mary Price

and those who have anniversaries at this time

Marcelina Desaneneres 11am

Florendo Jacob 11 am

Martin Currie

Clare Currie

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday in the Basilica from

8.00am - 8.00pm from April 7 - May 19th.

Love, listening and service.

The readings today are extraordinarily rich in imagery as they reveal various aspects of who our God is – a corner stone – a foundation upon which everything rests, the lavish love of God for us, and Jesus revealing to the people listening, that he is a Good Shepherd. The strength of the “I AM” words that John uses many more times in this gospel, tells us who Jesus is and who God is and enables us to reflect on who we are if we listen to the call to follow Jesus. What might these images mean for our lives today as we celebrate three themes – Good Shepherd Sunday, Prayers for Vocations and ANZAC day, our National day of remembrance?

Many art works over the centuries have depicted the image of the Good Shepherd. This image is certainly one of my favourite images of God. Depending on our experiences in life, do we think of a small, cute lamb in the arms of the Shepherd or of a strong Shepherd able to carry grown sheep on his shoulders and who lays down his life for his sheep and takes it up again. (We have just celebrated this in our liturgical ceremonies during Holy Week and Easter – the Paschal mystery.) The gospel tells us this is who Jesus is. A self-giving shepherd, taken to the point of death giving his life freely for the benefit of others. True self-giving love. Reminds us of the people who went to war and gave their life for us all. We remember and pray for them especially today.

As a child growing up my image of a good Shepherd was formed by my school holiday stays on my Uncle's farm in Northern Southland. I saw and observed as I walked with him tending his sheep, caring, protecting, moving them to good grass, lambing and shearing his sheep, the constant care and love he had for his sheep. I reflected on his goodness, his gentleness and loving care for his sheep as if he had a real relationship with all of them. And the question for me then and still is today – is this who my God is for me? Do I allow this God into my life and trust his voice? I believe this voice calls us to follow Jesus and respond to the needs around and share ourselves generously with others – our call to be fully human in whatever vocation in life we are called to follow. We carry the life of the risen Jesus within us – the deeper larger reality that is God's life. I can so easily get caught up in my own stuff and forget to listen and follow the call to be more like our Good Shepherd and value life and work with all for the good of humanity. In Jesus, our God is revealed, telling us of his abundant and eternal love – a love that is expressed in the close relationship of a God who calls us his very own children. Wow what a depth of love God has for us if we are open to this love relationship and believe in it. Our God is at home in us as the Father was at home in Jesus. We can all rejoice in the good fortune of being so loved by God, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, and being reminded that we are all part of a larger mystery as we are constantly invited into a deeper encounter with our God each day. Let us laugh with joy and celebrate and trust in this love as we continue our journey of bringing about the reign of God.

Jan Ogilvy op

Charismatic Mass

We welcome you to join us in worship, celebrating our monthly Charismatic Mass with

Fr Michael Hishon

Thursday Evening – 29th April 2021 at 7.30pm

St Peter Chanel Church, 242 Main South Road, Green Island

If you would like to find out more, please call either Mary Snelling 455 6238 – Greg Wansink 027 432 8838

Readers: As readers we all like to be prepared and to have the reading a few days in advance, to do this is great. An easy way to do this is to take a photo of the reading out of the Lectionary the Sunday before so you can practice. If this doesn't work for you please ring the office 4558933 and Lynlea will happily send you a photo or email you the text.

DUNEDIN PRAYER GROUP Our next Prayer Group gathering will be on **Monday, 26 April at 7.30 p.m.** You are warmly invited to join us as we come together in prayer and praise, for our own intentions and those of our community and world. Our venue is the home of Mary Snelling, 35 Balmoral Park, Eastbourne Street. Please bring a can or other non-perishable goods for the St Vincent de Paul Society food bank. New and existing members very welcome. Any queries please contact Kathy Ph. 473 7115 or Mary Ph 455 6238

The Mercy Ladies Group

The Monthly Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 28th April, in the Mercy Room commencing at 2 pm
Bring along your Crafts and Hobbies to display. Items for Raffles would be appreciated

MORAN CHAPEL MASSES AND RECONCILIATION

Mass is celebrated in the Moran Chapel in the Octagon every Monday-Friday at 12.10pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the Chapel on Fridays from 3 - 4pm.

SFO Franciscans Fraternity

There will be a meeting of SFO Franciscans Fraternity members on Sunday 25th April at 2pm in Mercy Chapel meeting room (directly behind St Patrick's Basilica) Mercy Parish. All Welcome .

"Nano Nagle Trust Cheese Roll Fundraiser:

We are back rolling for 2021! We will be taking orders after Holy Mass over the next few weeks for our annual fundraiser. Prices are: \$7.50 for one dozen, \$20.00 for 3 dozen or \$32.00 for 5 dozen. Sales will close on Sunday 9th May and delivery will be on the weekend of Saturday 15th May. If you have any queries then please contact Philippa on 021 298 4549. If you have a few spare hours on Saturday 15th May we would really welcome your help. Thank you and God bless

Ministry	1-2 May		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Team Leader	George Morris	Sr Jan Ogilvy	Lee Nicol
Greeters	Arlene Ozanne	Meltzer Family	Lita Samita
Readers	Kerry Sinclair Susan Howard	Maria Noonan Ellen Brown	Kat Stachowic Jarek Muzur
Prayers of the Faithful	Yvonne Coughlan	John Curran	Kat Stachowic
Off/ Collection	John Fitzgibbon Tony Cossens	Dione Price	Julie Samita Vonnice Sutton
Projector	Arlene Ozanne	J Curran	Lee Nicol
Camera Operator		Rosabelle	
Altar Server/s		Krystal-Lee Boyd Mia Wilson Anahera Koni Molly-Jane Gallagher	Toini Chadwick
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Glass	Bill Brown Adrienne Ryan	John Paterson Letty De Bono
Sacristan	Michael Firmin	Margaret & Kevin	John Paterson
Children's Liturgy		Wendy Friel	
Morning Tea		Liz and Meltzer & families	Maria and Dorothy
Counting		J Curran, R Paterson Craig Radford	

Care of Priests	\$625.00
Easter Offering	\$90.00
Seminary	\$140.00
Parish	\$1253.00
Total	\$2108.00

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.**

MEMORIAL MASS for Jenni Rowell

A First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated for Jenni, on Monday, 3 May at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, North East Valley. This is being arranged as many of Jenni's friends didn't get the opportunity to farewell her because of Covid-19 restrictions. Mass will be followed by a light lunch. Please bring a plate of finger food. Enquiries to Kathy Ph 473 7115 or Elizabeth 473 9842.

Diocesan Newsletter

The next Diocesan newsletter will be emailed next weekend. If you haven't already signed up you can do so by going to our website and clicking on the link at the bottom of our homepage.

If you have *signed up and don't seem to be receiving them it might be worth checking your junk mail. As always it is also uploaded to our website and Facebook page.*

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