

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

25th August
2019

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

25th August 2019 Year C	1st September 2019 Year C
21st Sunday in Ord Time Year C	22nd 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 pre-
ferred 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

Choose Life!

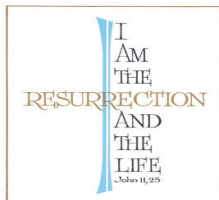
Jesus' instruction to strive to enter through the narrow door reminds me of two Old Testament passages:

"I place before you,
Life and Death,
Blessing and Curse.
Choose Life...!" – Deuteronomy 30:19
"Learn where there is wisdom,
where there is strength,
where there is understanding,
so that you may at the same time discern
where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace."
– Baruch 3:14

Both passages, and Jesus' instruction to enter through the narrow door, insist on our actively and whole-heartedly striving for what leads to life; to discern wisely what promotes community, creativity, cooperation and compassion and to put the whole of our energy into this aspiration.

And just in case that high expectation leaves us feeling anxious, the second half of the gospel contrasts this requirement for us to do our utter best with God's all-embracing mercy. The narrow gate is the entranceway into Life, the wide open door or Mercy is also the entranceway into Life.

Fr Gerard



**We Prayerfully Remember
those who have died recently
Noel Craig
Sharon Shaw**

**and those who have anniversaries at this time
Tom and Lorna Ryan**

SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED NEW ABORTION BILL

Recently the Government has introduced a new and very liberal abortion bill into Parliament which would provide abortion fully on demand up to 20 weeks of pregnancy and then much easier abortion right up to the time of birth.

Submissions have been invited from concerned New Zealanders up to the closing date of Thursday 19 September.

Please refer to the Bishops statement and the instructions on how to write a submission.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14.1,7-14

Dunedin Catholic Charismatic Renewal Monthly Mass

Fr Merv McGettigan

Thursday Evening – 29th August 2019 at 7.30 pm

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

A food basket will be offered for the St Vincent de Paul

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

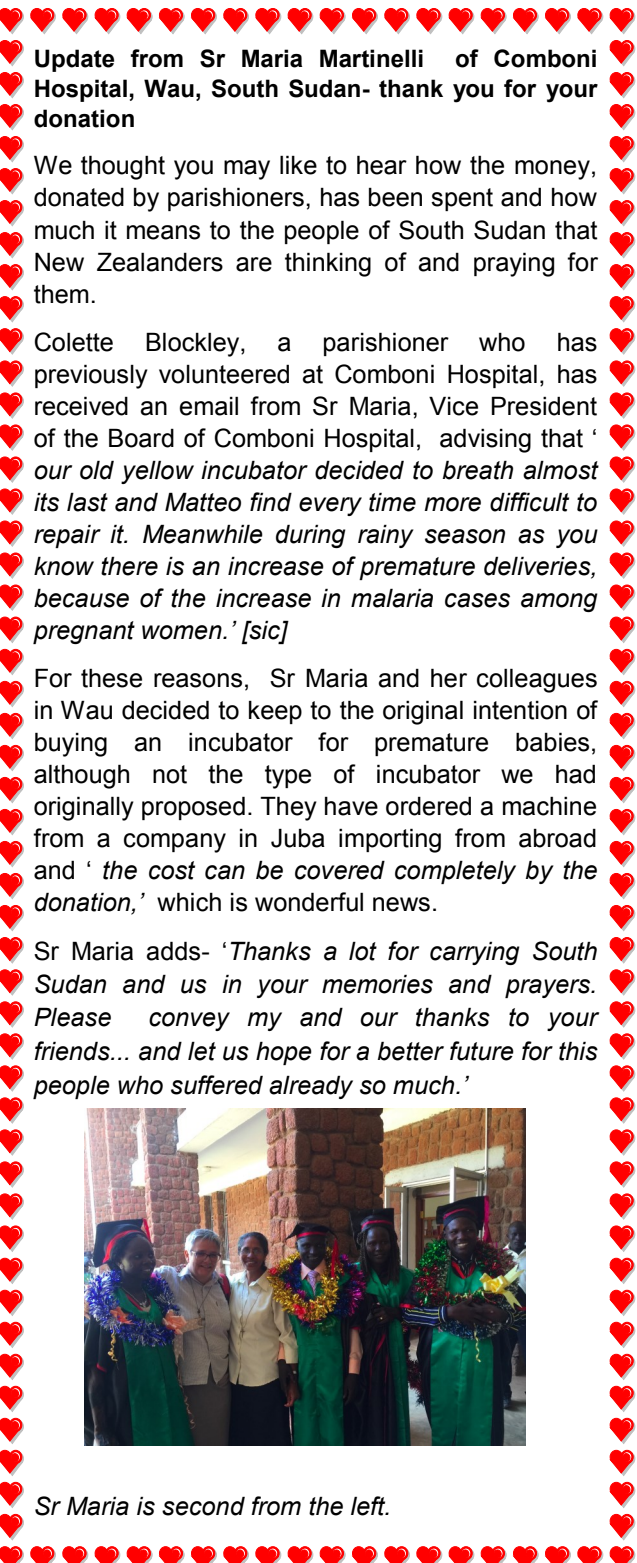
Friendship Group Housie will recommence Thursday 29th August in the St Francis Xavier Parish Centre at 2pm. Afternoon tea will be provided and a raffle held. All Parishioners very welcome. For further information contact Lorraine on 477 4571

There will be a meeting of Our Lady Queen of Angels Franciscan Fraternity this Sunday the 25th August 2019 at 2pm in the Mercy Chapel meeting room, directly behind St Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin. All welcome.

South Dunedin Branch Catholic Women's League

The General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 August at 2 pm in the Mercy Room. This meeting will be combined with the Regional Meeting, the Dunedin Diocesan President and the Liaison Officer will attend this meeting. The Guest Speakers will be from the Dunedin Public Hospital ICU Department, with connections to the Helicopter Service.

JustPeace Dunedin – our next meeting is on Thursday, 29th August, 7-8pm, at St Patrick's Community Centre. In particular, we will be looking at caring for the environment. You are very welcome to come and join the conversation and share your ideas. If you have any questions please contact Lynne Toomey, ph 021 043 0536.



Update from Sr Maria Martinelli of Comboni Hospital, Wau, South Sudan- thank you for your donation

We thought you may like to hear how the money, donated by parishioners, has been spent and how much it means to the people of South Sudan that New Zealanders are thinking of and praying for them.

Colette Blockley, a parishioner who has previously volunteered at Comboni Hospital, has received an email from Sr Maria, Vice President of the Board of Comboni Hospital, advising that 'our old yellow incubator decided to breath almost its last and Matteo find every time more difficult to repair it. Meanwhile during rainy season as you know there is an increase of premature deliveries, because of the increase in malaria cases among pregnant women.' [sic]

For these reasons, Sr Maria and her colleagues in Wau decided to keep to the original intention of buying an incubator for premature babies, although not the type of incubator we had originally proposed. They have ordered a machine from a company in Juba importing from abroad and 'the cost can be covered completely by the donation,' which is wonderful news.

Sr Maria adds- 'Thanks a lot for carrying South Sudan and us in your memories and prayers. Please convey my and our thanks to your friends... and let us hope for a better future for this people who suffered already so much.'



Sr Maria is second from the left.

31Aug/1 Sept	Vigil	9.30am Mass	11.00am
Team Leader	George Morris	Terry Tourell	Lee Nicol
Greeters	Petger Rielly	Chris Denton Lee-Ann Henry	Lita Samita
Readers Prayers of the faithful	John Chapman Yvonne Coughlan Denis Harger	Ellen Brown Terry Tourell Madge Cheyney	Tom Goldfinch Gincy George
Projector	Deborah Rielly		June Watt
Off/Collection	Tony Cossens Peter Rielly	Chris Denton Lee-Ann Henry	Julie Samita Lee Nicol
Altar Servers		Krystal-Lee Mia Wilson Anahera Koni M-J Gallagher	Toini Chadwick
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynne Ellis Deborah Rielly Mary Vincent	Adrienne Ryan Jenny Batey M&K O'Sullivan	Lee Nicol D Jacobson Ed Hayes
Sacristan	George Morris	Jenny Batey M&K O'Sullivan	Maria Parsons
Childrens Liturgy		Jo Bell	
Morning Tea		Liz&Meltzer family	Lee & Butch
Counters		Butch, M George A Sutherland	

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**

Care of Priests	\$680.00
Parish	\$1352.00
Diocesan Needs	\$504.00
Total	\$2032.00