

# Mercy Parish ~ Whanau Aroha

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**25th November  
2018**

## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

### 25th November 2018 Year B

Christ The King

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am

6.00 pm Filipino Mass

### 2nd December 2018 Year C

1st Sunday Of Advent

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am Samoan Mass

### 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

in the Mercy Chapel

### Gifting

Collection for 18th November 2018

Care of Priests	\$734.00
Prop of Faith	\$6.00
Parish	\$1473.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2201.00</b>

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

## First Holy Communion Reflection

I struggle with the exclusivity of the Catholic Sacraments. If you look up the word catholic - with a small 'c' in the dictionary, you will find words like, all-embracing, universal and indiscriminate. Sadly, this is not the impression that the word Catholic with a capital 'c' is known for. The structure and reception of the Sacraments does not help this image.

The last few years I have been involved with supporting the children and families as they prepare for their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. I did think it ironic that I was asked!! However, during this time I have come to an understanding that the seemingly divisive structure of these, is not so much a barrier but more of a bridge to aide with our preparation, understanding and encounter of each Sacrament.

The Sacraments are spaced to allow us time to prepare, to develop our understanding and deepen our awareness of their gifts. As parents, we are granted the opportunity to revisit these with our children, and to unpack them with a more developed faith lens. My view towards Sacraments is still being fine-tuned, but as it stands: It's not that the church wants to exclude some people, far from it, she wants so badly to share the depth of intimacy and abundance of grace in the Sacraments that we are given a specific time to prepare and ponder the depths of each one.

As the children receive their First Communion today, it's exciting to celebrate the true presence of Jesus working in our midst to sustain and strengthen us. I am also reminded of one of my favourite Pope Francis quotes, "The Eucharist although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." He really does have a way of building bridges, throwing open the doors and making our church all-embracing and universal!

Jo Bell

## Advent Appeal 2018

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the feast of Christmas. Part of this preparation is acknowledging those in need and doing something practical to help them. Supporting our annual Advent Collection is a good way to give to groups that are doing compassionate work in our local community. Refugee services, the night shelter, hospice and support services for those who have been sexually abused are some of the groups that have been helped by your generosity. I thank you for your support of the Advent appeal this year as we reach out to others in our community in the name of Jesus. + Bishop Michael Dooley

## Inaugural St Bernadette's Mass for the Sick

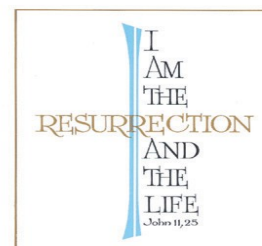
On Sunday the 9th December at the 11am Mass we will celebrate an Anointing Mass for the sick. This is our Feast of the Immaculate Conception Celebration and will become an annual event. If you know of anyone who would like to come please call the office or offer to give them a lift.

## We Prayerfully Remember those who have Died Recently

and those who have  
Anniversaries at this time

Ian Flett

Rex King



## First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16, 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12—4.2,

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

**St Bernadette's Leisure Group:** St Bernadette's Leisure Group invites you to join them for a Celebration Christmas lunch at Mitchells Tavern at 12 noon on Monday 5th November 2018. Please bring a gift of \$5.00 to share. All welcome, please contact Joanne Steele 4879294.

**South Dunedin Branch Catholic Women's League** On Wednesday the 28th November, we will be holding our Christmas Luncheon at the Kensington Hotel, assembly time 12:30 pm.

**Evening Mens Breakfast:** Friday 7th December at 5.00 pm BBQ outside the Bart Winters Room. Even if you have not managed to join us for breakfast you are very welcome to come along.

**To the Parishioners of Mercy Parish.** Dear Friends you are cordially invited to the 9am Mass on Wednesday the 28th November. The occasion is my **58th** birthday. A cuppa will follow. Hope to see you there. Br Graeme Donaldson.



**N.Z. ROSARY CRUSADE** Praying for Life and Faith Saturday 8<sup>TH</sup> December St Patrick's Basilica 3 p.m.

**Dunedin Catholic Charismatic Renewal Monthly Mass**

Mass with Fr Michael Hishon

**Thursday Evening – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 pm**

St Peter Chanel Church, 242 Main South Road, 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

**100 JUBILEE OF OUR LADY OF PEACE, ROXBURGH (LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE)**—This will be celebrated on Sunday 16 Dec during the 11am Mass with Bishop Michael Dooley. Following the Mass there will be a shared lunch in the St James Anglican Church Hall (please bring a plate).

**NZ Rosary Crusade** - 3pm, 8th December 2018, St Joseph's, Little Sisters of the Poor, Brockville Road, Dunedin. For further information: <https://rosarycrusade.co.nz/>

**Christmas in the Stadium**

Date: 8th December 2018

Time: 2pm - 5.30pm

Venue: Forsyth Barr Stadium

We also have activities planned for the younger members of our community and we need volunteers to help in the following areas: Face Painting, Bouncy Castles, Toy Swap, Gift making, Games, Set up 7th & 8th December. If you would be able to help at this event with any of the above please contact Anne Hardy

[anne@actsofkindness.org.nz](mailto:anne@actsofkindness.org.nz) [www.actsofkindness.org.nz](http://www.actsofkindness.org.nz)

**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.

**Friendship Group** Housie will be held on November 29th at 2pm in the St Francis Xavier Parish Centre, this will be the last Housie for the year. Afternoon tea will be provided and a raffle held. For further information contact Lorraine on 477-4571

**DUNEDIN PRAYER GROUP – Final gathering for this year**

Our Prayer Group will next meet on **Monday, 26 November at 7.30 p.m.** Our venue is the home of Mary Snelling, 35 Balmoral Park, Eastbourne Street, Caversham 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 455 6238

**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**

December 2nd	Vigil	9.30am First Holy Communion	11.00am
Team Leader	Arlene Ozanne	Sean Toomey	Lee Nicol
Greeters	Tony Cossens	Bill McCombie Mary McCombie	Lita Samita
Readers Prayers of the faithful	Arlene Ozanne Judy McHugh Derrick Railton	Raelyn Beard Sean Toomey Liz Rose	Ed Hayes Judy McHugh
Projector	Deborah Rielly		June Watt
Off/ Collection	John Fitzgibbon Tony Cossens	Ashton Family	Julie Samita Lee Nicol
Altar Servers		Candice Clark Kairangi Koni Cody Shaw Molly-Jane Gallagher	Reid Leckie
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Harger Mary Vincent Deborah Rielly	Kevin O'Sullivan Margaret O'Sullivan Jenny Batey	Lee Nicol John Paterson Ed Hayes
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Jenny Batey Margaret O'Sullivan	Lee Nicol John Paterson
Childrens Lit		Kerry Davis	
Morning Tea		Terry & Mary	Lee & Butch
Counters		R Paterson, J Curran C Radford	