

# Mercy Parish ~ Whanau Aroha

27th January  
2019

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## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

**27 January 2019 Year C**

**3rd Sunday OT**

**6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)**

**9.30 am**

**11.00 am**

**3 February 2019 Year C**

**4th Sunday OT**

**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**

**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

**Children's Liturgy:** There is no Children's Liturgy during  
January in the Mercy Parish. It will start up again at the  
9.30am Masses in February.

**Moran Chapel Mass, 12.10pm**

Resumes this Thursday, January 31.

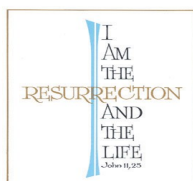
**We Prayerfully Remember  
those who have died recently**

Patricia Harrington

Catherine Thomas

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

Alf Roberts 9.30 Sunday



**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**

## Attentive

When we bought the new seats for the basilica I was amused to see that one of the specifications for the seats was that they were suitable for sitting on comfortably for up to 3 ½ hours. I haven't had the courage to try that out yet. In today's first reading we hear that the Israelites gathered from early morning to noon and listened to Ezra as he spoke from the Book of the Law and "all the people listened attentively". Similarly, in the gospel we hear how Jesus reads from the Prophet Isaiah "and all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him". Both readings depict the people's attentiveness.

To be attentive is to be tuned in, to notice, to be alert to what is around us. When we do this in the midst of life we will notice what God is doing and be attuned to God's blessings. This is what leads to gratitude and our gratefulness will overflow into thanksgiving.

The other aspect of attentiveness is captured by the saying, "What we are attentive to is what we attend to". In this sense, we can be attentive to all sorts of things and not necessarily attentive to what is best and then find ourselves pouring our energy into something which doesn't really matter. Think, for example, of how advertising and popular media aims to capture and hold our attention. In the gospel the people, on listening to Jesus, become attentive to the possibility of the captive being liberated, of the poor receiving good news, of the blind seeing and the downtrodden being set free. "This text is being fulfilled today as you listen." In other words, if this is what we are attentive to then this is where we will put our energy.

Fr Gerard

## Parish Pastoral Council – Calling for Nominations

We are calling for nominations for four new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Please consider who you believe could serve the parish on the PPC over the next three years. The PPC gathers once a month to pray, reflect and discuss how we can continue to live out our call to serve our whānau both within the parish and the wider community.

Please complete the following and place in the collection basket over the next three weeks. Nominations close on February 11.

I would like to nominate:

Your name:

## Service in Mercy Parish 2019

### In our Liturgies

- Reading at Mass
- Minister of Holy Communion
- Singing Group
- Playing a musical instrument
- Greeting
- Helping with morning tea
- Offertory
- Children's Liturgy

### Practical

- Helping with the Vege Gardens
- Cleaning
- Mowing the lawns
- Arranging the flowers/banners etc.

### Pastoral

- Taking Communion to the Sick
- Providing transport to Mass or on other occasions
- Assisting Catholic Social Services (CSS regularly look for volunteers, sometimes for one-off jobs and other times to assist with their regular programmes of support. This is facilitated by Gerry O'Farrell.)
- Youth group support

**Please name an area of ministry or service that you would like to be involved with. It may be something different than the ideas proposed here. Please note, also, that it is not always possible to involve everyone in their chosen area of ministry.**

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**Your name:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**I would like to offer my time to assist with:**

## ALPHA

ALPHA is a world renowned programme that assists people in exploring the Christian faith. Our diocese is keen to start running the ALPHA and so provide the opportunity for members of our community to discover the Good News of Jesus. We are really keen that a small group from our parish learn some more about this course. If you are interested please see Fr Gerard.

**There will be a day of training held on Thursday Feb 28th in the Mercy Room at the St. Patrick's Community Centre, 42 Macandrew Road.** It is an all day and evening workshop with two sessions. The all-day session, **1:30pm-6:00pm**, is to learn to run the alpha retreat day/weekend and the evening session (**7:00pm-9:30pm**) is to learn how to run the weekly small group sessions.

## Mens Breakfast: Postponed until Friday 8th February.

This is held in the Mercy Room. Come and join us to reflect on the weekly gospel reading and enjoy a cooked breakfast.

## The Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society

You are invited to attend an important Special Branch Meeting to be held at the Mercy Room, St Patrick's Parish Centre, Macandrew Road on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm. Any queries please phone Bob MCRae 4553500.

**United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Dinner** Thursday 7 February 2019 (6.30pm - 8.30pm) hosted at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Please see the poster on the notice board

## HEALING SEMINAR WITH FATHER JOHN REA

Father John Rea who has a world renowned healing ministry is coming to Mercy Parish South Dunedin on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>. 9 30 am till 3pm approx. This is a great opportunity to receive prayer for healing of physical and mental afflictions. Scores of people around the world have attributed miraculous healings to the prayers of New Zealand Marist Priest, over the past 40 years. If you or someone you know is in need of healing mentally, physically, or spiritually please spread the word and join us. Through Jesus faith and Miracles happen For further information Phone Kathy 4737115 or Mary 4556238

2-3 February	Vigil	9.30am	11.00am
Team Leader	Arlene Ozanne	Sr Jan Ogilvy	Lee Nicol
Greeters	Evan & Mary	Meltzer Family	Lita Samita
Readers	Arlene Ozanne	Sr Jan Ogilvy	Ed Hayes
Prayers of the faithful	Kerry Sinclair Derrick Railton	Mary Roache Chris Denton	Judy McHugh
Projector	Deborah Riley	Louise Kearney	Ray Paterson
Off/Collection	John Fitzgibbon Evan & Mary	Vonnie Sutton Dion Price	Julie Samita Lee Nicol
Altar Servers		Jayden Steenkamp Evie de Graaf Tamzin Clarke Isabelle Mahoney	Julie Saita Reid Leckie
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Harger Mary Vincent Deborah Riley	Colin MacLeod Adrienne Ryan Glynis Corson	Janferie Lee Nicol John Paterson
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Lee-Ann Henry Margaret O'Sullivan	Lee Nicol John Paterson
Childrens Liturgy			
Organist			
Morning Tea		Terry & Mary	Lita & Family
Counters		Ray Paterson John Curran Craig Radford	