

# Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**Parish Priests:**

**8th March 2020**

## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

8th March 2020 Year A 2nd Sunday of Lent	15th March 2020 Year A 3rd Sunday of Lent
6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)	6.00pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am	9.30 am
11.00 am	11.00 am
	11.00 am Broad Bay

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

**School Masses**  
**St Bernadette's 9.10 am Thursdays**  
**St Brigid's 10.00 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

**"GOD HELP ME PAUSE TODAY TO SEE THE DAZZLING; LIGHT OF YOUR GLORY"**

Most people like to know where they are going and I am one of them. God does not leave us blindfolded in our following of Him. He has shown us where we are going and that is a major part of what the transfiguration is all about. The transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabour was a very special grace for Peter, James and John who were privileged to have got a preview of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. The sight of that glory was to give them a glimpse of the glory that awaits every follower of Christ if we follow Him, in carrying our crosses in life.

Being in a Church is a beautiful experience, but we need to get back to the reality of our lives, with all its anxieties and perplexities, all its worries and joys. Our pilgrim journey is not easy, there are frequent hardships, failures, griefs etc. Yet the life of a Christian is uniquely blessed and joyous despite the trials which come our way. Christ assures us that we are blessed with an abundant life on earth.

Let us be listeners not the hearers of the word.

Fr Fivins

## DUNEDIN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KĀHUI AKO COMBINED MASS

*You are warmly invited to join*  
*Kavanagh College, St Joseph's Cathedral, St Joseph's Port Chalmers, St Mary's Dunedin, St Mary's Mosgiel, St Francis Xavier, St Peter Chanel, Sacred Heart, St Brigid's and St Bernadette's for our first Kāhui Ako*



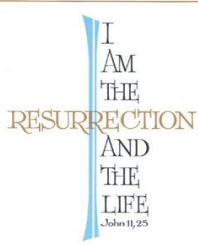
*combined Mass with*  
*Bishop Michael Dooley.*  
*Friday 20th of March at 10am*  
*at the Edgar Centre*

## Ngā Parirau - Wings:

Those who are ready to start our spiritual growth programme - Wings, will meet for an introductory session at the Community Centre - Bart Winters Room room, on the Tuesday 10th March from 6:30 -7:30pm. Bring a pen and your yearly planner.



**Wings • Ngā Parirau**  
*A Catholic Faith Formation Programme*



**We Prayerfully Remember**  
**those who have died recently**  
Karen Hallamore-Hall

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

**COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

Your bishops are keeping a close watch on developments. This is the latest message to parishes from Bishop of Auckland Pat Dunn, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference: "Following discussions with health professionals about the implication of COVID-19 Coronavirus on Catholic gatherings for liturgy, our advice is that the current standard procedures for safeguarding health continue to be followed and there is no need for churches to take further precautions at this stage. Should there be need for restrictions on receiving communion or the exchange of the Sign of Peace, these will be immediately notified to parishes throughout the country." Please see full notice on the notice board.

**Friendship Group**

Bus trip to Kaka Point on the 12th March. The bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church in Benhar St at 10-30 am. Please be on the bus by 10.25am. Cost of meal is \$20-00 please pay at Cafe. There will be a \$2-00 raffle on the bus. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and I am sure we will all enjoy the day the day out. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.  
Lorraine 477-4571

**DUNEDIN PRAYER GROUP**

**Monday, 9 March at 7.30 p.m.** Our Group gathers on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Our venue is the home of Mary Snelling, 35 Balmoral Park, Eastbourne Street, Caversham. This is at the South Road end of Eastbourne St. Please bring a can or other non-perishable goods for the St Vincent de Paul Society food bank. Any queries please contact Kathy Ph. 473 7115 or Mary 455 6238



Everyone is welcome to come and join us for these Stations of the Cross

- **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00** St Patrick's Basilica  
Led by the Filipino Community
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30** Corstorphine Hall 172 Corstorphine Rd  
Led by the Samoan Community
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> 5.30** St Patrick's Basilica Oscar Romeo  
Theme Led by Gerry O'Farrell
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30** St Patrick's Basilica Indian Community  
Led by Fr. Fivins Chittilappilly
- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30** April St Patrick's Basilica  
Led by Tongan Community

**Meditation during Lent**

The church will be open on Wednesday during Lent from 5:30-5:45pm for silent meditation. You are welcome to join us on the way home from work or if you just want to break the routine of your day for quiet community prayer.

**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**

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL, DUNEDIN - 125th CELEBRATIONS, 2020**

All Ex-pupils and former Teachers are advised that at Labour Weekend 2020, the School will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley, Dunedin. Everyone interested in attending these celebrations should email: [reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz](mailto:reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz)



March 2020			
Ministry	14-15 March		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Team Leader	Christine Crothers	Colin MacLeod	Ed Hayes
Greeters	Evan & Mary Vincent	Bell Family	Alwyn Boucher
Readers	John Chapman Derrick Railton	Adrienne Ryan Dione Price	Phil Merchant
Prayers of the Faithful	Christine Crothers	Sandra Boock	
Projector	Arlene Ozanne	Lee Nicol	Ray Paterson
Off/Collection	Evan & Mary Vincent	Meltzer Family	Alwyn Boucher Theresa & Melanie Sao Sua
Altar Server/s		Hermione & Halaina Sparks	Tioni Chadwick
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Vincent Denis Harger	Jenny Bately Colin MacLeod Linh Aston	Janferie Letty De Bono John Paterson
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Jenny Bately Lee-Ann Henry	John Paterson
Childrens Liturgy			
Morning Tea		Liz Rose & Meltzer Family	Ed & Ray
Counting		John Paterson Tai Tuai Dione Price	

3rd Sunday of Lent — Year A  
1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7  
2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2  
Gospel: John 4.5-42

Care of Priests	\$585.00
Parish	\$1174.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1759.00</b>