

Mercy Parish ~ Whanau Aroha

9th December
2018

Parish Office:

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

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica



9th December 2018 Year C

2nd Sunday Of Advent

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am Anointing Mass

16th December 2018 Year C

3rd Sunday Of Advent

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am Broad Bay

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

Gifts

Collection for 2nd December 2018

Care of Priests	\$940.00
Advent Charities	\$663.70
Parish	\$1877.30
Total	3481.00

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

A little child will lead them

The readings from the prophet Isaiah we hear in the first week of advent are wonderfully hopefilled. They depict a world that has been transformed. On Tuesday we heard this remarkable and well-known passage:

“Then the wolf shall be guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the young lion shall play together,
and a little child will lead them.”

The transformation that Isaiah imagines is one into a gentler, less harsh world, where relationships are defined by warmth and mutuality. How does this transformation come about? – “And a little child will lead them”.

It made me think of the beautiful influence children have within our parish. Their presence at our Masses transform our celebrations and make them joy-filled occasions. Parishioners at our 9.30am Mass delight, for example, at how Saoirse walks through the Church offering the sign of peace to as many people as possible, long after the sign of peace has ended. There is a little girl at the Little Sisters of the Poor who does the same thing. As she offers the sign of peace I watch the faces of the residents glow. Without knowing it she is affirming their humanity and their value.

We give thanks for all the children in our lives and in our parish. They help soften us. They remind us to remain hope-filled. And, we contemplate this Advent the coming birth of a child who will indeed lead us toward a gentler and more humane world.

Fr Gerard

Rite II Reconciliation

Holy Name – 7.00pm on 10th December

Mosgiel — 7.00pm on the 11th December

St Patrick's Basilica – 7.00pm on 13th December

We Prayerfully Remember those who have Died Recently

Margaret Meehan

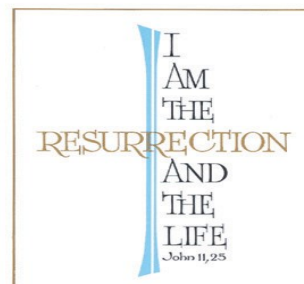
and those who have Anniversaries at this time

Frances Joy Brown

Patricia Ann Clark

Josephine Mavis Curran

Betty Aramakutu



Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a, 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7 ,
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin
Assistant to Diocesan Property Manager
 Full-Time, Fixed Term (one-year contract)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunedin is looking for a person to assist with the preparation of 10-year property plans for the diocese's 28 schools as required by the Ministry of Education and to support the Diocesan Property Manager with other aspects of property management. The successful applicant will have some experience of property maintenance and/or an understanding of school property requirements.

For further information please email:
gerard.aynsley@gmail.com

Applications, including curriculum vitae and contact details of two referees, to be sent to:

Financial Administrator
 Diocese of Dunedin
 Private Bag 1941
 Dunedin 9051

Applications close 5 pm, Monday 17th December 2018.



Children's Christmas Mass at Mercy Parish

We are getting ready to honour God reaching out in unconditional love to us all in the birth of Jesus. To celebrate we want to perform the Gospel at the Children's Mass, Dec 24th at 5:30pm. We need EVERYONE who would like to act, to read, to sing or to play musical instruments. If you are interested come and join us at the Basilica on Saturday 15th Dec 9:30 - 10:00 am and Saturday 22nd Dec 9:30 - 10:00am. If you are not able to make these times but still want to be involved contact Jo Bell 021231 8889 or jobell47@hotmail.com.

Helping with our Christmas Celebrations We are looking for people to help organise the children's Christmas Mass (please contact Jo Bell on 0212318889) and we are also looking for Choir members for the 9.00pm Christmas Vigil (please contact Christine Crothers on 0277686721).

A huge thank you from Red Cross to all those people who have donated household items and bedding for former refugee families. The community response has been incredible and much appreciated. Red Cross are still accepting donations especially as Afghan former refugee families will be arriving in Dunedin from March 2019. If you have any questions about items for donation please contact Leisa de Klerk on 03 466 3214 or email Leisa.DeKlerk@redcross.org.nz.

Christmas Timetable
Combined Churches Carols
 6.30pm on Tuesday the 18th of December in St Patrick's Basilica

Rite II Reconciliation
 Holy Name – 7.00pm on 10th December
 Mosgiel—7.00pm on the 11th December
 St Patrick's Basilica – 7.00pm on 13th December

Christmas Masses
 5.30pm Children's Vigil
 9.00pm Vigil Mass (Carols from 8.30pm)
 9.30am Christmas Morning
 9.30am Christmas Morning at Broad Bay

Friendship Group An Anointing Mass will be held on Thursday 13 December at St Francis Xavier Church at 2pm followed by a Christmas afternoon tea. All senior parishioners are welcome. For those who wish to donate gifts for families that St Vincent de Paul care for, a box will be at the church entrance for these. Please do not wrap these.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass in the Latin form is offered at 8.30am every Sunday in the St Joseph's Cathedral and Kavanagh College Chapel. There will also be an 8:30am Latin Mass on Christmas day. The entrance is via the Pastoral Centre behind St Joseph's Cathedral.

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 16th	Vigil	9.30am	11.00am
Team Leader	George Morris	Sr Jan Ogilvy	Ed Hayes
Greeters	Derrick Railton	Butch Delaney	Alwyn Boucher
Readers Prayers of the faithful	Kerry Sinclair Judy McHugh John Chapman	Sr Jan Ogilvy John Curran Sean Toomey	Melanie Su'a Teresa Su'a
Projector	George Morris		Ray Paterson
Off/Collection	Derrick Railton Peter Rielly	Butch Delaney & Family	Alwyn Boucher Ed Hayes
Altar Servers		Chloe Lam Feile Ryan Niamh Booth	Matanofo Taua Shalia Kelekolio
Eucharistic Ministers	Derrick Railton Deborah Rielly Katrina Kerr-Bell	Linh Ashton Adrienne Ryan Meli Iaseto	Janferie Letty De Bono John Paterson
Sacristan	George Morris	Meli Iaseto K & M O'Sullivan	Maria Parsons
Childrens Lit		J & C MacLeod	
Morning Tea		Bridget A & Linh A	Maria & Dorothy
Counters		B Delaney	