



Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

**10th
September
2023**

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

10th September 2023

23rd Sunday of Ord Time Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica (Confirmation)

11.00 am Basilica

4.30 pm Miha Māori

17th September 2023

24th Sunday of Ord Time Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Broad Bay

Reconciliation:

11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

11.00am—12 noon on the First Saturday of the month in the Basilica.

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently
Peter Francis Murphy
and for those who have anniversaries at this
time
Ross & Geraldine McLennan
Justin & Julie Perera



The fruits of the Holy Spirit

Congratulations to the children who celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. I know that there has been a great deal of learning and reflecting occurring in the schools and at home. Foremost has been consideration of how the Holy Spirit is present in our lives and how we can recognise the Spirit's work in what we call the fruits: love, joy, peace... (The children can rattle off all 9 with ease.)

In today's gospel Jesus insists that we do everything within our power to bring about peace, to be reconciled to one another, to rebuild community. It is a fact of life that we will have difficulties with one another and these difficulties can lead to divisions. Unfortunately we can hurt each other and these hurts need healing. We can see things differently, we have different personalities, we are all sinful in one way or another. It makes being a community challenging. However, because of these challenges we need to exercise love, peace, patience, self-control and generosity. If we never struggled with one another we would never have the opportunity to develop these traits within us. And the children will be able to tell us that these traits are all signs of God's Holy Spirit at work in us.

Fr Gerard

Congratulations to the children of our Parish who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday the 10th September at the 9.30 Mass.



20th Annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Peace Lecture to be given by Dr Jenny Te Paa Daniel on UN International Day of Peace 21 September 2023 at the University of Otago

On Thursday 21st September from 6.45pm our 20th Annual Peace Lecture will be held at the University of Otago, to be delivered by Dr Jenny Te Paa Daniel. (see attached image for further information)

Miha Māori

The next Māori Mass is this Sunday, September 10th at 4.30pm at St Patrick's Basilica in South Dunedin followed by kai and kōrero. Everyone welcome.

Mercy parish Prayer Team

Would you like to join the team of parishioners who pray at home for urgent prayer requests?

All you have to do is to say the Team Prayer daily, and pray for the list of prayer requests

No meetings involved! The prayer and list are Emailed or posted to you each month.

Anointing Mass next
Thursday the 14th
September at 2pm in the
Mercy Chapel



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Sirach 27.30-28.7
Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Care of Priests	\$450.00
Parish	\$913.00
Total	\$1363.00

Safeguarding Workshop

**Wednesday 27th September at 6.30pm
in the Bart Winters Room.**

This is a good opportunity for those who have not attended a workshop before or if you would like to have a refresher.

Please email or phone the parish office if you are going to attend.

Marriage Preparation Weekend - 14-15

October 2023 There is a marriage preparation course coming up on the 14th-15th October at Tirohanga Camp (214 Tirohanga Road, North Taieri). The cost is \$250 per couple (includes all accommodation and food). Please register by October 1st. You can register on our website at www.cdd.nz

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Dunedin angels to stand at cathedral high altar again. Family gathering with prelate for Opus Dei members. Auckland Catholic college to get \$20 million science facility. Alleged multiplication of hosts investigated as possible eucharistic miracle.

The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine is set at \$10 for the Catholic Caring Foundation. Please help us support this collection.

Planned Giving If you would like to pay your planned giving by automatic payment the details are as follows: South Dunedin Parish Account 06-0901-0054866-15 Please put your name as reference and "PG" as code. If you are new to our Parish and would like to receive the newsletter and other information by email please also phone and you can be added to the Parish List.

Ministry	16 -17 September		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Evan Vincent	Bill McCombie Mary McCombie	
Readers	Anne-Marie Eathorne Anne Kennedy Arlene Ozanne	Maria Noonan Veronica Liesaputra Sandra Boock	Camila Barnes Manaia Barnes John Corcoran
Prayers of the Faithful	Evan Vincent	Delaney Family Ben Anderson	Sione Kalavite Kelo Taua and Family
Off/ Collection			
Projector	Deborah Rielly	Lee-Ann Henry Krystna Jodczyk	Ray Paterson
Camera Operator			
Altar Server/s		Hermione and Halaina	
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Crothers	Margaret O'Sullivan Lee Nicol	Letty De Bono Dorothy Jacobson
Sacristan	Michael Firmin	Margaret & Kevin O'Sullivan	Marian Simons
Children's Liturgy		Mary & Ken Fahey	
Morning Tea		Claire & Daryl	Maria and Dorothy
Counting		Chi Nguyen Lee Nicol Ross Reitz	

20:20 Catholic Questions 21st September 2023

What does RE look like in Aotearoa Catholic Schools?

Colin MacLeod

(Director National Centre for Religious Studies)

Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith – what is it? Looking at the structure and intent of the NZ Catholic Bishops' Religious Education programme.

6.20pm In St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, Dunedin
20 minute presentation.

20 minutes for questions.

(Repeated: Sunday, 24 September 10.30am – 10.50am in the Mercy Chapel)

Photos

You may have noticed the Fine Mat with our parish statement at the entrance of the Basilica. This will become a place where we highlight our community and will include photos taken throughout the year. Please let us know if you have concerns about your photo being taken.

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Facebook: @mercyparish.whanauaroha

We are so happy you could join us today. If you would like to be more involved in the parish please call
Either Lynne Toomey (0210430536)
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