

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

11th
February
2024

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

11th February 2024

6th Sunday of Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica



Ash Wednesday

Mass

14 February

9.00am & 7.00pm in
the Basilica

18th February 2024

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

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:

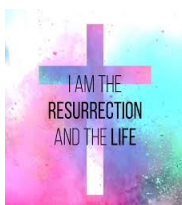
11.00am—12 noon on the First Saturday of the
month in the Basilica.

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
Rebecca Cajilig

and for those who have anniversaries at this
time

*Evelyn Downey, Bob Paterson, James Paterson,
Raymond Thorn & Agnes McCormack*



To insure or not insure?

"where a provider agrees to a guarantee of compensation for a specified loss, damage, illness or death in return for a specified premium."

"support providing protection against a possible eventuality."

I have stated here brief definitions of insurance to raise your awareness of the proposal we are currently being asked to consider and to offer feedback.

The proposal is to no longer pay an insurance premium for building loss or damage to the insurance company, but, rather, to keep paying the premium into our own combined parishes fund within our Diocese.

Further essential information has been provided for you to take some time to read and reflect upon this matter as soon as possible.

You will notice that the Mercy Parish, to cover all its buildings for loss or damage is currently paying an annual premium of approx. \$22,000. This year these premiums are about to rise significantly more.

There are many views about how this might impact upon our ability to cover the loss or damage of our buildings and other assets, so please take time to become more informed of the situation we are currently involved in here within the parish as is similar for your own business's and households.

We are a missionary church guided by Gods Spirit wanting to offer the best we can for our people and the wider community, so it is very important to identify the best ways to manage the assets and resources that we need to service this purpose.

Fr Michael

Who are the 'lepers' in today's society? How are destruction of the environment and increased poverty interlinked? LS 157 - Francis says: "...the common good calls for social peace, the stability and security provided by a certain order which cannot be achieved without particular concern for distributive justice; whenever this is violated, violence always ensues. Society as a whole, and the state, in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good".
(Diocesan LS Group)

[LiveLaudatoSi.org](https://www.livelaudatosi.org)

1st Sunday of Lent - Year B

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

Lenton Discussion Groups

The following parishioners have offered to host a Lenton Discussion Group. If you would like to join one of the following groups, please phone the contact person listed below or if you would like to host your own group please email the Parish Office or let Fr Michael know.

Mary Snelling - 027426804 or 4556238

Lynne Toomey - 0210430536

Amy Armstrong - 0224188680

Gerry & Tracey O'Farrell - 0275424916

Jenny Batey – 0224188680

The Lenton Booklets will be available next week. You can also access all of the material on the Caritas Website. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

A Message from Caritas

The Time is now to empower vulnerable families to Thrive. Lenton Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 will be in the foyer from today. This year, we are using a single envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes in the collection basket or send them to Caritas direct using the freepost option. You can only do this for bankcard donations.

Parish Insurances (THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE)

A proposal has been made by the Diocese for Parishes to consider ceasing building insurance due to its increasing unaffordability. The amount we are currently paying for insurance would be set aside (adjusted annually for inflation) each year for self-insurance fund. You are all urged to read the information provided so that you can have an informed opinion. Any feedback can be emailed to the parish office at: mercy.parish@xtra.co.nz.

Below is the link to watch the presentation.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jc9o6Zrqu55AQhPcurAHsnQ7pRCeyTuc/view?usp=sharing>

John Paterson attended the Diocesan presentation and he is happy for you to contact him with any queries you may have. John's phone number is 455-3932.

Care of Priests	\$430.00
Parish	\$858.00
Total (excludes Automatic Payments)	\$1288.00

Home Alone Social Group

We will be gathering for coffee and a catch up on Monday February 12 at 10 am at Wal's in Mosgiel. Any more information please ring Christine on 0277686721

For this month and next month The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be set at \$10 for Caritas for the Lenton Collection

COMING SOON: Friday 1 March at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rattray St, Dunedin: organist Christopher Hainsworth performs a lively programme in celebration of Rossini's 56th birthday (Rossini was born on 29 Feb!). Includes some familiar music in an unfamiliar guise: Rossini's Overture to William Tell, Monti's Czardas, and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Greensleaves. Christopher Hainsworth is one of NZ's most entertaining organists and is touring the country on a visit home from his current position as organist of the cathedral of Beziers in France. Admission by donation: \$10-\$20 per person suggested.

Ministry	17 - 18 February			
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am	
Greeters	Peter Rielly	Parish Family Mass Prepared by our Schools	Lita Samita	
Readers	Anne Kennedy Kerry Sinclair Anne-Marie Eathorne		Camila Barnes Manaia Barnes Janferie Kelekolio	
Prayers of the Faithful				
Off/ Collection	Evan Vincent		Julie Samita Sione Kalavite	
Projector	Arlene Ozanne		Ray Paterson	
Camera Operator			Chi Nguyen	
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni		Hayden	Toini Chadwick Hinaliana Iaseto
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne-Marie Taylor		Margaret O'Sullivan Lee Nicol	John Paterson
Sacristan	Mary Vincent		M & K O'Sullivan	Marian Simons
Morning Tea			Amy, Jeremy & family	Lita & family
Counting		C Nguyen & L Nicol Ryan Fitzgerald		

Get Rid of Modern Slavery

8 February is the feastday of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of those working to eradicate the trafficking of people into slavery in New Zealand and the rest of the world.

On 26 January 2024 the *Otago Daily Times* reported a case where a young migrant worker at the Criterion Hotel in Alexandra was compelled to work for 60 hours a week as assistant manager and was paid for only 30 hours a week. She said she was "like a prisoner". The Labour Inspectorate investigated her complaint and she won compensation — but only two years after her ordeal.

This case is just one example of modern slavery in our region. Other convictions have involved workers in a nail saloon and a bakery in Dunedin and the traffickers of workers in restaurants, farms, orchards and in construction around the country. These are the cases that have been prosecuted. Most are flying under the radar.

Worldwide there are over 49 million people living in modern slavery — in forced labour and forced marriage. Roughly a quarter of these are children. Pope Francis is calling on the Church and world to work against this scourge of enslaving God's children. We can, at least, stop slavery in New Zealand.

Write to your local MP asking them to support modern slavery legislation for New Zealand.

Write to Brooke van Veldon, Minister of Workplace Relations and Safety, asking her to take up the draft of modern slavery legislation developed under the last government.

Talk to migrant workers. After the scams we heard of last year associated with employer-worker schemes, one of the questions you could ask a worker is: "Do you have enough work hours to get by?" Check out the Migrant Exploitation website: www.immigration.govt.nz

By Talitha Kum Aotearoa (Dunedin branch). If you would like to join this anti-trafficking group email Sr Noreen McGrath PBVM: nora.c@xtra.co.nz for further information.