



Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

11th
September
2022

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

11th September 2022

24th Sunday in Ord Time Year C

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

18th September 2022

25th Sunday in Ord Time Year C

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Broad Bay

Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel Monday to Saturday 9.00am

This Monday Mass will be a Funeral Mass for Molly
Hall at 1.30pm

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

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.

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently
Molly Hall

and for those
who have anniversaries at this time
Anna Nelson

I AM
THE
RESURRECTION
AND
THE
LIFE
JOHN 11:25

The Prodigal Son

Reading the prodigal son story for next week, I was struck by two things. The first is the bravery (or desperation) of the younger son, to admit defeat and to return and own up to his mistake. As a perfectionist, I would find it hard to do that especially if I felt a lot of shame about whatever I'd done, so I would be mortified to put it out there like that. His apology is a model for me of how I can respond when I've made mistakes and hurt people, and how I can hold myself accountable.

The other thing is the eldest son who reminds me of me when I was little, wanting everything to be exactly even. It strikes me that he doesn't think his brother deserves a celebration - he'd probably agree with his brother's statement of unworthiness. I also wonder at his father's statement about how "all that is mine is yours". It seems to me that the oldest son perhaps could have thrown a party for his friends, he just never asked to, or assumed that the answer would be no. Clearly he has built up resentment about it (for some understandable reasons) and now can't see the good in his brother's return. This leads him to pass up what sounds like a great party out of spite and anger. As someone with privilege I suppose God's focus on the poor and marginalised could feel like God ignoring me, but in fact I am invited to help plan the party and join in the celebration. I do not need to be the honored guest to have a good time! May I trust that there is enough to go around so that I can be a channel of God's boundless generosity.

Linea Simons

Social Justice Week

The 4th September is the start of Social Justice Week with the theme of Whakakāhoretia Te Kaikiri. Kotahi anō Tātou I Roto I te Karaiti - say No to Racism. We are One in Christ.

Caritas has produced a comprehensive reflection booklet - Say no to racism. We are One in Christ, these are in the porch for you to each take one home.

 **Caritas**
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

20:20 Catholic Questions
(information on the Webpage and in the foyer)

15 September
Who is God?

Colin MacLeod

(Director of National Centre for Religious Studies)

We believe in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

How our understanding of the Trinity shapes our images of God.

About

An opportunity for adult discussion and learning about what the church teaches and where we fit.

6.20pm in St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, 20 minutes presentation

20 minutes for questions (and out the door by 7.00pm)

Catholic Caring Foundation

Our aim is to have a foundation that funds itself and helps us live the Gospel by caring and supporting a range of projects to fulfil our call to love one another.

Much more information can be found on the website at www.cathcaringdunedin.org.nz.

There are some donation envelopes in the foyer if you would like to use these. The Tap and Go in the foyer will be changed to \$10 for the month of September with all proceeds going to the Caring Foundation.

In partnership with the Tindall Foundation, the Diocese of Dunedin invites applications for grants that will support families and social services within the Diocese.

Applications relating to the following are particularly welcome:

- Young children
- Youth development
- Literacy, numeracy and budgeting skills
- Māori
- Migrant and refugees
- Rural communities

Grants are available up to a maximum of \$7,000.

Applications close on 12 September 2022.

The application form is available on-line at www.cdd.nz/grants or by contacting Pauline Lee on (03) 4745750 or paulinel@cdd.org.nz

Care of Priests	\$450.00
Parish	\$914.00
Total	\$0.00

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Amos 8.4-7
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7
Gospel: Luke 16.1-13

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.**

SOUTH DUNEDIN AND CARE FOR CREATION: Learning and Praying Together as Local Churches

Each year, many churches around the world celebrate the "Season of Creation" in September, providing an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of creation, and to pay attention to environmental concerns. Here in South Dunedin, we face some pressing environmental questions regarding the long-term impacts of sea level rise on our low-lying neighbourhood. This year, local churches are hosting two events to help us to be attentive and prayerfully responsive to these South Dunedin concerns:

LEARNING TOGETHER: Wed 14 Sept, 7.30pm
Where do we see the gift of creation in South Dunedin? How well have we cared for this gift? Can we be hopeful for our future here, given issues of sea level rise? We will consider these questions together in a panel-style discussion, with input from the DCC South Dunedin Future team and local church leaders. This event will be held in the hall at Dunedin South Presbyterian Church, 393 King Edward Street, South Dunedin.

PRAYING TOGETHER: Wed 21 Sept, 7.30pm
This will be a reflective prayer service focussed on the theme of creation, giving thanks for our neighbourhood, and also praying for the environmental challenges and opportunities highlighted in the Sept 14 discussion. This event will be held at St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.

Face masks are encouraged at both events. This initiative is supported by a number of local South Dunedin churches. For further information, contact info@southdseedling.nz

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori Māori Language Week 12th-18th September.

THANK YOU for your generous and beautifully varied donations of fresh fruit and vegetables for the 'fruit of the earth'/SVDP foodbank collection last weekend. Ngā mihi nui.

Ministry	17-18 September			
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am	
Greeters	Peter Rielly	School Mass		
Readers	Arlene Ozanne Kerry Sinclair Anne Kennedy		Kat Stachowic Jarek Muzur Losana Taungapeau	
Prayers of the Faithful	Peter Rielly		Pam Forgie Kelo Taua and Family	
Off/ Collection			Ray Paterson	
Projector	Deborah Rielly		Krystna Jodczyk	
Camera Operator				
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni	Feile Ryan Skyla Tupu-Watson	Toini Chadwick Hinaliana Iaseto	
Eucharistic Ministers	Rob Duffy	Jenny Batey Deborah Whitty	Letty De Bono Dorothy Jacobson	
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Anne-Marie Taylor Mellie Iaseto	John Paterson	
Counting		C&R Clark S&D Boock		