



Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

**12th March
2023**

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

12th March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

6.30 pm Miha Māori Basilica

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Tongan Community are praying The Stations of the Cross during lent on a Friday evening at 6.00pm everyone welcome.

Key Dates for Sacrament Preparation

This Sunday the 12th March there will be a commissioning of all children at the 9.30am Mass followed by a 15 minute meeting for parents in the Bart Winters Room.

Reconciliation:

11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

11.00am—12 noon on the First Saturday of the

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently

Bill Baird

Lemi Iaseto

Mary Glass & Mike Hamblin

and for those who have anniversaries at this time

Patricia Brenfell



A beautiful encounter

What a beautiful encounter. Jesus initiates a conversation with the woman at the well and through this conversation a relationship develops. For Jesus, he already knows the woman deeply, he understands the richness and complexity of her life and engages with her without judgement. The woman, in turn, enters into the conversation with an open heart and her understanding grows. At first, she sees Jesus as an unusual man who talks to strangers, then she recognises that he is a prophet and finally she comes to see him as the long awaited for Messiah. It is an occasion of conversion. The relationship changes the woman. She stands taller following the encounter.

Today at our 9.30am Mass we commission the children who will prepare for and celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist during the course of this year. We can acknowledge that Jesus has already initiated a conversation with each of them. Already Jesus knows and loves them deeply. Through the course of the year and in the celebration of the sacraments we pray that the children will find themselves captivated by Jesus and so come to a deeper understanding of him. This relationship will change them. They will come to embrace more deeply and profoundly the gift of their lives.

Fr Gerard

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41

Miha Māori

**6:30pm, Rātapu 12 Poutūterangi
this Sunday 12 March
Followed by a kōrero and a kai**

**St Patrick's Basilica
Mercy Parish
40 Macandrew Road**

20:20 Catholic Questions

Autumn Sessions -

Every two weeks on a Thursday - March, April, May
6.20 pm in St Patrick's Basilica, 40 MacAndrew Rd,
20 minutes presentation, 20 minutes for questions
(and out the door by 7.00pm!)

How does our prayer together form who we are?

16th March

Patrick Bridgman
(Parish Priest & Wellington Liturgy Advisor)

Trinity Catholic College Homestay families needed!

If you have considered becoming a host family for an International Student, then we would love to hear from you! We have students arriving in April and July for both short and long term stays.

We are looking for homestays who are:

- Caring and supportive
- Interested in new cultures
- Outgoing and active



The homestay fee paid is \$285 per week.

Please contact Mel at mrcraig@trinity.school.nz if you are interested in this awesome hosting opportunity.

Please note also that the Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be set at \$5 during Lent, with the money jointly going to Caritas and the Cyclone appeal. If you would like to give \$5.00 to both just tap your card twice. Since the appeal has started we have raised \$570.00.

You are invited to a Liturgy Workshop presented by Catherine Gibbs and Fr. John O'Connor from the National Liturgy Office on Pope's Francis' letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. There are two opportunities in our diocese:

- Friday 24th March 6-8pm at St. Theresa's Invercargill, 40 Perth St.
- Saturday 25th March 10am-3pm (soup lunch with koha) at St. Bernadette's School in Dunedin, 16 Forbury Rd.

Needs shift for Cyclone Gabrielle flood victims. Parish renewal is an adventure which brings new life. Agent selling St Gerard's has personal connection. Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2023. Giant window brought back to life in Methven.

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Lenten Carols – St Joseph's Cathedral

Wednesday 22 March, following the 5:30pm Cathedral Mass

A selection of Lenten music will be performed by the Cathedral Choir and Director/Organist David Burchell during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:15-6:45pm, concluding with Benediction

Everyone most welcome to attend.

Lent Week 3: Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry the Cross

Pray that we have the courage to support actions aimed at stopping slavery.

One court case in New Zealand highlighted how an enslaved person was "saved" by a person who acted despite being blindsided by hearing of slavery in her neighbourhood. A person who was enslaved told a woman at Church about her position. The story so worried the woman that she contacted the authorities which led to an investigation into the case. The trafficker was charged and the workers were freed. One person did the right thing at the right time and it made a difference. Let's not pretend that slavery's not in our country — know the signs to look out for.

We pray: May we all rise to life with Christ.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/guilty-first-human-trafficking-convictions-in-new-zealand/OVWWFGE4DITJ4D623XLZHJ2YQM/>

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/result-mistreated-massage-workers>

<https://trafficking.help/nz/>

Laudato Si', mi' Signore - Praise be to you, my Lord' God of Life, You love the universe into being, Let us give praise. You embrace the world without distinction, Let us give thanks. You call humanity to make flesh Your tenderness, Let us live accordingly. You endow all creation with Your divine beauty and wisdom, Let us acknowledge. You forgive all trespasses. Let us learn Your ways. You grace us unconditionally, Let us receive humbly. You are our hope, Let us remember. Amen.'

[from [Laudato Si' Movement Prayer Book](#)- prayers from around the world, this prayer by Amy Echeverria]

Ministry	18 - 19 March		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Evan Vincent	B & M McCombie	Kat Stachowic
Readers	Anne-Marie	Veronica Liesaputra	
	Anne Kennedy		P O'Connell-
Prayers of the Faithful	Arlene Ozanne	Adrienne Ryan Krystyna Jodczyk	John Corcoran
Off/ Collection	Evan Vincent Tony Cossens	Delaney Family Ben Anderson	Pam Forgie Kelo Taua and
Projector	Deborah Rielly		Ray Paterson
Camera Operator			
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni	Cecelia Ryan Skyla Tupu-Watson	Toini Chadwick Hinaliana Iaseto
Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Crothers	Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto	Letty De Bono Dorothy Jacobson
Sacristan	Michael Firmin	Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto	John Paterson
Childrens Lit		Wendy Friel	
Morning Tea		Claire & Daryl	Maria and
Counting		S & D Boock C & R Clark	

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.**