

# Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

12th  
November  
2023

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## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

12th November 2023

32nd Sunday of Ord Time Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

4.30 pm Miha Māori

19th November 2023

33rd 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

Patricia Adamson  
Linda Cairns

and for those who have anniversaries at this  
time

Leigh Booth,  
Teresa Haydon  
Pat Merchant



## Keep It Burning Bright

In today's Gospel, Matthew refers to the wisdom and foolishness of life. Using a specific example of the story of ten virgins going to a wedding feast. Among them, five were wise and five were foolish. But only the "Top 5 wise ladies" were able to welcome the bridegroom and attend the wedding feast. The Gospel sets us a value that must be chosen. It is choosing to be wise in the human way or in the God's way. The wisdom of the Kingdom of Heaven is the attitude of readiness and alertness, living fully in the present moment, fulfilling daily duties with love.

On the day of baptism, the lamp of faith of each of us was lit. This lamp must first illuminate so that we can recognize the face of a God full of love. The New Testament sacrament of baptism does not have the main content of repentance to have all sins wiped away, but to know God's salvation and his unconditional love and mercy to humanity. As long as the lamp burns brightly, I can still recognize Him in the dark. The Groom can suddenly appear, he can come from anywhere, at any time... "There's the groom, come meet him".

Fr Joseph

### World Day of the Poor 2023: Join Us in Making a Difference

Sunday, 19 November marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7).

#### Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Commitment

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world.

#### Get Involved!

Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world.

Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand!

**Caritas Website:** [caritas.org.nz](http://caritas.org.nz) **Caritas Facebook page:** [facebook.com/caritasaotearoa](https://facebook.com/caritasaotearoa)

**Caritas Instagram:** @caritasaotearoanz

### Diocesan Wide Synod Hui

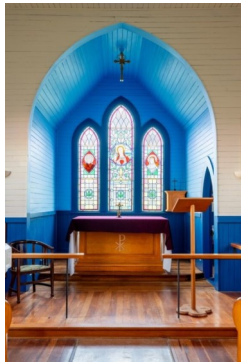
You are invited to our Diocesan Wide Synod Hui on the 18th November from 10am-2:30pm at the Mercy Chapel in South Dunedin (32 Macandrew Road, behind St. Patrick's Basilica). On the day we will hear from Dr. Therese Lautua, a theologian from Auckland who was on the writing group for the Oceania Synod document. Therese will speak about the Synod within the context of Aotearoa, NZ. The draft Diocesan Strategic Plan will also be presented and discussed in a synodal way with spiritual conversations. Nau mai, haere mai. Please register (for catering purposes) at [www.cdd.nz](http://www.cdd.nz) or ring (03) 474-5755

### Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16  
 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18  
 Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

### Broad Bay 75th Celebration of the relocation of Mary Queen of Peace from Waiholo to Broad Bay.

Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass at 11.00am on Sunday the 19th November. We would welcome anyone who wishes to attend as we are all part of the Mercy Parish Community.



Care of Priests	\$500.00
Parish	\$1005.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1540.00</b>

St Brigid's School invites you to our **Kids Christmas Market** on **25th November 11 a.m - 2 p.m**.  
 Free Santa Photos, Candy Floss, Face painting, Cookie Decorating and more!  
 Stalls supporting local businesses and artists  
 57 Bayfield Road, Dunedin  
 Something for the whole family

For this weekend The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine is set at \$10 for the ongoing Parish Outreach.

Webpage: [mercyparish.nz](http://mercyparish.nz)  
 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) or Lee-Ann Henry at [lee-ann.h@outlook.com](mailto:lee-ann.h@outlook.com) (Liturgy Rosters)

### Miha Māori

The Māori Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, November the 12th at 4.30pm at St Patrick's Basilica in South Dunedin followed by kai and kōrero. Everyone welcome.

NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer. Price \$4 (you can read the full issue this week on our facebook).

Ministry	18 - 19 November		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Peter Rielly	Delaney family	Lita Samita
Readers	Anne Kennedy Kerry Sinclair Anne-Marie Eathorne	Maria Noonan Veronica Raelyn Beard	Camila Barnes Manaia Barnes Janferie Kelekolio
Prayers of the Faithful	Evan Vincent	Delaney Family Ben Anderson	Julie Samita Sione Kalavite
Off/ Collection			
Projector	Arlene Ozanne	Deborah Whitty	Ray Paterson
Camera Operator		Chi Nguyen	
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni	Jude and Dominic	Toini Chadwick Hinaliana laseto
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne-Marie Taylor	Margaret O'Sullivan Lee Nicol	John Paterson Letty De Bono
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Margaret & Kevin O'Sullivan	Marian Simons
Children's Liturgy		Carolyn King	
Morning Tea		Amy, Jeremy &	Lita and family
Counting		Chi Nguyen Lee Nicol Ryan Fitzgerald	

### 20:20 Catholic Questions 16th November 2023

Why is Justice Important in Religious Education  
 Gerard Aynsley  
 (Parishioner Mercy Parish)

Justice is central to faith. What do we understand by justice, in the light of Catholic social teaching, and how are we called to respond.

6.20pm In St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, Dunedin  
 20 minute presentations.  
 20 minutes for questions.



### Christian Art Exhibition

Saturday the 11th November at 1pm—Sunday 12th November 12.30 In the Foyer of St Patrick's Basilica.

The Columban Mission Calendars are for sale again this year. The cost of these is \$12.00 each. If you would like to pay by Bank transfer please use the parish account 06-0901-0054866-15 and put your name and ref: calendar or you are welcome to drop it off at the office 24 Forbury Road during working hours.

