

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**15th
December
2024**

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

6.00 pm Basilica
9.30 am Basilica
11.00 am Basilica
11.00 am Broad Bay

22nd December 2024

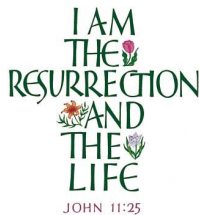
4th Sunday of Advent Year C

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)
9.30 am Basilica
11.00 am Basilica

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently: Br Graeme Donaldson

and for those who have anniversaries at this time:



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.

4th Sunday of Advent Year C—22nd December 2024

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5
Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1-39-45



Mercy Parish (St Patrick's Basilica) Christmas Timetable

Vigil 5.30 pm- (Childrens Mass)

Vigil 9.00 pm- (Carols from 8.30pm)

9.30am- Christmas Day

New Years Eve

9.00 am Mercy Chapel

**7.00 pm - Vigil-Basilica Mary,
Mother of God (Solemnity)**

1st January 2025

**9.00 am - Basilica - Feast of the Holy
Mother of God
morning tea to follow**

29th December 2024

Basilica - Feast of the Holy Family

5th January 2025

Basilica - Epiphany of the Lord

12th January 2025

Basilica - Baptism of the Lord

**Masses will resume at Broad Bay and
The Samoan Community in February**

Citywide Confessions RiteII

Monday 16th December Holy Name 7 p.m.
Tuesday 17th December Mercy Parish 7 p.m.

St Vincent de Paul - CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Please help us to support Dunedin's most vulnerable people this Christmas by participating in our Christmas Paper Bag Appeal.

Bags are available from the foyer and can be returned there, dropped into a Vinnies shop, or collected from your home.



For more details please contact Sarah (03) 4770555, office@stvincentdepauldunedin.nz

If you are looking for a Christmas present or a gift there are still Columban Calendars available for \$12.00 each. We sell them to our parishioners for what we pay for them so if you would like one could you please email or phone the Parish Office. You can either pay online or cash at the office. You are welcome to ring the office and one will be delivered down to the church with your name on it.



Christmas Flowers Margaret and I would like to thank those in the community who have left flowers and foliage in the back room for us to use when decorating the church. We will be putting the Christmas flower arrangements together on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th, and so we will be putting buckets in the foyer from Friday 20th December if anyone would like to donate foliage or flowers for us to use. As Summer is running a little late this year, any colours are acceptable, even purple. Once again, thank you for helping us decorate the church. Regards, Marian



If you would like to be in this year's Nativity play please phone either Lita 0212552520 or Jane 02040928377. Practices will be held Friday 20th at 4pm and Sunday 5pm

Plant Sale The plant sale in aid of The Nano Nagle Trust raised \$115. Many thanks to those who donated plants, pots and potting mix and to those who purchased plants.

For the month of December The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will support the Advent Charities Collection

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.

Privacy As you know this Sunday the 9.30-am Mass is livestreamed through Youtube. For those who do not wish to be filmed please note that the seats along the back wall do not get filmed.

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 yourself or them. **Please contact the Parish Office, Ph. 455 8933 or Adrienne Ryan, Ph. 476 1520.**

Christmas Eve Mass Vigil 9.00pm (Carols from 8.30pm)

Please stay and join us for supper and drinks following the Christmas Eve Mass. Please bring a plate of Christmas food to share.

Thank you

Laudato Si' reflection – renewed in God's love

In the first reading we joyfully hear that “ the Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty saviour; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love...(Zep 3:17)

Through the challenges of life, personally and globally, as we continue our Advent journey, may we know that “In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. . . he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward.” (LS 245)

PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY OF WAITANGI BILL – SUBMISSIONS CLOSE, TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY

Please have your say via our democratic process.

Submission templates are available from Caritas at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy/treaty-principles-submissions> and from the interdenominational group, Common Grace Aotearoa. <https://www.commongrace.nz/treatyaction>

Phaolô Nguyễn Văn Mỹ (1798-1837) was a Vietnamese martyr.—Born in 1798 in Ke Non village, now Tan Thanh town, Thanh Liem district, Ha Nam province, under the Archdiocese of Hanoi, his real name is **Nguyen Van Huu**. At the age of 13, he worked for Bishop Jacques-Benjamin Longier (Vietnamese name: *Gia*), Apostolic Vicar of the Western Tonkin Diocese, then worked for Father Luat, parish priest of Ke Dam for 4 years. At the age of 19, he studied at Ke Vinh seminary (Vinh Tri). After being ordained as a true preacher, he was sent to assist Father FX Marette. Shortly after, Bishop Joseph-Marie -Pélagie Havard (Vietnamese name: *Du*), administrator of the Western Tonkin Diocese, chose him to assist Father Jean -Charles Cornay (Vietnamese name: *Tan*), parish priest of Bau No, Son Tay province.

During the reign of King Minh Mang, the ban on religion became more and more strict. On June 20, 1837, he was surrounded and arrested by the army of Son Tay province in Bau No village. The death sentence was approved by King Minh Mang and returned on October 19, however, it was not until December 18 that he was taken to be hanged. On May 27, 1900, Pope Leo XIII beatified him. On June 19, 1988, Pope John Paul II canonized him.

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.

Care for our Priests	\$465.00
Parish	\$932.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$20.00
Advent Charities	\$50.00
Total (excludes Automatic Payments)	\$1472.00