

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**15th September
2024**

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

15th September 2024

24th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica (Confirmation)

11.00 am Basilica

22nd September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

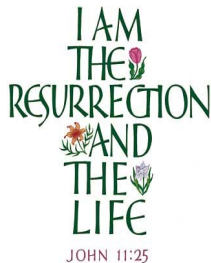
11.00 am Basilica

6.00 pm Filipino Mass

**St Brigid's School Mass
20th September at 10 am in the School
Hall**

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently
Kathleen Hessian
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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Wisdom 2.12,17-20

Second Reading: James 3.16-4.3

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

Author bell hooks (1952–2021) describes how her childhood in the Kentucky hills instructed her in the spiritual lesson of interbeing:

Growing up in a world where my grandparents did not hold regular jobs but made their living digging and selling fishing worms, growing food, raising chickens, I was ever mindful of an alternative to the capitalist system that destroyed nature's abundance. In that world I learned experientially the concept of interbeing, which Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh talks about as that recognition of the connectedness of all human life.

That sense of interbeing was once intimately understood by black folks in the agrarian South. Nowadays it is only those who maintain our bonds to the land, to nature, who keep our vows of living in harmony with the environment, who draw spiritual strength from nature.... It is nature that reminds time and time again that "this too will pass." To look upon a tree, or a hilly waterfall, that has stood the test of time can renew the spirit. To watch plants rise from the earth with no special tending reawakens our sense of awe and wonder. [1]

Writer Felicia Murrell describes her connection with the earth, which began in childhood:

I grew up in the south, in rural North Carolina, in a place that had red dirt.... My mom used to tell stories of me eating the red clay.... I feel the ground very deeply and intimately.... When I get burdened with the cares of the world, I often share those with the earth. One of my practices is to go find green space and kneel on the ground. I think that connection to the earth made me care about it in a very deep way. I care about the water sources. I care about the land. So often we can just think about ourselves as humans and how things serve us, but I think there's a beautiful invitation in the circle of life to see how we're all joined together.... When we see, just like with people, the sacred dignity, inherent worth, and beauty of something, we hold it with a lot more care, tenderness, and compassion. [2]

hooks names how the practice of noticing brings her hope and peace:

When I leave my small flat in an urban world where nature has been so relentlessly assaulted that it is easy to forget to look at a tree, a sky, a flower emerging in a sea of trash, and go to the country, I seek renewal. To live in communion with the earth fully acknowledging nature's power with humility and grace is a practice of spiritual mindfulness that heals and restores. Making peace with the earth we make the world a place where we can be one with nature. We create and sustain environments where we can come back to ourselves, where we can return home, stand on solid ground, and be a true witness. [3]

Vacancy - Chief Operating Officer

The Christchurch Diocese is seeking a Chief Operating Officer to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute to shaping the future of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. This role's primary objective is to support the bishop in his pastoral mission for the diocese through the management and leadership of resources, staff, and the delivery of outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to, leadership and management of the diocese teams, financial and asset management, strategy and planning, relationship management, communication and engagement.

For a full position description please click on the following link:

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/78588833?type=promoted&ref=search-standalone&origin=cardTitle> email applications@cdoc.nz. Applications close on 25th September at 1pm

The Intercultural Group is having a family get-together to partake of our favourite kai (food) and fellowship. This Sunday Sept. 15, at 3:15 pm in the Mercy Room. All are welcome to share friendship, stories, belonging and culture. For more information contact Jeremy at 02108497496.

**For the month of August
The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos
machine will be in support of the St
Francis Trust.**

Parish Celebration Day – 17 November 2024 Invitation to Participate

To celebrate our wonderfully diverse parish, the Parish Council is planning to hold a **combined Mass at 10:30am, on Sunday 17 November** followed by a shared lunch. Let's come together for a time of worship filled with music, prayer and joyful celebration from the communities and groups which make up our parish.

Please contact Lynlea at the Parish Office (ph 03 4558933), Fr Michael or Fr Joseph if your community or group would like to participate in the liturgy in some way (readings, prayers, music). Also, perhaps your community would like to perform a traditional song or dance during the shared lunch at the Community Centre?

Please feel welcome to wear traditional/national attire for the Mass.

There will be a 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 16 November with the usual liturgy roster but the liturgy roster for the Sunday morning Masses on 17 November will be replaced, given that there will be only one combined Mass on Sunday 17 November at 10:30am.

Thanks everyone. We are looking forward to a special parish day. More information will follow closer to the time.

**Laudato Si' Reflection - Social Justice Week –
Imagine peace for all / Pohewatia te Rangimārie
mō te Katoa**

#48: “ ... the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest.”

#10: “[St Francis of Assisi] was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace”.

#16: “... I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected ... the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy ... the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate the proposal of a new lifestyle. **#49:** ... a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*”.

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.**

We are needing helpers to setup and serve Morning Teas after the 9.30am Mass and the 11am Mass. This is a great way to meet other parishioners and guidelines to help are available so it not onerous. If you would like to help please

phone Claire

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or cell 0211307691

Do Stay for

Tea & Coffee



The Little Sisters of the Poor are looking for volunteer drivers to assist with the pick-up of elderly persons in the surrounding communities to spend the day with us every Tuesday. The pick-up will be mid-morning with a return to their homes in mid-afternoon. Should be able to drive a manual transmission Transit van. If interested, please contact Grace at (03) 476-2028, or dt@lspdun.co.nz.



We pray for all those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mercy Parish this weekend, that the Holy Spirit will guide them throughout their lives and keep them strong in their faith, empowering them to confidently answer Jesus's question “who do you say I am”.