



# Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**16th June  
2024**

**Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica**

*16th June 2024*

**11th Sunday in Ord Time Year B**

**6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)**

**9.30 am Basilica (School Mass)**

**11.00 am Basilica**

**11.00 am Broad Bay**

*23rd June 2024*

**12th Sunday in Ord Time Year B**

**6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)**

**9.30 am Basilica**

**11.00 am Basilica**

**6.00 pm Basilica Filipino Mass**

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

**St Bernadette's School Mass**

Wednesday 19 June in the School Hall at 9.05 am

**We Prayerfully remember those who have  
died recently**

Barry Chamberlain

**and for those who have anniversaries at  
this time:**

Geoffrey Mulder  
Catherine McAlevy  
Kath Klemick

**I AM  
THE  
RESURRECTION  
AND  
THE  
LIFE**  
JOHN 11:25

**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.

## THE MUSTARD SEED

The Kingdom of Heaven is truly a new image that is difficult to describe in words and cannot be fully compared with an image, that's why Jesus used many different images to represent it. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a vineyard where God is the owner, like a sheepfold where God is the shepherd, like a net thrown into the sea and catching many fish, today Jesus uses the image of the mustard seeds to present the kingdom of heaven.

The image of the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus spoke about today also refers to the seed of the Gospel in the soil of each person's soul. We are Christians, who have Christ, and belong to Christ, we believe that in each of us there is Christ and the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven in our souls, and our hearts. The seed of the kingdom of heaven in us was sown on the day we received the Sacrament of Baptism, and we are nurtured and watered by the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. Is the seed of faith, the germ of the Kingdom of Heaven within us, truly flourishing or is it just living a meager life without fruit? What is the Kingdom of Heaven in our hearts? Are we currently bearing the fruits of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Jesus Christ and His Gospel are the Kingdom of Heaven. Having Jesus means having the entire Kingdom of Heaven. By keeping Jesus' Words and putting them into practice, we are making the seeds of the Kingdom of Heaven bear fruit.

Fr Joseph

### Laudato Si' reflection

"It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,  
and become a majestic cedar.  
Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it,  
every winged thing in the shade of its boughs."  
- Ezekiel 17

"Your former shagginess shall not be  
wreathed with the delightful flight  
of birds"

- "No Ordinary Sun" Hone Tuwhare

"We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and  
irretrievable beauty with something which we have created  
ourselves." LS 34

**FOOD INSECURITY - FEEDING EVERYONE** – On behalf of Seniors Climate Action Network you are invited to a talk by Jackie of the ‘The Bowling Club’, a community-based eatery that successfully addresses both food insecurity and social isolation in a way that is accessible to everyone in Ōtepoti. Join us on 24th June, 12 noon, at the Dunedin Public Library, Dunningham Suite, 4th Floor. Free tea/coffee, snacks. All welcome. [seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org/](http://seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org/) (Donna – Laudato Si’ Diocesan Group).

Kia ora. It’s that time of year again when our tertiary students are sitting exams. The chaplaincy team is asking for baking from our local churches to put in our office where students come for a cuppa and chat. If you’d like to contribute, please bring baking to church in the next two weekends and I will collect. Many thanks on behalf of the chaplaincy team and students!  
Amy

**If you are new to our Parish** and would like to receive the newsletter and other information by email please phone the office and you can be added to the Parish List. Please also see the above notice if you would like to be on any rosters etc.

**Our Catholic Winter Solstice**

Let's get together again for our shortest day celebration! Christmas Day was set around the Winter Solstice in the North to highlight the fact that Christ brings light to the World. The physical symbolism is that, from the moment of Christmas, light actually does start to enter the world. We would like to capture that sense of seasonal change, and acknowledgment of Christ's light and the joy it brings, at St Patrick's Church - Mercy Parish on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June - 6.30 to 7.30 - The day of the Winter Solstice.

**Come along, bring a plate, bring a friend and recite your favourite poem, maybe sing a song, play a tune, tell a story... (A great opportunity for young people to have a go, or for the old to show off their talent!!) It’s always filled with surprise and heaps of fun!**



**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.**

**For this month and next month The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be set at \$10 for Parish Outreach**

**SOUP & BUNS**

in the foyer of the Basilica soup and buns will start on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. 3.30pm- 6pm. Come along and join us for soup and company



**NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Former winery is possible future parish site. Caritas reacts to Government’s Budget. NZ synod response sent to Rome. Farewell editorial as 106 years of ‘bishop’s paper’ ends.**

Ministry	22 - 23 June		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Trish Seaman	Delaney Family	
Readers	Anne Kennedy Paul Armstrong	Maria Noonan Veronica	Lita Samita John Paterson
Prayers of the Faithful & Introduction	Susan Bond	Sandra Boock	Camila Barnes
Off/ Collection	Peter Rielly John Fitzgibbons	Delaney Family	Manaia Barnes Janferie Kelekolio
Projector Camera Operator	Deborah Rielly	Lee-Ann Henry Simons family	Julie Samita Sione Kalavite
Altar Server/s		Alec & Nathan	Ray Paterson
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Vincent	Chi Nguyen Lee Nicol	Letty De Bono Lola
Sacristan	Michael Firmin	Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto	John Paterson
Children's Liturgy		Ryan Fitzgerald	
Morning Tea		Denise and Mary	Lita & Family
Counting		Chi Nguyen Lee Nicol Ryan Fitzgerald	

Care for our Priests	\$871.00
Parish	\$780.00
<b>Total (excludes Automatic Payments)</b>	<b>\$1311.00</b>

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

First Reading: Job 38.1-4  
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.14-17  
Gospel: Mark 4.35-41

**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.