

# Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

17th  
September  
2023

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## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

*17th September 2023*

24th Sunday of Ord Time Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Broad Bay

*24th September 2023*

25th Sunday of Ord Time Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

6.00 pm Filipino Mass

### **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  
died recently

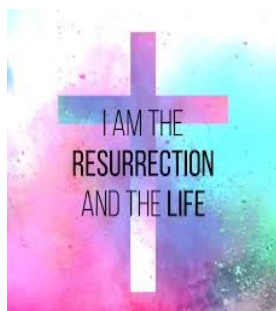
**Allan Campbell**

**Mary Hoult**

and for those who have anniversaries at this  
time

**Anna Nelson, Chanel Marie Wilson**

**Lawrence Davies and Jack & Grace Kelly**



## The Challenge of Forgiving others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that if we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. Why not? Isn't God all-merciful? Can't God forgive everything? The issue is not on God's side, but on ours.

John Shea once wrote that the heavenly banquet table to open to everyone who is willing to sit down with everyone. There's the catch! That's why it is so difficult for God to forgive us if we do not forgive others. Simply put, there cannot be segregated tables in heaven where we get to sit down only with those persons with whom we are on good terms. Bitterness and hatred may not carry over into heaven. To be in intimacy, joy and celebration with everyone, we need to be reconciled with everyone. This is an intrinsic imperative, not something God can change.

A friend of mine likes to say, "I try to be on good terms with everyone, knowing that I will be spending eternity with them." Sound Advice.

Fr Ronald Rolheiser

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Peace Lecture to be given by Dr Jenny Te Paa Daniel on UN International Day of Peace 21 September 2023 at the University of Otago

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6.45pm our  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Lecture will be held at the  
University of Otago, to be delivered by Dr Jenny Te  
Paa Daniel. (see attached image for further  
information)

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations of fresh fruit/  
vegetables and packaged food for the **'fruit of the  
earth'** SVDP foodbank collection last weekend. Ngā  
mihi nui.



Thank you from St Vincent de Paul for your continued support of our shop and foodbank. We have many people in need of our help and we appreciate your donations.



If you would still like to support the Catholic Caring you can still use the Parish Tap and Go or you can donate by using internet banking with the account number :

ANZ 060901-0054866-00

**The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine is set at \$10 for the Catholic Caring Foundation. Please help us support this collection.**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9  
 Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27  
 Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Care of Priests	\$490.00
Parish	\$981.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1471.00</b>

**Safeguarding Workshop**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm  
 in the Bart Winters Room.**

This is a good opportunity for those who have not attended a workshop before or if you would like to have a refresher.

Please email or phone the parish office if you are going to attend.

**Te Kupenga**

Catholic Theological College accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology starting September 25.

“With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable.”

To learn more about the programmes, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes).

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years).

**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. If you are new to our Parish and would like to receive the newsletter and other information by email please also phone and you can be added to the Parish List.

**‘THE ECONOMICS OF HAPPINESS’ - FREE PUBLIC SCREENING** by Seniors Climate Action Network – What form of economics leads to happiness? You are invited on **Monday 25 September at 12.00 noon**, Dunedin Public Library, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. This film, by connecting the dots between climate chaos, economics and our personal suffering delivers a powerful message of localization, and reveals how corporate-led globalization destroys our environment, jobs and our democracy. Small, local economies of the world are preserving traditions, cultures and communities which build local resilience and ultimately safeguard our happiness. Stay on for a free cuppa, snacks and chat. <https://seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org/current-event.html>

Ministry	23 -24 September		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Trish Sleeman	Anthony Winders	Lita Samita
Readers	Kerry Sinclair Rob Duffy	Ellen Brown Dione Price	Phil Merchant Janferie Kelekolio
Prayers of the Faithful & Introduction	Christine Crothers	Colin MacLeod	Teresa Su'a
Off/ Collection	Peter Rielly John Fitzgibbons	Dione Price	Julie Samita Lola Cordtz
Projector	Arlene Ozanne	John Curran	Ray Paterson
Camera Operator		Angelita and Skyla Tupu	
Altar Server/s		Jude and Dominic	
Eucharistic Ministers	George Morris	Chi Nguyen Sandra Boock	John Paterson Dorothy Jacobson
Sacristan	George Morris	Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto	John Paterson
Children's Liturgy		Mary & Ken Fahey	
Morning Tea		Marian & Tania	Pam & Denise
Counting		Dione Price Sione Kalvite	

**20:20 Catholic Questions  
 21st September 2023**

**What does RE look like in Aotearoa Catholic Schools?**

*Colin MacLeod*

*(Director National Centre for Religious Studies)*

**Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith – what is it?** Looking at the structure and intent of the NZ Catholic Bishops' Religious Education programme.

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

**(Repeated: Sunday, 24 September 10.30am – 10.50am in the Mercy Chapel)**

**Webpage:** [mercyparish.nz](http://mercyparish.nz)

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We are so happy you could join us today. If you would like to be more involved in the parish please call  
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