



Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

1st
December
2024

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent Year C

6.00 pm Basilica
9.30 am Basilica
11.00 am Basilica



8th December 2024

2nd 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

**Bernard Bone, Mervyn Jack and
Fr Merv McGettigan**

and for those who have anniversaries at this time:

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C—8th December 2024

First Reading: Baruch 5.1-93-14

Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-6

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

The Treaty of Waitangi/ Te Tiriti o Waitangi - Have your say on the Treaty Principles Bill

You are welcome to come along to a workshop on Monday 9
December, 7- 9pm, St Patrick's Community Centre, 42
Macandrew Road, in the Bart Winters room. We will be
hosting a Common Grace Aotearoa video workshop to learn
about the government's Treaty Principles Bill and the main
concerns with the Bill from a Christian perspective. The
workshop will provide support and submission guides to help
people write their own submissions on the Bill, if they choose to
do so. For more visit: <https://www.commongrace.nz/>

For any questions please contact Lynne Toomey, 021 043 0536

Saint of the Week - St. Francis Xavier

(born April 7, 1506, Xavier (Javier) Castle, near Sangüesa, Navarre
[Spain]—died December 3, 1552, Sancian [now Shangchuan] Island,
China; canonized March 12, 1622; feast day December 3) was the
greatest Roman Catholic missionary of modern times who was
instrumental in the establishment of Christianity in India, the Malay
Archipelago, and Japan. In Paris in 1534 he pronounced vows as one of
the first seven members of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, under the
leadership of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Miha Māori

8 December 2024 at 4.30pm

The final Māori Mass will be celebrated at 4.30pm on
Sunday, December the 8th at St Patrick's Basilica
(Mercy Parish) in South Dunedin.

Everyone welcome. Kai to follow.

| Ministry | 7 - 8 December | | |
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| | Saturday 6pm | Sunday 9:30am | Sunday 11:00am |
| Greeters | Trish Seaman | Krystna Jodczyk | Tongan Community |
| Readers | Anne Kennedy Geoff Cusack | John Curran Tania Auld | Tongan Community Tongan Community Tongan Community |
| Prayers of the Faithful | Susan Bond | Mary Roche | Tongan Community |
| Off/ Collection | Evan Vincent Peter Rielly | Dione Price | Theresa & Melanie Sao Sua |
| Projector | Deborah Rielly | Deborah Whitty | June Watt |
| Camera Operator | | Chi Nguyen | |
| Altar Server/s | | Eva & Poppy | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Mary Vincent | Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto | John Paterson Janferie Kelekolio |
| Sacristan | Michael Firmin | Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto | John Paterson |
| Children's Liturgy | | Wendy Friel | |
| Morning Tea | | Marg & Kevin | Tolu & Family |
| Counting | | Ryan Fitzgerald Maryann Mulder | |

PROLIFE FACTS

In Open Adoption, couples who cannot have their own child register with Oranga Tamariki and are offered the opportunity to meet potential parents for their child. After the baby is born, the parents are encouraged to keep in contact with their child.
For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.



Advent Carols at the Cathedral

Wednesday 18 December

following the 5:30pm Mass.

A selection of Advent music will be performed by St Joseph's Cathedral Choir during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:15-6:45pm, concluding with Benediction. Everyone is most welcome.

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.**

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.



Laudato Si' reflection In today's readings, St Paul urges us to grow in love and holiness; and the Gospel warns us to stay alert and pray for strength. Let us pray for the love and strength to fulfil the commitments in the 'COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace' (not signed by Aotearoa/NZ). As Pope Francis notes: 'The developed countries ought to help ...by significantly limiting their consumption of non-renewable energy and by assisting poorer countries [with] sustainable development. ... we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference.' (LS 52).

Catholic Caring Foundation Advent Appeal 2024

Today we have a special collection for our Catholic Caring Foundation Advent Appeal. The Caring Foundation exists to support the outreach of the Church and our local community.

This year proceeds from the Catholic Caring Foundation Appeal will go toward the Southland and Otago Hospices, Dunedin Night Shelter and to help establish Catholic Social Services in Invercargill. Donations can be placed in an envelope with your name and address or by scanning the QR code included in this newsletter notice. Donations for the Caring Foundation Appeal and the Advent Appeal can be made by scanning the QR code.



This will lead you to a diocesan page with instructions on how to make a donation.

Particulars: 'Mercy Parish; Reference: 'your name'; Code: 'your mobile number'. You can also request a receipt on the donation page.

For the month of November The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will support the ongoing outreach in the Parish. Please be aware that the Tap & Go is not for planned giving to the Parish it is used to support the many varied Outreach programs and activities in our Parish.

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.

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| Care for our Priests | \$510.00 |
| Parish | \$1027.00 |
| Total (excludes Automatic Payments) | \$1537.00 |