

# Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**22 September  
2024**

## Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

*22nd September 2024*

**25th Sunday in Ord Time Year B**

**6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)**

**9.30 am Basilica**

**11.00 am Basilica**

**6.00 pm Filipino Mass**

*29th September 2024*

**26th Sunday in Ord Time Year B**

**6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)**

**9.30 am Basilica**

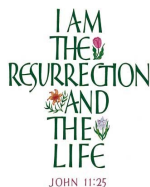
**11.00 am Basilica**

### St Bernadette's School Mass

Wednesday 25th September in the School Hall at  
9.05 am

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have  
died recently  
Joan Burrows  
Sylvia May Wilson  
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.

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Numbers 11.16a,17c,25-29  
Second Reading: James 5.1-6  
Gospel: Mark 9.38-43,45,47-48

### Empowered Leadership in Challenging Times

From the book of wisdom, we hear people of faith in Jesus Christ being taunted by those who refuse divine wisdom, and how true wisdom is contrasted between divine wisdom and folly. This theme of human folly continues into the Gospel too, where Jesus own disciples are also influenced by the folly of this worlds thinking, e.g. who is the greatest, jollying for the best position. The way that his disciples were thinking helped to proliferate the kind of life and culture that Jesus wished to address, resulting in the marginalisation of the most vulnerable in society.

Jesus, however, expected and encouraged new ways of leading from his disciples, and indeed all those who claimed to believe in him, and this is why he brought a child before them all to show that he wanted a leadership based upon the sacred law of love of God and one another. A leadership born out of witnessing to his example, a leadership of service to one another, in humility, kindness, and respect, especially providing for the poor and marginalised.

Are there obstacles within our own communities such as the disciples displayed in Jesus' time, that hinder us from fully embracing our roles as loving, humble, servant leaders.

How can we address these obstacles to foster a culture where everyone, including our children and youth feel empowered to contribute meaningfully.

Who might you pray for to be empowered by the Holy Spirit as a leader?

I am excited about what responses you may have and possible strategies we can put into place to achieve this.

Fr Michael

Are you interested in learning about the Christian Faith? With the possibility of becoming a member of Mercy Parish Whanau Aroha, Dunedin.

You are invited to come along to an enquiry evening where your questions and any other queries can be discussed in an informal atmosphere of welcome and hospitality. You are very welcome to bring along a friend or a relative as well. The evening will also involve sharing with you how to make the next step according to your personal circumstances.

If this invitation interests you, please contact Mercy Parish Office at 03 4558933 or Fr Michael Hishon at 0274170127 so that a date and time can be arranged.

## Laudato Si' reflection

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* [Mk 9: 35]

Regarding Earth, our common home, Pope Francis notes that 'We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will ... the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor...' [LS 2]

How, instead, can we offer service and love to our world?

For ideas, see the Laudato Si' Action Platform, <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: Can Art contribute to climate change mitigation?

You are invited to a talk by Pam McKinlay (Tangata Tiriti). Pam is an artist, curator, and convenor of the Art & Science Project in Otepoti/Dunedin, a decade-long project teaming up scientists and artists who share ideas and experiences to produce thoughtful artworks. The concerns of climate change are manifested in these projects. **Monday 30 September, 12.00 noon, DCC Library – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.** Refreshments afterwards. Haeremai ! [www.seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org](http://www.seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org)



**Home Alone Brunch Outing to Blue Skin Bay Cafe and Nursery**  
Monday September 23 leaving the church car park at 10 am and car pooling.  
Anyone available to help with transportation would be most appreciated.

Christine 0277686721



## A Reflective Retreat Day Offering

A One-day Retreat on Life as "Wisdom School"

- \* Childhood
- \* The Working Years
- \* Maturity and how we are guided.

When: Tuesday 22nd October

Where: Mercy Chapel, Macandrew Road, Dunedin

Time: 10a.m. prompt start, finishing 5.00 p.m.

What to bring: Your own lunch. Tea & Coffee provided.

Cost: Koha for venue and the Nano Nagle Trust (which supports children attending Catholic Schools).

Facilitator: Joy Cowley:

Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Author and Spiritual Companion.

Please register interest for numbers:  
[katieoconnor.nz@gmail.com](mailto:katieoconnor.nz@gmail.com)

One-day Retreat Opportunity for 60+

## 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.**

**Privacy** As you know each 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.

**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.

## Our Lady of the Rosary

Come and pray all Four Mysteries (20 decades) of the Holy Rosary, **Monday 7 Oct. 5:30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin.** We would love you to join us for part or all of this special event. This will occur during Exposition and conclude with Benediction. We will be praying for our Bishops, Priests and vocations to Holy Orders and Religious life. [www.worldrosaryday.com](http://www.worldrosaryday.com)

## CHARISMATIC MASS

We welcome you to join us in worship and prayer, celebrating

our monthly Charismatic Mass with

**Fr Michael Hishon**

**Thursday Evening – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30 pm**

St Peter Chanel Church, 242 Main South Road, Green Island

*A food basket will be offered for the St Vincent de Paul*

If you would like to find out more, please call either.  
Kathy Mayo 473 7115 – Greg Wansink 027 432 8838

## Photos

You may have noticed the Fine Mat with our parish statement at the entrance of the Basilica. This is 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.

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at [info@travlink.co.nz](mailto:info@travlink.co.nz) or phone 0800 99 7788.

**Right to Life** is organising this year's March for Life, which will be held on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, starting at Victoria Square Christchurch.