

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**24th March
2024**

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

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Palm Sunday Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

6.00 pm Filipino Mass

Easter Timetable

Holy Thursday	-	7:30 pm
Good Friday	-	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	-	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	-	10:00 am

Stations of the Cross

5.30 pm every Friday Evening in the Basilica.

St Bernadette's Mass every second Wednesday in the School Hall at 9.05 am. Dates for this term are as follows: Wed: the 10th April.

St Brigid's Mass every Friday in the school hall at 10.00am. We would love see some parishioners so please feel free to join us.

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently especially: Patsy Sutton

and for those who have anniversaries at this time

Adiwaqa Mesulame Saqacala
Barry McLaughlan
Pamela Farry



**'If you don't try,' said Big Panda,
'you'll never know if you can
fly.'**



Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024

Lenten Giving Envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church. Donations in these envelopes can be placed in the parish offertory collection or they can be sent to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. You can also donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz and pay by credit card or make a direct transfer to Caritas' bank account. **Thank you for your generous support.**



Chrism Mass

Wednesday 27 March, 10:00am in St Joseph's

The City Wide Rite II confessions in preparation for the Easter ceremonies are as follows:

- Holy Name - 7pm Monday 25th March
- Mercy Parish - 7pm Tuesday 26th March

The Easter Vigil Mass will be followed by drinks and a supper.

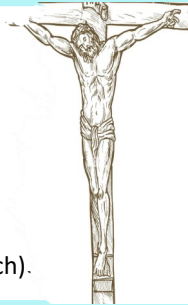
Please bring a plate of food to share.

*The Tongan Community
are leading
The Stations of the Cross next Friday will
be in the Mercy Chapel at 11am.
Everyone is most welcome to come along.*

The Way of the Cross
Combined Church Service
Good Friday Service at 9.30am
St Philip's Church, 121 Belford

Street, Waverley

(The walk with the cross leaves
at 9.30am from the playground
in Larnach Road ending at the church).



Good Friday Meditation on the Cross

Vigil: 7.00pm on 29 March 2024 at Holy Name Church, 420 Great King Street, Dunedin. All welcome. (Sponsored by the Catholic/Presbyterian Dialogue Group)

LS Newsletter item for Palm Sunday, Year B 2024

As we walk with Christ and the colt to Jerusalem, "Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light" (LS 246).

Good Friday Parish Collection

On Good Friday, each year we have the annual collection for the Holy Places. As we commemorate the death of Jesus, we call to mind his homeland and the many needs that are still present there today. This collection goes to the support of the holy places in the Holy Land also to social and pastoral works for the local communities that still live there. This collection helps support such projects as scholarships for young people, employment schemes and medical care for the poor.

For this month and next month The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be set at \$10 for Caritas for the Lenten Collection

Care of Priests	\$882.00
Parish	\$445.00
Total (excludes Automatic Payments)	\$1327.00

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.**

Flowers.

Margaret and I would like to thank everyone who has been leaving flowers at church for us to use in the church and foyer. If anyone has any flowers or foliage they would like to donate to decorate the church for Easter, the buckets will be in the foyer from Wednesday morning. Many thanks, Marian



GOOD FRIDAY WALK

The format of this service is a short, reflective walk through the main street of South Dunedin. Along the way, we will recall the Good Friday story, pausing at different points to hear passages of Scripture read, and to share together in prayer and song.

The walk will begin at 9:15am, Friday 29 March, outside the South Dunedin Community Pop-Up Library (199 Hillside Road, South Dunedin), and will conclude with hot cross buns in the Bart Winters room of the St Patrick's Community Centre, 32 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin. All welcome. Hosted by The Seedling: Presbyterian Community in South Dunedin

Come work for us – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us> for more information

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Dunedin diocese eyes self-insurance as premiums soar; Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians; Pilgrimage endures despite Holy Land turmoil.

If you take any photos of Palm Sunday and Easter could you please email them to the parish office so that we can update our Fine Mat. The privacy note is below for your information.

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.

Webpage: mercyparish.nz

Facebook: [@mercyparish.whanauaroha](https://www.facebook.com/mercyparish.whanauaroha)

We are so happy you could join us today. If you would like to be more involved in the parish please call
Either Lynne Toomey (0210430536)