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**25th August
2024**

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

25th August 2024

21st Sunday in Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

1st September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Samoan Mass

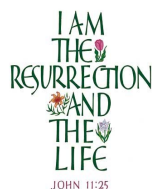
St Bernadette's School Mass

Wednesday 28th August in the School Hall at 9.05

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently
Mary Teresa Griffin (Sr Molly OP)

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.

**Words of Our Lord to Catherine of Siena in the
work known as**

The Dialogue of St. Catherine

Dearest daughter, contemplate the marvelous state of the soul who receives the bread of life, this food of angels, as she ought. When she receives this sacrament she lives in me and I in her. Just as the fish is in the sea and the sea in the fish, so am I in the soul and the soul in me, the sea of peace. Grace lives in such a soul because, having received this bread of life in grace, she lives in grace. When this appearance of bread has been consumed, I leave behind the imprint of my grace, just as a seal that is pressed into warm wax leaves its imprint when it is lifted off.

Thus does the power of this sacrament remain there in the soul; that is, the warmth of my divine charity, the mercy of the Holy Spirit, remains there. The gift of my only-begotten Son's wisdom remain there, enlightening the mind's eye.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region
The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au
Please see the notice on facebook with more information.

Diocesan-wide Planned Giving Campaign

Today we hear the third and last Planned Giving message from Bishop Michael. This week the bishop explains the financial situation of the diocese and also considers some ways of how we can each support our parishes. Hopefully you have had a chance to read the brochure given out last Sunday. Thank you for your commitment to your parish and to the life of the Church here in Southland and Otago.

Please note that next weeks roster is on facebook as there were a lot of notices this week.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-8

Second Reading: James 1.17-18 21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

Youth 2000 Dunedin Retreat - A Weekend of Spiritual Renewal!

Join us from September 13-15, 2024, for a transformative experience at the Youth 2000 Dunedin Retreat. Open to all young adults aged 18-35, this retreat features a range of activities including workshops, praise and worship sessions, and opportunities for deep prayer and reflection. Reconnect with your faith and meet fellow believers in a vibrant, supportive community. For more details and registration, visit our event page or contact us directly. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship! To register <https://www.facebook.com/youth2000dunedin/>, or janice.c@tutanota.com. Please register by 31st of August

Consultation on the Future of the Moran Chapel

The possibility of renting the space where the chapel is currently located in the Moran Building in the Octagon has been proposed. I would be very interested in hearing your thoughts about this.

In the past the Moran Chapel Mass was popular among those working in the city. The Moran Chapel provides a visible presence for the Church in the town's centre. I understand that there are now smaller numbers attending this Mass and many of these are retired parishioners who are choosing the Mass for the convenience of the time. Would a midday Mass at another church be suitable?

Please let me know your thoughts by 6th September at bishop@cdd.org.nz

Bishop Michael Dooley

South Dunedin Future Team One thing that was discussed was the value of having good information about these sea level rise issues and proposed adaptation strategies. To this end, a small practical step that was identified was encouraging members of our congregations (particularly those who are residents in South Dunedin) to sign up for the South Dunedin Future electronic newsletter.

You can find the "Subscribe" link on this part of the South Dunedin Future webpage:

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/council-projects/south-dunedin-future/stay-in-the-loop>

For the month of July The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be in support of the St Francis Trust.

SOUP & BUNS

In the Basilica foyer 3.30pm- 6pm every Thursday. Come along and join us for soup and company.



Day of Prayer for Creation (1 Sept) and start of the Season of Creation

This day of prayer is also the start of the ecumenical Season of Creation (1 Sept- 4 Oct) with its theme of "To Hope and Act with Creation". We are called to work together for a future of active hope and action. "The firstfruits of hope can be seen when we think and work collectively, when we recognize how we depend on Creation, when we listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the poor, when we listen to the voices of our global neighbors impacted by climate change, when we listen to the prophetic voices of indigenous sisters and brothers, when we listen to the different creatures that are going extinct and the ones still striving to live, when we listen to the voices of young people and children, when we learn from the slow and powerful cycles of life of different species, ecosystems, and biomes, when we work together with Creation and all creatures for a better future." [from p.45 **Season of Creation Celebration Guide**, available [here](#) or at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. The Guide contains ideas, actions and prayers, including an ecumenical prayer service.]

Palliative Care offers to improve quality of life.

A Palliative Care workshop is being held where you will have the opportunity to learn about Palliative Care and discuss some of your own personal experiences.

The hope is that we will share this to our family and friends and parishioners we visit and also support those who have life-limiting illness, the terminally ill, and those approaching-end-of-life in our community. Dying and death has always been a communal event.

The workshop is centered around our faith in God, who loves us so much that while we were still sinners sent Jesus Christ, His Only Son to redeem us and the Holy Spirit to guide us and to continue to be His instrument to alleviate suffering and make our family and neighbours feel valued. Palliative Care is one instrument God is using to make His love known.

We would like to invite you to participate in learning sessions on Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care on:

- 29 August 2024 - First Module 6-8 pm
- 5 September 2024 - Second Module 6-8 pm
- 12 September 2024 - Third Module 6-8 pm
- 19 September 2024 - Fourth Module 6-8 pm

This will be held at the Little Sisters of the Poor, 295 Brockville Road. Please email me if you are interested: jannet.mercardo@mail.com. Registration is FREE but places are limited.

Please note the email address is mail.com NOT gmail.com.

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 would like an preprinted automatic payment form with the parish details on it there will be some in the foyer.

CHARIS MASS : THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024

The Dunedin Charis group is holding its monthly Mass on Thursday, 29th August at 7.30 p.m. in the St Peter Chanel Church, Green Island, Dunedin. Fr Jaime Lalaguna will celebrate this Mass for us. A non-perishable food basket will be collected for St Vincent de Paul Society. Everyone welcome. For further enquiries contact: Kathy Mayo 473 7115.