

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

26th February

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

5th March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Tongan Community are praying The Stations of the Cross during lent on a Friday evening at 6.00pm everyone welcome.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel Monday to Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation:

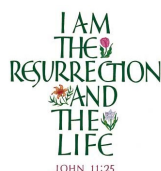
11.30-12 noon Saturday in the Basilica

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

11.00am—12 noon on the First Saturday of the month in the Basilica.

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently
Darren Foss
Sr Elizabeth Mackie

and for those who have anniversaries at this time



The 3 temptations

Each year on the first Sunday of Lent we have the gospel account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Each year when it is proclaimed I am reminded of the reflection on this gospel written by Henri Nouwen, a book I read when I was first ordained. Nouwen considers how the temptations Jesus faces are really the temptations of any Christian leader, in fact, probably for anyone who possesses the noble desire to make a difference.

The temptation to turn stones into bread is what Nouwen describes as the temptation to be relevant. An understandable temptation. We all want to make a difference. Imagine being able to turn stones into bread? The good one could do! But Nouwen writes: "I am deeply convinced that the Christian leader of the future is called to be completely irrelevant and to stand in this world with nothing to offer but his or her vulnerable self. That is the way Jesus came to reveal God's love."

The second temptation is to do something spectacular. For Jesus to leap from the pinnacle of the temple unharmed. For us, maybe, the temptation to win applause for what we do.

Finally, there is the temptation to be powerful. "Maybe it is that power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love. It seems easier to be God than to love God, easier to control people than to love people, easier to own life than to love life."

All these years later I am grateful for Nouwen's wisdom and once more this year his thoughts are the ones that come to mind to challenge me and encourage me.

A longer extract of Nouwen's reflection can be found here:
<http://www.christianity9to5.org/three-temptations-of-a-christian-leader/>

Fr Gerard

Miha Māori

A Mass in Māori is being organised for Sunday, 12 March at 6.30pm.

Followed by kai and kōrero.
Everyone is welcome

ANNOINTING MASS

9th March at 2pm in the Mercy Chapel.

GLOBAL INTERGENERATIONAL Climate Day -
Dunedin Rally
Friday 3 March - Octagon Dunedin - 3.00 pm

Caritas Lenten Reflection booklets – 'I am the Light of the world'

These little booklets help us to pray with and reflect on the Gospels for the six Sundays of Lent. There are some hardcopies available and the booklets can also be downloaded for free (in English, Te Reo Māori, Sāmoan or Tongan) from the Caritas website <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent>.

Mens Breakfast Friday 3rd March in the Mercy Room at 7.00am. Come and join us and enjoy a cooked breakfast and a time to reflect on the weekly gospel reading.

Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal

The Catholic Caring Foundation has launched an appeal to support the communities impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations can be made to the Catholic Caring Foundation: 06 0901 0054866 00. Use your name as the code and please email paulinel@cdd.org.nz so that a tax receipt can be issued. Thank you



Please note also that the Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be set at \$5 during Lent, with the money jointly going to Caritas and the Cyclone appeal. If you would like to give \$5.00 to both just tap your card twice.

Lenten Retreat – 2023

Hosted by Little Sisters of the Poor

Tenderness of God's Love

A Lenten Journey with the Prodigal Son

Who: Single, Catholic women aged 18-40

Where: 295 Brockville Road, Dunedin

When: Saturdays 11th & 25th March 2023

Time: 9.30am – 5.00pm

Cost: Donation

For registration or for more information, please contact St Mary Lourdes

Email: sc@lspdun.co.nz or phone 03 4762033

Website: littlesistersofthepoor.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 'Be still and know that I am God' (Ps.46.11)

SATURDAY 11 MARCH 10.30 - 2.30 in the small hall behind 89 North Rd, N E Valley, Dunedin

We invite you to join us to learn, discuss, question and experience this ancient form of silent prayer.

This will be a relaxed, informal introduction to meditation from a Christian perspective.

Admission free, tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Please bring your own lunch.

For more info: Frank Meenan 027 658 7964

Prayers for Peace in Ukraine When: **Wednesday 1st March, 6.30pm, St Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin.**

Supper to follow in the Pastoral Centre. *Please Note, that the normal Cathedral Wed Mass will occur at 5:30pm, but adoration will take a break that week.*

In Dunedin as it is in Heaven

Thursday 9 March 2023

Regent Theatre, Dunedin

6.45pm doors open for a 7.30pm start

Visit www.openheaven.nz or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/openheavennz) for more information

Ministry	4 - 5 March		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Kerry Sinclair	Mary Roche	
Readers	Anne Kennedy	Maria Noonan	Sarah Makoujio
Prayers of the Faithful & Introduction	Kerry Sinclair Christine Crothers	Ellen Brown Liz Rose	John Paterson Phil Merchant
Off/ Collection	Evan Vincent Tony Cossens	Teitei & Susi Lei Family	Jeslin, Jaimon & Family
Projector	Deborah Rielly	John Curran	June Watt
Camera Operator		Krystna Jodczyk	
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni	Jude Booth Dominic Helson-South	Toini Chadwick Hinaliana Iaseto
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Vincent	Deborah Whitty Sandra Boock	Maggie Tupu Letty De Bono
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Jenny Batey Mellie Iaseto	June Watt
Children's Liturgy		Jenny Batey	
Morning Tea		Liz and Meltzer fam	Sua Family
Counting		Ray Paterson John Curran J Black, C Radford	

The World Day of Prayer is held on the first Friday of March each year, this year a South Dunedin service will be hosted by Holy Cross, Anglicans at 2pm on the 3rd March. Please see poster in the foyer.

Curious about the Catholic faith?

Do you know someone who could be interested in learning more about being a Catholic? Is there someone in your family whānau or your circle of friends who has shown interest in what Catholics believe and how their beliefs influence their lives?

Maybe they asked you questions about why Catholics bless themselves or where God is present in the world, or what Catholics believe happens when people die? People often use questions in their search for God and the answers they receive can encourage them make the next steps on their faith journey.

Mercy parish is inviting people (who may be ready to start or continue their faith journey) to come along to a meeting over a light lunch, **after 11:00 Mass next Sunday, March 5**. The meeting will be held in the **Bart Winters Room of the St Patrick's Community Centre**. Please invite people you know who would like to attend the meeting. Everyone is very welcome including family members or companions on the journey.

We look forward to seeing you. If you would like more information please phone Anne Kennedy 021 477 347.

**20:20 Catholic Questions
2nd March**

What was the early Church like?

Colin MacLeod

(National Centre for Religious Studies) It's useful to go back to the Church's very beginnings to help us reflect on what it means to be Church now.

There will be childminding available in the Bart Winters Room.