

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

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**28th July
2024**

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

28th July 2024

17th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

4th August 2024

18th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

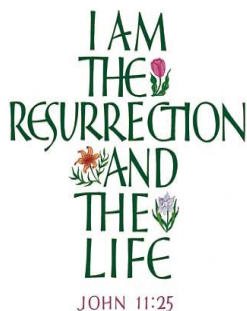
11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Samoan Mass

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

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently
Fr Salvain Ndayizeye & Garth Thom

and for those who have anniversaries at this time:
Pat Curran & Thomas Patrick Whelan



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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-4
Second Reading: Ephesians 4.17
Gospel: John 6.24-35

Surrender and Acceptance

Surrender will always feel like dying, yet it is THE necessary step to liberation. It takes each of us a long time to just ACCEPT – to accept what is; to accept ourselves, others, the past, our own mistakes, and the imperfections of almost everything.

Our lack of acceptance reveals our basic resistance to life. Acceptance is not our usual mode of response nearly as much as aggression, resistance, fight or flight. None of these responses achieve the deep, lasting results of true acceptance and peaceful surrender.

Acceptance becomes the strangest and yet strongest kind of power. Surrender is not giving up, as we often think; it is a giving to the moment, the event, the person, and the situation. Surrender is ultimately the door that keeps open our will, as stubborn and slow to change as it may be, to the will of God, the path of ultimate happiness.

I'm an elder. Recently, my beloved received a terminal medical diagnosis. Our prayer life has become a daily practice of prayer focusing on love, mercy, and gratitude. During this time, I have noticed the importance of being careful with my perspective which feeds my thoughts and leads to words and actions. My attachments, which were disguised as love, have become so clear to me. Through the love of Christ, I noticed the things in my life that I should grieve for, and what is not worth grieving. I realise that within everything their dwells "that which doesn't end" - or Love. Great suffering has shown me this truth. I am finally surrendering to the vulnerability of receiving, rather than constantly bartering for more.
Excerpts from Fr Richard Rohr...

Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group and Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy 21st Annual Peace Lecture

Date : Monday 9th September 2024
Pre-lecture meal time : 5pm (All welcome, optional, koha/
donation) Lecture and discussion : 7pm-9pm (no cost)
Venue : Araiteuru Marae, 24 Shetland St, Dunedin

Assisted collection service

This service is available if you have a disability or medical condition that means you have difficulty in getting your recycling bin or rubbish bin to the kerbside. Collection contractors come on your property to collect your recycling bin or rubbish bin. To apply, please contact us on 03 477 4000 to arrange a visit from a DCC staff member to assess the help you require.

St Brigid's School



14TH AUGUST, 2024
Green Island Rugby Club
 Neill St, Abbotsford
 Doors open : 6:15pm
 Game starts: 7:00pm

\$15 for 10 games + \$5 a super house
Cash sales only
 Raffles will be sold throughout the night

The bar and kitchen will be open.

Laudato Si' reflection

'Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them ... When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." [Jn 6:12]

'Fragments', the small, the often overlooked, are of great value to Jesus. Everyone and everything is included in God's economy of relationship and love. When we "give thanks to God before and after meals... That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." [LS 227]

Ministry	3 - 4 August		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Evan Vincent	Anthony Winders	Lita Samita
Readers	Geoff Cusack Paul Armstrong	Jenny Batey Ellen Brown	Camila Barnes Manaia Barnes
Prayers of the Faithful & Introduction	Anne Kennedy	Ross Reitz	Sarah Makoujio
Off/ Collection	John Fitzgibbons Peter Rielly	Dione Price	Julie Samita Sione Kalavite
Projector	George Morris	John Curran	June Watt
Camera Operator		Chi Nguyen	
Eucharistic Ministers	Trish Seaman	Bill Brown Adrienne Ryan	John Paterson Letty De Bono
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Margaret & Kevin O'Sullivan	Marian Simons
Children's Liturgy		Jan and Colin MacLeod	
Morning Tea		Claire and Daryl	Volunteers
Counting		Ray Paterson John Curran Craig Radford	

Catholic Church thanks Royal Commissioners for the final report.

There are copies of the response from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops to the Royal Commssioners in the foyer.

Tuesday 30 July is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

We invite parishioners to join in prayer for an end to trafficking, which Pope Francis calls "a scourge afflicting the Body of Christ today." Caritas has prepared a strong letter giving facts about human trafficking in our country (25 June 2024). Please take a copy of this letter if you wish to know more.

A parishioner has kindly donated a wheelchair.
 It is in the sacristy if anyone wishes to use it.

Consultation for DCC proposed relocation of the bus stop on MacAndrew Road.

Last week we sent out a copy of the letter from the DCC regarding the above. We would appreciate any feedback. If you have concerns or support please email the parish office so that it can be added into the reply to the DCC.

Mens Breakfast Friday 2nd August in the Mercy Room at 7.00am.
 Come and join us and enjoy a cooked breakfast and a time to reflect on the Sunday Gospel.

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.**

Care for our Priests	\$500.00
Parish	\$994.00
Total (excludes Automatic Payments)	\$1494.00

SOUP & BUNS

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



For the month of July The Mercy Parish Tap and Go eftpos machine will be in support of the Soup and Buns.

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.