

# Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Year A  
31st May 2026

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## Mass Times:

**Mercy Parish**

**32 Macandrew Road, Dunedin**

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.30 am & 11.00 am

## Weekday Masses

**Mercy Chapel** - Mon to Thurs - 9am

Tuesday - 12.10 pm

Thursday - 6.00 pm

## School Masses

**St Bernadettes** Wed 10th June @ 11.10

**St Brigid's** Thurs 12th June @ 10.30

## Reconciliation

11.30-12 noon Saturday

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

## Samoan Mass

**172 Corstorphine Road**

1st Sunday of the Month -11.00am

## Broad Bay Queen Mary of Peace

**721A Portobello Road**

3rd Sunday of the Month -11.00am

## Filipino Mass

4th Sunday of the month - 6.00pm

**Online Mass** can be viewed either on the Mercy Parish Webpage ([mercyparishwhanauaroha](http://mercyparishwhanauaroha.com)), or the Mercy Parish facebook.

What Catholic values are visible in this community?

(What values are not visible?)

Spirit of Aliveness

## Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

—Acts 2:1–4

*In this Pentecost homily, Father Richard Rohr encourages Christians to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit as a gift that God has already given.*

It's a shame that the Holy Spirit tends to be an afterthought for many Christians. We don't really draw upon the Spirit within us. We tend, I'm afraid, to simply go through the motions. We formally believe, but there isn't much fire or conviction behind it, so there isn't much service either.

In the Gospels there are two clearly distinguished baptisms. There's the baptism with water that most of us are used to, and then there's the baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11); that's the one that really matters.

The water baptism that many of us received as children demands little conviction or understanding. Some parents simply do it to make their parents or grandparents happy. Until this baptism by water becomes real, until we know and rely on Jesus, and until we call upon, share, and love Jesus, we're just going along for the ride.

We can recognize people who have had a second baptism in the Holy Spirit. They tend to be loving and lively. They want to serve others and not just be served themselves. They forgive life itself for not being everything they once hoped for. They forgive their neighbors, and they forgive themselves for not being as perfect as they would like to be.

Even though we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit," I hope you know that the gift of the Spirit is already given. The Holy Spirit has already come. We all are temples of the Holy Spirit—equally, objectively, and forever! The only difference is the degree to which we know it, draw upon it, and consciously believe it. All the scriptural images of the Spirit are dynamic—flowing water, descending dove or fire, and rushing wind. If there's rarely any movement, energy, excitement, deep love, service, forgiveness, or surrender, we can be pretty sure we aren't living out of the Spirit. If we're just going through the motions, we aren't experiencing our connection to the Spirit. We would do well to fan into flame the gift we already have.

God doesn't give the Spirit to those of us who are worthy, because none of us are worthy. *God gives the Spirit in this awakened way to those who want it*, quite simply, want it! Rely upon it. Know that it has already been given and live out of that trust with the Father, Son & the Holy Spirit.

Richard Rohr

### St. Carlo Acutis Relic Mission in Dunedin Diocese: June 20–21

We are blessed to have a relic of St. Carlo Acutis, our first millennial saint, visiting our diocese! All are invited to encounter the witness of this inspiring young man and pray with the relic at the following public events:

#### Saturday, 20 June

- 2:00 pm: Talk & Veneration – *Oamaru Basilica*
- 7:00 pm: Youth Event – *Sacred Heart Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Brockville*

#### Sunday, 21 June

- 10:30 am: Mass – *St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin*
- 2:00 pm: Talk & Veneration – *St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin*
- 7:00 pm: Mass – *Holy Name Catholic Church, Dunedin North*



### You are invited - Passionist Family Group Formation 2026

Passionist Family Groups have been gathering and growing for over 30 years in Dunedin. We extend a very warm invitation to attend a time of fellowship, faith education and reflection around two topics:

- **Nurturing** and
- **Nourishment**

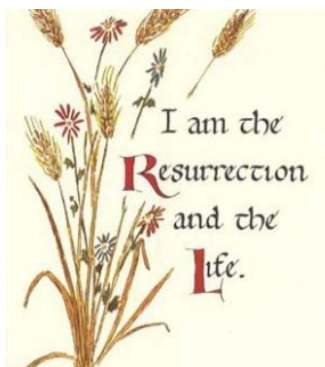
These presentations will each be followed by shared discussion. They cover what Passionist Family Groups are about, and how we can (re)connect with the life and love of the early Church by 'being for others' and building a place of welcome and belonging in our local parish communities. It'll be engaging and fun – come join us.

**Presenter:** Paul Traynor, National Coordinator of Passionist Family Group Aotearoa

**Date:** 14 June **Time:** 12.30 to 4.00pm **Venue:** Mercy Room, 42 Macandrew Road, Dunedin. **What to bring:** Something to share for a 'shared lunch'; Bring a friend - **all are welcome!**



**Tap and Go Machine** Unfortunately our Tap & Go machine is broken and we won't have a replacement for another week or so.



We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently:

and for those who have anniversaries at this time:  
Jim Bradley & Maisie Bradley



#### Body & Blood Of Christ

**1st Reading** Det 8.2-3

**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 10.16-17

**Gospel:** John 6.51-59

## Mercy Parish 2025 Financial Report to 31 Dec 2025

### Income

Parish Collections	\$153,908	APs \$98,602, Cash \$55,306
Bequests	\$25,500	
Rentals	\$120,905	Carpark \$18,375, Rental Properties \$48,776 CSS rental \$38,525, Parish Centre Rental \$15,229
Interest	\$27,371	
Tap & Go/Donations	\$13,050	Tap & Go income \$9180, Donations \$3870
Presbytery Transfer	\$28,840	1/3 Sunday Collection
Special Collections	\$4,539	Advent \$155, Prop of Faith \$520, Edu \$605, Sem \$686 Holy Places \$268, Lenten \$1,626, Peter's Pence \$679
Candles/Books	\$1,335	Candles \$576, Books \$759.11
Christmas/Easter Offering	\$1,745	Xmas/Easter Offering \$1,445, Stole Fees (Baptisms etc \$300)
Monthly Priest Allow	\$15,480	Diocesan allocation \$1,290 per month to support two priests
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$392,673</b>	

### Expenditure

Running Costs	\$167,487	Insurance \$16,900, Rates \$14,612, Rates CSS \$36,548 Heat/Light \$18,356, Repairs/Maintenance \$37,918, Household \$12,300, IT \$4,688, Printing \$4,621 Telephone \$4,707, Cleaning \$7,514, Sundries \$4,003 Rent/Management Fee \$3,163, Requisites (hosts, wine) \$1,757
Hospitality/Pastoral	\$30,606	Cars \$20,598, Music \$2,451, Subs \$1,213, Parish Functions \$325, Koha \$4,114, Books \$1,905
Administrative Costs	\$75,529	Wages \$72,836, Sundry \$558 (ACC, EFTPOS fee), Planned Giv \$527, Admin \$741, Copyright \$856
Special Collection Dist	\$11,355	Christmas, Advent, Education, Holy Places, Peters Pence, Seminary, Prop Faith, Lenten, Donations
Diocesan costs	\$154,752	Levy \$59,856, 1/3 AP/PG Trans to Clergy Central \$61,803, 1/3 Sunday Collection to CC \$28,842, Surplus to CC \$4250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$439,728</b>	
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$47,055</b>	

Note that last year we overspent by a little over \$47,000, a good proportion of which was necessary capital expenditure on repairs to the Community Centre (\$ 28,527.97).

## **Care of Priests**

Care of the Priests: 1/3 of our income goes toward the care of the priests, those in parishes as well as retired priests.

## **Planned giving/Automatic payments**

We thank the 55 parishioners who contribute by way of weekly envelopes. We are also particularly grateful to those 78 who donate by way of automatic payments. APs reduce the extra work of counting the collection each Sunday, save on the cost of printing envelopes, and because of the guaranteed income they represent, help us to plan our expenditure more easily. We would encourage parishioners, where able, to consider using an automatic payment.

## **Rental Properties and Car Parks**

Our Rental Income comes from three houses the parish owns, the leasing of the carparks and the lease of the Community Centre. The parish appreciates having Catholic Social Services based in our Community Centre and their new building. They add vibrancy to our parish.

## **Tap & Go**

These donations have helped a variety of causes: Community Study English Group, Lenten Appeal, Myanmar Earthquake Relief, Gaza Humanitarian Fund, Friday Parish Lunch, Catholic Social Services, Catholic Caring Foundation and APLHA.

## **Accumulated funds**

Despite undertaking a major redevelopment some ten years ago, we still have some savings. These savings are banked with the diocese in the Catholic Development Fund. These funds give us confidence going forward and allow us to plan for any major maintenance required.

## **Bequests**

We were grateful for a bequest of \$25,500 which was a huge blessing for our parish. Please consider including the parish and the diocese in your will.

## **Outreach**

Throughout the year there are special collections for the Seminary, Holy Land, The Caring Foundation, Peter's Pence, Caritas etc. We also contribute to the national seminary. We support Catholic Social Services and the St Francis of Assisi Trust, which both reach out to our South Dunedin and the wider community with help and numerous programmes, including the Friday lunch. The Tap & Go supports numerous causes (see above). We extend pastoral support to our local primary and secondary catholic schools. We provide a regular on-line presence to a wide and appreciative following every Sunday.

**Please help us to maintain our outreach and mission by supporting our parish. To register or obtain information about our planned giving, please contact our Parish Secretary, Lynlea Forbes: [mercy.parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mercy.parish@xtra.co.nz) Ph 4558933**

**Any further information can be presented at the Parish Office.**

**John Curran Finance Chair.**