



Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

4th September
2022

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

4th September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ord Time Year C

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Samoan Mass

11th September 2022

24th Sunday in Ord Time Year C

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

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.

Mass Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office or place in an envelope
in the collection tray if wishing to arrange for a Mass
to be

offered, specifying the preferred day and place.

We Prayerfully remember those who have
died recently and for those
Joe Trompetter
who have anniversaries at this time
Peter McBride
Frank O'Neill

I AM
THE
RESURRECTION
AND
THE
LIFE
JOHN 11:25

Confirmation Reflection

Nervous, excited, fulfilled and inspired. These are all adjectives that spring to mind when I remember my Confirmation, just a few years ago! And I am sure that for many of our candidates today they have been going through the same gambit of emotions.

Preparation for Confirmation brings with it anticipation. Choosing a Saint who is going to part of your faith journey was one of the most exciting parts of preparation for Confirmation, I chose St Bernadette.

Deepening your understanding about how the Holy Spirit is there to help and guide you is also amazing. When you are Confirmed you are sealed with the Holy Spirit and God's grace. This grace helps us to grow in faith, hope and love. Confirmation chooses us to be disciples of the Church and to have a deeper relationship with God. We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and filled with the fruits.

That is enough to make anyone nervous, excited, fulfilled and inspired!

Congratulations to everyone today!

Debs Whitty

*Please keep the children
of our parish in your
prayers as they receive
the Sacrament of
confirmation this Sunday
at the 9.30am Mass*

We pray for Peter,
Suu and Joseph
as they celebrate
their Ordinations
to the
Diaconate

Luke's Gospel reminds us of the practical and ethical realities of discipleship - that it requires our total and ongoing devotion. The importance of this message is seen in our world today. It's hard to keep caring but it's essential to our faith.

Pope Francis writes "...environmental deterioration and human and ethical degradation are closely linked. Many people will deny doing anything wrong because distractions constantly dull our consciousness of just how limited and finite our world really is." (LS 56)

20:20 Catholic Questions
(information on the Webpage and in the foyer)

15 September
Who is God?
Colin MacLeod

(Director of National Centre for Religious Studies)

We believe in one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
How our understanding of the Trinity shapes our images of God.

About

An opportunity for adult discussion and learning about what the church teaches and where we fit.
6.20pm in St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, Dunedin
20 minutes presentation
20 minutes for questions (and out the door by 7.00pm)

The Monthly International Rosary will be celebrated at St. Peter Chanel Parish on Tuesday, 6th Sept at 7.00 pm. The Rosary will be followed by Benediction.



In partnership with the Tindall Foundation, the Diocese of Dunedin invites applications for grants that will support families and social services within the Diocese.

Applications relating to the following are particularly welcome:

- Young children
- Youth development
- Literacy, numeracy and budgeting skills
- Māori
- Migrant and refugees
- Rural communities

Grants are available up to a maximum of \$7,000.

Applications close on 12 September 2022.

The application form is available on-line at www.cdd.nz/grants or by contacting Pauline Lee on (03) 4745750 or paulinel@cdd.org.nz

Care of Priests	\$415.00
Parish	\$830.00
Total	\$1245.00

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17
Gospel: Luke 15.1-32

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 them. **Please contact the Parish Office, Ph. 455 8933 or Adrienne Ryan Ph. 476 1520.**

SOUTH DUNEDIN AND CARE FOR CREATION: Learning and Praying Together as Local Churches

Each year, many churches around the world celebrate the "Season of Creation" in September, providing an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of creation, and to pay attention to environmental concerns. Here in South Dunedin, we face some pressing environmental questions regarding the long-term impacts of sea level rise on our low-lying neighbourhood. This year, local churches are hosting two events to help us to be attentive and prayerfully responsive to these South Dunedin concerns:

LEARNING TOGETHER: Wed 14 Sept, 7.30pm

Where do we see the gift of creation in South Dunedin? How well have we cared for this gift? Can we be hopeful for our future here, given issues of sea level rise? We will consider these questions together in a panel-style discussion, with input from the DCC South Dunedin Future team and local church leaders. This event will be held in the hall at Dunedin South Presbyterian Church, 393 King Edward Street, South Dunedin.

PRAYING TOGETHER: Wed 21 Sept, 7.30pm

This will be a reflective prayer service focussed on the theme of creation, giving thanks for our neighbourhood, and also praying for the environmental challenges and opportunities highlighted in the Sept 14 discussion. This event will be held at St Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.

Face masks are encouraged at both events. This initiative is supported by a number of local South Dunedin churches. For further information, contact info@southdseedling.nz

Ministry	10-11 September		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Evan Vincent	Bill McCombie Mary McCombie	Tongan Community
Readers	John Chapman Derrick Railton Anne-Marie Eathorne	John Curran Sandra Boock Adrienne Ryan	Tongan Community Tongan Community Tongan Community
Prayers of the Faithful	John Fitzgibbon	Delaney Family	Theresa & Melanie Sao Sua
Off/ Collection		Ben Anderson	
Projector	Arlene Ozanne	Deborah Whitty	June Watt
Camera Operator		Chi Nguyen	
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni	Hermione & Halaina Sparks Hayden Hong	Matanofu Taua Shalia Kelekolio
Eucharistic Ministers	Deborah Riley	Margaret O'Sullivan Lee Nicol	John Paterson Janferie Kelekolio
Sacristan	Michael Firmin	Margaret & Kevin O'Sullivan	John Paterson
Childrens Liturgy		Jan & Colin MacLeod	
		Tania & Family	Tongan Community
Counting		Chi Nguyen, Lee Nicol	