

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

8th May
2022

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Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica

8th May 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

11.00 am Samoan Mass

17th May 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am Basilica

11.00 am Basilica

Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel Monday - Saturday at 9.00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reconciliation will be celebrated in the end room of the Mercy Chapel. This enables us to observe a suitable distance. Please enter through the Chapel. This Sacrament is available each Saturday from 11.30am until 12 noon.

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.

Honouring the shepherds in our lives

On Monday the priests of the diocese gathered at St Mary's basilica in Invercargill for a Mass and then went to the Ascot hotel for a meal as we celebrated the jubilees of Fr Michael Hishon (25 years), Fr Tony Harrison (50 years) and Fr Tom Keyes (70 years). There have been times in the past when there have been grizzles if the speeches go too long but this year no one seemed to be in a hurry. It was good to spend the time together honouring these three men who have each been called to live the vocation of ordained priesthood in remarkably different ways.

I was given the honour of offering a toast for Tony during which I spoke of his guidance of me when I was first ordained and also recounted a couple moments when his ministry brought great comfort to people. Tony in turn recalled some of his mistakes and also gave thanks for some of the opportunities he has had to serve. It was good to pause and notice the unique goodness of Michael, Tony and Tom and to recognise in their priesthood the presence of the Good Shepherd.

Today we also take time to honour our Mums. Our Mums, likewise, bring their own unique gifts to this vocation and it is good to remember and celebrate our Mums in an unhurried way. Through the ministry of our Mums the Good Shepherd tends and cares and guides. Thank you to all Mums.

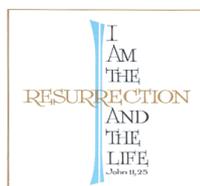
Fr Gerard

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently

Sr Gaynor Laverty SMSM
Ann France

and those who have anniversaries at this time

Albert Irion (Vigil)
Rosa Irion (Vigil)



Women's Scripture Group is meeting, via Zoom, on **Thursday 12 May at 7pm**. If you would like to join us please contact Lynne (ph 0210430536) and I'll send you the Zoom link. All welcome!



A reflection for this Sundays Gospel (John 10:27-30)

Jesus said: " The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one."

Take time to become still, let go of what is preoccupying you and focus on your breathing and your seated body. Every breath filling me with the presence of God.

Read this passage several times and then pay attention to a word or image that seems to resonate with you.

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice. What does the voice of Jesus sound like to me ?
I know them and they follow me. How does it feel to recall that God knows me ?
No one will ever steal them from me. Am I persuaded by alternatives?

As I bring these moments with Jesus to a close I pray.

*To see him more clearly,
 love him more dearly,
 and follow him more nearly,
 day by day by day.*

Holy Mass for Life: Bishop Colin Campbell will offer the Holy Mass at 12 noon, Saturday, 21st May at St Joseph's Cathedral for the intentions of the protection of unborn children, also praying for their mothers and fathers and all other pro-life causes. Please let others know and invite them to join us on this day.

Please find below a link to the latest free digital issue of NZ Catholic.



<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

During Lent the Tap & Go was set at a \$5.00 donation with all proceeds being sent to Caritas as one Parish donation.

The donation amount will still be \$5.00 but now all donations will go towards supporting our Parish Outreach.

Alive in the Spirit on-line conference; an opportunity for parish renewal. Many of our parishes and communities are hungering for fresh hope, new ideas, and positive stories and models of practice in service of Christ's mission. This conference offers to help engage your parishioners/ community with over thirty workshops, amazing keynotes, balancing on-screen input with time for off-screen prayer, reflection and a call to action. It is affordable and flexible (you have access to the workshops for one year so can watch when it suits your group). Registrations and more info is on the website: <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>. Any questions contact Amy: amy@cdd.org.nz/474-5755

There is a poster in the foyer.

St Vincent de Paul are looking for volunteers in our shops, our George St sorting room, and in the food bank. Please contact Sarah on 03 477 0555 or email office@stvincentdepauldunedin.nz if you're interested in joining our team.

Also, a reminder that we rely on the generous donations from our wonderful parish communities to keep our food bank stocked. We are currently in need of reusable shopping bags, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, sugar, soap, washing powder, dish wash, toilet paper, shampoo, school lunch items. Thank you for your support.

LAUDATO SI' – Caring for our Common Home – Mothers' Day

Many blessings on Mothers' Day to all our Mums! And here's to our other Mother! Let us also celebrate the beauty and wonder of *Mother Earth/Papatuanuku*.

LS #1 : "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs"
 - Francis of Assisi



Ministry	14-15 May		
	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:00am
Greeters	Evan Vincent	School Mass	Tongan Community
Readers	Anne Kennedy Yvonne Coughlan		Tongan Community Tongan Community
Prayers of the Faithful & Introduction	John Chapman		Tongan Community
Off/ Collection	Peter Rielly Evan Vincent		Maria Parsons
Projector	Deborah Rielly		June Watt
Camera Operator			
Altar Server/s	Anahera, Maia and Tai Koni	Feile Ryan Skyla Tupu-Watson	Matanofu Taua Shalia Kekekolio
Eucharistic Ministers	Rob Duffy	Margaret & Kevin O'Sullivan	Maggie Tupu Dorothy Jacobson
Sacristan	Mary Vincent	Margaret & Kevin O'Sullivan Jenny Batey	June Watt
Morning Tea		Amy, Jeremy & fam	Lita and family
Counting		C Nguyen, L Nicol	

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.**

Care of Priests	\$380.00
Easter Offering	\$50.00
Parish	\$757.00
Total	\$1187.00

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts: 14.21b-27
Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-5a
Gospel: John 13.1,31-33a,34-35