

Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

12th September
2021

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Mass this Sunday will be livestreamed at 9.30 am
Follow the link on the Mercy Parish Whanau Aroha Web Page

"I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works" - St James

On Thursday night I arrived back in Dunedin after 3 months of sabbatical. It has been a blessed time for me, and I return refreshed and in good heart, looking forward to being among you all at Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha. Thank you to Monsignor John Harrison and Fr Vaughan Hook for assisting with the celebration of the parish Masses in my absence. I know, too, that the parish's work continued in many varied ways while I was away, and it is with this in mind that I look forward to re-engaging with you all in the work and ministry of our parish.

We may not be able to gather yet for Sunday Mass, but we are now less restrained in our ability to reach out to one another, to care and to serve. St James reminds us in our second reading this Sunday that our good works and faith are intimately intertwined. Pope Francis, similarly, continues to urge us to see ourselves as missionary disciples, having an outwardly oriented faith that connects in a special way with the poor and those on the periphery.

This Sunday a Mass will be live-streamed from the Basilica at 9.30am. The Church will be open each day and you are invited to take a moment for quiet prayer. Weekday Masses will resume on Monday.

Fr Gerard

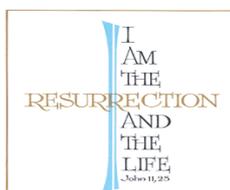
Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel
Starting
Monday at 9.00 am.

We Prayerfully Remember those who have died recently

Joan Jack

Mavis Herd

and those who have anniversaries



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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Prayers of the Faithful.

The response is: **Creator God hear our prayer.**

For our Church, that on this 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the United States we may be living examples of peace and reconciliation, and we pray in the face of extreme violence in our world that God will soften hearts hardened by hatred.

We pray to our God.

For people who live with the fear of violence in their countries, communities or homes, especially women and girls in Afghanistan, that God who loves all people will bring peace and hope into their lives.

We pray to our God.

We pray in thanks and blessing for all the people who give of their time and energy to provide Food Banks for those in need throughout Aotearoa New Zealand at this time when need is so widespread.

We pray to our God.

In this time of the Season of Creation, we give thanks for the wonderful Earth which is shared with the whole community of life, may we seek just relationships that heal and sustain God's Creation, so that all life may flourish.

We pray to our God.

That our belonging to Mercy parish community, through the Sacrament of Baptism, will enable us to confidently answer Jesus's question "who do you say I am".

We pray to our God.

For all those who have died recently, especially:

Joan Jack

And for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time,

May they enjoy eternal life and peace.

We pray to our God.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

While we are in Level 2 the Sacrament of 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.

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SEASON OF CREATION

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Laudato Si' #217)

In the lead-up to two important UN conferences - on Biodiversity (October) and Climate Change (Nov), the international **'Healthy Planet, Healthy People'** petition has been launched. It is hoped that millions of Catholics and others will sign the petition to help restore our common home and that world leaders will be encouraged to take urgent action to care for our planet and our people. If you wish, you can sign the Catholic petition at <https://thecatholicpetition.org/>.



**Thursday afternoon under level 2
restrictions.**

'Soup and Buns'

Thursday 3.30pm to 6.00pm
in the foyer of the Basilica.

Webpage: mercyparish.nz

Facebook: [@mercyparish.whanauaroha](https://www.facebook.com/mercyparish.whanauaroha)

We are so happy you could join us today. If you would like to be more involved in the parish please call either Lynne Toomey (0210430536) Claire 021 130 7691 (hospitality) or Lee-Ann Henry at lee-ann.h@outlook.com (Liturgy Rosters) Or visit us online.

**A Culture of Encounter:
Be the Church**

**He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu:
Me Noho Ko Koutou te Hāhi**



"To restore hope and bring about renewal...it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter."
Fratelli Tutti, p.30, 2020

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference gives us Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme is - ***A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church / He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu: Me Noho Ko Koutou te Hāhi.*** The theme was inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, [Fratelli Tutti](#).

The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have written a special Statement for Social Justice Week, ***A culture of encounter - a call to social friendship as a single human family*** which is available [here](#).

Caritas has prepared some great resources for Social Justice Week, including a discussion guide on *Fratelli Tutti*. As Caritas notes, *Fratelli Tutti* was written in 2020, during the global pandemic, and in the worldwide context of increasing racism and fear of people seen as different. Pope Francis calls for "a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance". (FT #1) "Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls." (FT #284)

For all the resources and more information visit: <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

MORAN CHAPEL MASSES AND RECONCILIATION
Mass is celebrated in the Moran Chapel in the Octagon every Monday-Friday at 12.10pm.

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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.**