Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
11th October 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 Sat - 9am
Tuesday - 12.10 pm
Thursday - 6.00 pm

School Masses
St Bernadettes to be advised
St Brigid's to be advised

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), or the Mercy Parish facebook.

Who is welcome here? (Who is missing)

Protect Life….. that is - all God has created.

I recently watched a 90min video of Sir David Attenborough, reflecting upon the changes of the natural world, of which we are not 'apart from' but 'a part of', and how he describes the changes happening just in his life time. These changes, he describes as very alarming if left unattended, and he also stated that with a combined effort from all nations, that we humanity – who have been gifted with the care of all creation– can, manage better, and even change the course of our worlds imbalances towards a more balanced and sustainable world for all Gods creatures.

Our Catholic and all Christian teaching has always spoken of the inherent dignity of every human person, beginning right from conception and unto death as sacred because every person is created in Gods image.

This raises another great concern as we witness war rage around the world and all those impacted upon who have a 'right to live a peaceful life'. In recent times 'the just war theory' long ago developed by the Church, which is now outdated, is being used as an excuse to justify and normalise war as a way of life. Our Pope claims far more effective tools for promoting human life such as dialogue, diplomacy and forgiveness.

Finally, advocacy, help for the protection of life in all its manifestations, cannot be selective. Catholic teaching has always spoken of 'a consistent ethic of life', recognising that everything, all life is connected. This is a valuable tool for assessing which political party supports such an ethic. E.g. save the unborn child, save the environment, love, and save lives! - throughout life!

This consistent ethic must therefore shape all our responses to the whole spectrum of issues that arise from the creation: unborn children, elderly, the poor, migrants, refugees, environment, other victims of war and violence, prisoners, and those who experience discrimination. Excerpts from – David Attenborough video, and Support Life Sunday.

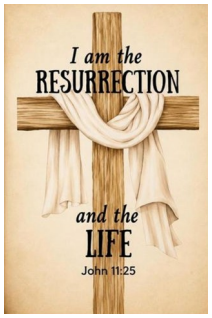
Fr Michael

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently: and for those who have anniversaries at this time:

Maria Dorota Mazur

Nancy Holland

Joseph Calma



MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION:
The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on October 18. The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer. Find out more at: https://missio.nz/

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1st Reading	**Isaiah 45.1,4-6**
2nd Reading:	**1 Thesssalonians 1.1-5**
Gospel:	**Matthew 22.15-21**

Support Life Sunday -"Living Peace"

Building a world of peace and justice

He Rangimārie e ora ana: Hangaia he ao e mārie ana, he ao e tika ana.

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Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
(Adapted from the Prayer of St Francis of Assisi)

Tap and Go Machine:
As the season of creation finishes and spring is here we would love to be able to beautify our gardens and replant our vegetable boxes. The vegetables will be all ready for summer sharing. All donations through the Tap and Go for this month will go towards this—keep an eye out for new growth around the grounds.

Oamaru Chorale

Do you enjoy beautiful choral music? We are singing 3 choral works, in 4 parts, by Marianna Martines at St Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Rd. on Sunday, 18 October at 2.00 pm.

Our 3 soloists: Ameera Woods (soprano) Eva Stein (alto) and Teddy Finney Waters (tenor) are all voice students from the University of Otago.

Our accompanist is Dr Ron Newton and our music director is David Beattie.

We will be singing 2 short pieces: the 1st movement from Dixit Dominus and the Kyrie from Mass No 4 as well as the full choral setting of Psalm 42.

There will also be a piano sonata in Eb, by another Viennese composer, Marianna von Auenbrugger (1781) which will be played by Christine Turner.

The whole concert is just under one hour.

Entry is by koha (donation). We would love to see you there.

We are looking forward to welcoming back to Rattray Street all alumni from St Dominic's, St Philomena's, Moreau, St Paul's, and Kavanagh, as we celebrate 150 years of boys' and girls' Catholic secondary school education in Dunedin. Make sure you register as soon as possible. Follow our facebook page '150th Anniversary Reunion at Trinity Catholic College' for photos and memories, and see our website https://www.trinity.school.nz/ for more information and to register.

Bookings for the Community Rooms If you are wanting to book either the Mercy Room or the Bart Winters Room could you please now ring the Parish Office 4558933 or email: mercy.parish@xtra.co.nz If the office is unattended please leave a phone message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Suggestion box
Thankyou to those who have used the suggestion box. If you would like a personal reply please leave contact details on your suggestion.