Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

All Saints
1st November 2026

Who is welcome here? (Who is missing)

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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 4th November @ 11am
St Brigid's 6th November @ 10.30 am

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.

The Solemnity of All Saints and November: A Time to Remember and Pray for Our Beloved Departed

The Feast of All Saints invites us to contemplate the glory and holiness of God and to rejoice in the lives of all those who have attained the joy of heaven, including our beloved family members and friends. It also reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people. We are all called to become saints through the simple, ordinary moments of our daily lives, by living with love, kindness, compassion, and faithfulness. As Pope Francis beautifully reminded us, there are "saints next door"—people whose humble lives reflect the presence and love of God among us.

As we enter the month of November, the Church invites us to remember and pray in a special way for the faithful departed. Our love for those who have gone before us does not end with death. Through our prayers, the celebration of the Holy Mass, and our acts of charity, we entrust their souls to the merciful love of God, asking Him to bring them to the fullness of His heavenly glory. In doing so, we remain united with them in the communion of saints, trusting that the love we share in Christ is stronger than death.

At the heart of this remembrance is our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Christ has conquered sin and death, we do not grieve without hope. We believe that death is not the end, but the passage to eternal life for those who belong to Him. This hope comforts us in our sorrow, strengthens our faith, and reminds us that one day, by God's grace, we hope to be reunited with our beloved departed in the joy of heaven.

Therefore, November is not only a time to remember those we have lost, but also an invitation to reflect on how we are living today. As we pray for our departed loved ones, may their memory inspire us to grow in holiness, to love more deeply, to forgive more readily, and to serve others with generous hearts. May we live each day in the light of Christ's Resurrection, so that our lives may become a witness to the hope of eternal life. And may we continue to entrust our beloved departed to God's infinite mercy, until the day when we are all gathered together in His eternal love and peace.

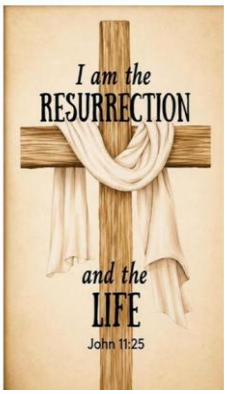
Fr Joseph

Monday
2nd November
All Souls Masses

At 9 am & 6 pm

St Patrick's Basilica

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently:
Thelma Evelyn Hoskin
and for those who have anniversaries at this time:
Wladyslaw Jodczyk
Patrick & Patricia Adamson
Park Jae-ik
Helen Augustine



Celebrating 250 Years of the Presentation Sisters - A Joyful Jubilee Celebration

With grateful hearts and great joy, we warmly invite all Friends of Nano, past and present pupils, families, Religious, priests, parishioners, and all who have shared in our Presentation story to join us as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Presentation Sisters' Congregation.

✨ Jubilee Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Michael Dooley
🗓️ Friday, 20 November
🕕 6.00 pm
📍 St Mary's Church, Mosgiel
Following Mass, please join us for a Potluck Finger Food Supper and an opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate this significant milestone in the life of the Presentation Congregation.

"Not Words, But Deeds"

Together we give thanks for 250 years of faith, service, education, and the enduring vision of Nano Nagle, whose legacy continues to inspire and enrich lives today.

All are warmly welcome. For Further information phone: Sr Noreen 0274882744 Sr Veronica

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading:	**Wisdom 6.12-16**
2nd Reading:	**1 Thesssalonians 4.13-18**
Gospel:	**Matthew 225.1-13**

Congratulations and best wishes from us all at Mercy Parish to Bill Jenkinson who is celebrating his 101st Birthday.

Safeguarding Workshop Siobhan Dilly will be presenting an in-person safeguarding workshop in November. This is for people with a role in their parish, or a role with any local Catholic group or organisation either paid or volunteer.

These workshops will:

- Reflect on the gospel foundation of safeguarding
- Learn what it means to use a safeguarding lens in our roles
- Engage through reflective questions and scenarios

Light supper will be provided.
Thursday 19 November
5:00 to 6.30 pm
Mercy Parish, St Patrick Community Centre, 32 Macandrew Road
RSVP: mercy.parish@xtra.co.nz
Please RSVP by the 12th of November