Mercy Parish-Whānau Aroha

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
25th 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 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.

Who is welcome here? (Who is missing)

Mother Theresa – Love is a verb.

It's easy for us to love those who agree with us, support us, and make life comfortable. The challenge comes when we are called to love someone who thinks differently, has even hurt us, or simply needs more time than we are prepared to give. Jesus' invitation is to love generously, courageously, and without keeping score.

For families and parish communities, this Gospel is a powerful way to state that love is not measured by how often we attend Mass, how many prayers we say, or how strongly we speak about our faith. Love is revealed in how we treat one another at home, how we welcome strangers, how we respond to people doing it tough, and weather we have the courage to stand alongside those who feel forgotten or excluded. Sometimes the greatest acts of love are simply just being with and listening to, without judgment.

Jesus reminds us that faith can't just remain inside the walls of our churches or the comfort of our homes. It must spill out into our streets, workplaces, schools and communities. The challenge is clear. Are we simply talking about Gods love, or are we making sure others actually experience it through us? Let's not wait for the perfect moment or a special occasion. Make your love visible in ordinary moments of every day life. Because the strongest witness of our love is not simply what we believe but how we choose to love.

Fr Michael

November: Month of All Souls

Next weekend there will be some cutout paper hearts in the church so that you can put your loved one's names on them. Please stick them on the boards so that they can be prayed for.

Current of Grace Charismatic Mass

We welcome you to join us in worship and prayer, celebrating our monthly Charismatic Mass with Bishop Colin Campbell

Thursday Evening – 29th October 2026 at 7.00 pm

St Peter Chanel Church, 242 Main South Rd, Green Island

A food basket will be offered for the St Vincent de Paul

If you would like to find out more, please call either.

Kathy Mayo 473 7115 – Greg Wansink 027 432 8838

We Prayerfully remember those who have died recently:

Sarah Flintoff

Nancy Christey

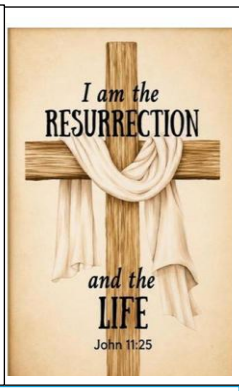
Tui Pasco

and for those who have anniversaries at this time:

Doug Snelling

Phillip Michael Garr

Patrick McAdam



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading:	**Malachi 1.14-2.2, 8-10-6**
2nd Reading:	**1 Thesssalonians 2.7-9**
Gospel:	**Matthew 23.1-12**

Congratulations and best wishes from us all at Mercy Parish to Dennie O'Brien who is celebrating her 100th Birthday.

Bishops statement on the upcoming elections:

1. ELECTION WEBINAR — OCTOBER 28: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting a webinar to unpack the bishops' 2026 election statement, Discerning Our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens. Join Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Catholic Family Support Services Hamilton manager Renee Rewi and Trinity Catholic College principal Kate Nicholson live at 7pm on Wednesday, October 28. The conversation will examine how faith can inform participation in public life and help shape a society that upholds human dignity, promotes justice and serves the common good. Learn more and register at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection

2. The New Zealand Catholic bishops have published their statement ahead of the November 7 General Election, reminding Catholics — and all people of good will — that voting is a moral and civic responsibility and should not simply come down to personal preference. They can be accessed here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a-XqweNw1gjg5-LOTQq7vJOS2Pow8hZH?usp=sharing

While not endorsing particular candidates or parties, the bishops encourage people to consider a number of key themes when assessing who to support at the election: The dignity of the human person; Solidarity with one's brothers and sisters; Rights of religious freedom and conscience; Preserving human faces and voices; Care for our common home.