



I am not here to bring peace....!

"Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?", This is the question Jesus posed in this Sunday's Gospel. He then answered it Himself; "No, I tell you, but rather division" !!!

When we recall that Jesus declared that Peacemakers are blessed (Mat. 5 :9), and that He prayed for the peace of His followers (John 14 :27), and that one of the fruits of His Spirit is peace (Gal. 5 :22), we may find this reading somewhat surprising. What could He have meant by saying that he came not to bring peace but division? The division Jesus mentions is a result of His teaching which, if followed, should purify the way we live – and set us part from the world. It will be like the purifying fire which he wished was 'already blazing'.

People would have to accept or reject his message, and it was inevitable that those who chose to follow his teaching would be opposed and even persecuted by those who refused to do so – even within the family. This was true especially in Palestine of Our Lord's time where rejection of the Jewish tradition would meet with violent opposition. Our Lord Himself faced hatred, pain and even death in order to fulfil the will of his Father and save sinners. His followers would be called on to share to some degree in their Lord's lot. There is a cost to His discipleship, but the rewards far outweigh the cost.

Of course, He came to bring peace, but it is not the peace this world can give.

Blessings

Fr Michael

IMPORTANT!!!

Please see page 3 of the bulletin. If you wish to attend you need to notify the parish before next weekend so that arrangements can be made.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY MASS (except the 10am Mass)

Entrance Hymn:	L749 The Servant King
Response to the Psalm:	Lord, come to my aid!!
Communion:	L720 Be Still for the presence of the Lord
Recessional:	L356 Hail Queen of Heaven (vs 1 & 2)
Gloria & Creed (Words):	Pages 202 & 205

Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading:	Isaiah	66:18-21
Second Reading:	Hebrews	12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel:	Luke	13:22-30

PARISH NOTICES

PLANT SALE - Labour Weekend

Calling all pots!!! Spring is in the air and Jo & Jude are growing plants for this year's plant sale to be held on Labour weekend October 26th & 27th. If you have any spare pots that they can transplant the seedlings into please leave them for collection outside the BJC. ***Please NO black six cell punnets (they have hundreds).***

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Winter is a time when our most vulnerable community members need extra help getting through. If you can assist by donating non perishable food items please leave these in the food basket inside the church. Alternatively monetary donations are also greatly received, envelopes are in the church foyer.

YOUTH GROUP

The Parish youth group meets every Sunday evening during the school term. If you are year 7-13 student, please feel free to come along and join in. 6pm every Sunday after the 5pm Mass in the BJC (parish hall).

DIOCESAN NOTICES

For other Diocesan notices please see the Diocesan website
www.chchcatholic.nz

ROCHESTER LECTURE

Women and Church: The Future. By Ann Gilroy, editor of Tui Motu InterIslands, the independent Catholic monthly magazine. Wednesday 21st August 7pm, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, 77 Ilam road. Supper provided afterwards.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Women's Heart for Mission – A retreat day led by Ann Gilroy, Editor of Tui Motu. Saturday 14th September 9.30am-4.30pm at the McFaddens Centre, 64 McFaddens Rd, Papanui, Christchurch. Cost: \$50 including lunch, morning & afternoon tea. ALL WELCOME !

CARMEL YOUTH MASS

Sunday 1st September 2019, 6.30pm. 52 Halswell Road, Hoon Hay. Come join CYT, Bishop Paul and the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmelite Monastery to celebrate Mass and get the chance to meet the sisters afterwards! Supper and refreshments provided. If anyone would like to donate food to the Sisters for Supper then please contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Coordinator at CYT. dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz

CCJP Multimedia & Essay Contest 2019

The Christchurch Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP) invites students from Years 7 to 13 who are enrolled at our Catholic Schools to enter the 2019 Essay and Multimedia Contest. There are incredible cash prizes to be won, both for individuals the participant's class. For more information, read the poster on your parish's noticeboard, or go to the website: www.chch.justicepeace.nz

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.



*Eternal Rest Grant
unto them O Lord, and
let perpetual light
shine upon them. May
they rest in Peace.*

We remember those whose funerals were held at OLV church and whose anniversaries occur at this time:

18/8 Joan Grigsby, Zephlien Hannafin, Christina Madden, Marjorie Keen, Joy Rockhouse

19/8 Michael Cunneen, Beatrice Maguire, John (Jack) Tyrrell, Joan Blair
20/8 Colin Taylor, Christopher Mora, Christina Murphy, Sarah Frost, Asuncion Cerbo-Descalzo, Stella Starling

21/8 Ernest Rossiter, Joseph Crequer, Joseph Penrose, Kevin Healey,

22/8 Michael Duncan, Thomas Flynn, Miklos Rasco, Allen Riley, Margaret Rumble, Michael Timothy Daly

23/8 Jacqueline Benschop, Eileen Costello, Rosalie Kelly, Margaret Tranter

24/8 Francis Haddock,

We also remember Gordon Bruce and the Stewart Families whose anniversaries are at this time.

This forms part of the Parish's Pastoral Plan to run 'Formation Programmes' every year. We have had Dr Andrew Wood the last three years but this year we are using Diocesan resources. Please support this initiative. See the Notice board for the dates and times of the talks.

HELPING PEOPLE GRIEVE: RUNNING SEASONS FOR GROWTH IN YOUR PARISH

Seasons for Growth is a 4-week programme run by trained facilitators to enable people to understand, express and work through their experience of change, loss and grief. Since its launch in 1996, Seasons for Growth has reached over 200,000 children and young people, as well as thousands of adults, in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Ireland and Peru. The programme is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are normal and valuable parts of life. We examine the impact of changes such as death, separation, divorce, natural disaster, etc. upon our lives, and explore how we can learn to live with and grow from these experiences.

A number of parishes are running the programme. This information session will provide an introduction to the programme and how it runs in parish communities with trained facilitators.

This information session takes place in one, 60 minute session, and is run by Lauren Butler. Lauren is one of the pastoral associates at the Catholic Parish of Papanui and is also the Bishop's Liaison for Parish Workers. Lauren has trained as a Seasons for Growth facilitator and is passionate about the role of the parish in helping people to grieve.

We need numbers to confirm this booking. Please email or ring the Parish office before **Next Friday August 23rd**. So we can advertise in the bulletin whether we have enough people to support this or not.

PARISH OFFICE

There is a Mail Box outside the Parish Office. Outside Office hours, you may use it for payment of Attendance Dues, Mass intentions requests etc.

Tuesday to Friday
9.00am - 2.30pm

These hours are subject to change without notice

WEEKLY LITURGY

The times below are indicative of normal weekday routine. A funeral or other pastoral need may lead to them being cancelled or changed. Please read the Bulletin for any other changes to our 'normal' routine.



SUNDAY MASSES

6.00pm Saturday Vigil
10.00am Sunday
5.00pm Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am + 11.15am Mercy House
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.00am



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

Last Friday of the month, Holy Hour 2-3pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00 - noon
(or by private arrangement)

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Thursday 7.00pm
(not during the Winter Months April - Sept)

Parish Priest
Fr Michael Pui
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PREFERENCE FORMS MEETINGS & INTERVIEWS

If you are a parishioner and you want a Preference Form to enroll your child in a Catholic school in the next **18 months**, and your child is **baptised a Catholic**, then please attend one of the meetings scheduled **September 11th & October 9th** at **5.30pm (sharp!)** at the Bishop Joyce Centre.

Please register your attendance beforehand. Forms to register your attendance are available outside the Parish office (and are to be returned to the office prior to that meeting).

If your child is **not baptised** then make an appointment for a private interview with Fr Michael. Contact him either via email or leaving a message on the phone with contact details.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Parents who want to get their children baptised in this parish are, in the first instance, to complete the Baptismal Registration Form (found outside the Parish office) and hand it in to the parish office once completed. After registration, you will be contacted regarding the baptism preparation meeting that is scheduled.

The meetings scheduled for 2019 (After 10.00am Mass on Sunday) in the Bishop Joyce Centre are:
September 8th & October 13th Dates for baptism will be discussed as part of the meeting.

Any queries phone Kate 027 229 7465 (day) or 339 4313 (evening) or the Parish 348 6100
If you are not a Parishioner of OLV then you will need to speak to Fr Michael first.