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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
 THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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Co-operation with God's Plan



In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew underlines Joseph as a "righteous" man, defined by the fact how he acts and how he fulfils God's will. Surely, because of his inner uprightness, Joseph does not decide to repudiate Mary, when he comes to know about her pregnancy. He tries to solve the problem with this decision: that is to "divorce her quietly". Joseph is always open to hear God in prayer. From the message of the angel, he learns that: "It is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her". Therefore, he quickly accepts God's plans, which exceed all human limitations. Joseph, by his humbleness and righteousness, teaches us to always trust in God, to obey his word and let ourselves be guided by Him.

The second character mentioned here is Mother Mary, who appears in the light of the prophecy that says: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Mt 1:23). Through Mary, and in a unique way, God comes close to human beings. God [the Son] comes to us by taking our human form. He comes to us with His grace, to enter into our lives and offer us the gift of salvation. By offering herself freely to the Lord of history, Mary allows him to change the fate of humankind. Moreover, Mary becomes a model for us to follow, and a support that we can rely on, in our search for God, in our intimacy with God. Mary helps us to willingly welcome God's Son into our lives, into our flesh.

May our preparation in this season of Advent enable us to hear God's voice, the voice that speaks to us in the very depth of our hearts. We also pray that we may have the grace to always willingly accept God's plan for us, and to become an instrument of God's love, an instrument that brings others closer to Christ.

Tang Phan.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please see the insert for our Mass times. There is also Mass at 11.00pm on New Years Eve and 9.00am on New Years Day.

Hymns for Mass

Entrance Hymn:	L 117	O Come Divine Messiah
Response to the Psalm:		Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory
Communion Reflection:	L 113	The angel Gabriel
Marian Antiphon:	L 367	Salve Regina
Gloria & Creed (Words):	Pages	202 & 205

Next Sunday's readings

First Reading:	Ecclesiasticus	3:2-6. 12-14
Second Reading:	Colossians	3:12-21
Gospel:	Matthew	2:13-15. 19-23

PARISH NOTICES

FR MICHAEL'S FAREWELL

I have already printed my Christmas Bulletin with my farewell message so it is too late to incorporate this. I am taking this opportunity to thank everyone who attended my 'farewell evening' on the 18th. I was told there will a "secret farewell gift" coming! Thank you advance for that too. I will leave OLV with fond memories, and please read my farewell message in the Christmas Bulletin - my last!

Fr Michael Pui

PARISH OFFICE

To the many Parishioners who gave money towards a gift for Fr Michael, I Thank you. We had a very short window of opportunity to be able to say goodbye to him prior to Christmas. Thank you for those that attended his farewell on Wednesday evening.

For your continued support and willingness to help around the Parish I am grateful, It is comforting to know we are part of a loving Parish community.

In late January we welcome the Community of St John to lead us into our new Parish Structure. Fr Michael Therese will be our Parish Priest. May they be guided by God's will. The Parish office is now closed till January 22nd. May you have a Holy Christmas with your family and friends, and a safe and joyful New Year.

Lisa

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We would appreciate Christmas Lilies, Red Alstomeria & Gipsphella for decorating the Church. Buckets will be left beside the Sanctuary from 3pm on Monday December 23rd until 10am Tuesday December 24th. Any enquiries to Sharon 342 5596 or Mary 358 5441

MORNING TEA ROSTER

This will resume in February. The calendar for 2020 is in the kitchen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Raffle results

Thank you for all those that supported the CWL raffle

- 1: Des O'Loughlin
- 2: Pania
- 3: Debbie
- 4: Jean Sutcliffe
- 5: Mary G

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / New Year for the Adoration Chapel

Over the past five years the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration Chapel has remained open throughout the Christmas period. We have a large number of people going away and require extra people to help out. If you are going to be at home this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour or two please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com.

SVDP VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

The three St Vincent de Paul shops in Richmond, Hornby and Papanui are in urgent need of volunteers. On-the-job training is given and no previous experience needed. For more information please refer to the diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz or contact Polly on 021 339289 or polly@svdpchch.co.nz

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMME

Couples for Christ and its Family Ministry invite you to come and join our Christian Life Program. Formation, fellowship and personal testimonies. Starting 1st February, 7.00pm, Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer Street, Addington, Christchurch. For more info contact either: Raymond and Mina Pagsanjan 027 2236430.





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

*May these, and all who
sleep in Christ, find in His
presence light, happiness &
peace*

22/12 William O'Brien, Charles Gregg, Gerard Anderson, Tony Williams, Joy (Pat) McCormick,
23/12 Anthony Dorward, Sr M Dolores Easton,
25/12 Ruth Donaldson, Josephine Buzzard,
26/12 Mate Glamuzina, David Corboy, Wietse Kwant,
27/12 Helen O'Leary, Eugene (Lil) Roseingrave, Getrude Maloney
28/12 William Devine, Kevin O'Sullivan, Kathleen Gregory, William Morgan,
30/12 William Clancy, Winifred McGuinness, Patricia Graham, Eileen Brough,
31/12 Robert Nottingham, Mary Jackson

January

1/1 Sandra Poppelwell, Benjamin Grice,
2/1 John Martin, Violet Ennor, Margaret Hume, Peter Kircher, Aquinas (Queenie) Clark,
4/1 Johanna Neil, Dorothea Aynsley (Sr Dora RSM), Joseph Harrison,
5/1 Thomas Baird, Tho Phuc Thi Nguyen, Theodorus Schuyt
6/1 Leonard Waldron, Clare Keenan, Josef Begej,
7/1 Albert Hack,
8/1 Norman Curtis, William Clancy, Nanno Wilson, Br Gerard Mills CFC,
9/1 Tom Anderson,
10/1 Francis (Pat) O'Dea, Anthony Cronin, John Fisher, Anthony Rogatski, Maureen Histen,
11/1 William Lynskey, Margaret Sheehy, Terence McCormick, Thomas Lee, Noreen Lagan, Blair Harding,
Marie Barnes, Tasman Henry, Denis Kane
12/1 Mark Tranter, Nora Ashby, Brian Lynch, Robert Walker,
13/1 Louis Barnett-Smith,
14/1 David O'Connor, Bridgetta Petrie,
15/1 Daphne Knotts, Reverend
Fr Graeme Joseph Blackburn (Assistant Priest Sockburn, Buried from St Mary's Pro Cathedral)
16/1 Sydney Price, Marie Hosking, Francis Cronin
17/1 Stanley Withers, Mary Brown, Kathleen O'Donnell, Maria Van der Velden
18/1 Mary Walker, Gerardus Van Oosten
19/1 Vincent Lagan, Margaret Kappely, Cees Van Der Weert, Maude Cooper,
20/1 David Lawry,
21/1 Nicole Corby, Patrick Howard, Mary Daly,
22/1 Ellen Hinton, John O'Shea,
23/1 James Mather, Peter Dick, Desmond O'Brien,
24/1 Lester Mitchell, Josephine Roiter, Joan Simpson, Maisie Hill
25/1 Meta Dwyer, Robert Clark

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
except December & January

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00 - noon
(or by private arrangement)

No reconciliation available in January

Parish Priest

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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 contact the Parish Office for more information

Please register your attendance beforehand. Forms to register your attendance are available outside the Parish office.

If your child is **not baptised** then you please ring the Parish for more information.

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 baptism preparation. **If you are not a Parishioner of OLV then you will need to contact the Parish office.**

