



Dear Parishioners,

I thought it would be good to present a little bit of the 'brothers' life. We are not the same as diocesan priests, we are called religious priests. There are several core differences; a diocesan priest gives his life to serve in a diocese, a religious priest gives his life in a community to God. A diocesan priest does not take vows, rather he promises chastity and to not go against the Church, while a religious priest makes vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Though diocesan priests often live together in community and help each other out, a religious is by its very nature in a community. A diocesan priest stays in one diocese while a religious goes wherever his community asks him to go.

Some practical details of our lives that may interest you: the five of us, on average spend three to five hours together praying and with all of our weekly recreations, community meals, community studies, Bible sharing's, meetings (which we call chapters), we often spend up to seven hours a day together. Over time we really get to know each other, and by God's grace we (usually!) get along quite well. On an average day the brothers' schedule looks like the following:

- 6:00 am - Wake
- 6:15 am - Silent adoration in St Teresa's Church
- 7:00 am - Pray the morning prayer (chant the Psalms and listen to a passage from the Bible)
- 7:30 am - Breakfast
- 8:00 am - Personal time for reading the Bible, preparing homilies etc.
- 9:00 am - Each brother goes to his separate work
- 12:00 pm - Mass and midday prayer
- 1:15 pm - Lunch in community
- 5:00 pm - Pray evening prayer (chant the Psalms and listen to a passage from the Bible)
- 5:30 pm - Adoration at St Teresa's Church
- 7:00 pm - Meetings, dinner, personal time, visit families etc.
- 9:30 pm - 15 min of night prayer in community

Hopefully this helps you to get to know a bit better who we are and what our life is like.

Please do keep us in your prayer. In Him,

Fr Michael Therese



Hymns for Mass (except 10am)

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| Entrance Hymn: | L 846 | Amazing Grace (vs 1-3) |
| Response to the Psalm: | | Happy are they who follow the Law of the Lord |
| Communion Reflection: | L 898 | Make me a Channel of your peace |
| Marian Antiphon: | L334 | Ave Maria |

Next Sunday's Readings

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| First Reading: | Leviticus | 19:1-2. 17-18 |
| Second Reading: | 1 Corinthians | 3:16-23 |
| Gospel: | Matthew | 5:38-48 |

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

This year's First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Corpus Christi Sunday June 14th. The minimum age to prepare for 1st Holy Communion is 8 years by First Communion time (i.e. 8yrs by 14th June). The child must already be baptised a Catholic, and the Parents must be parishioners of Our Lady of Victories Parish. Please see the registration form in the foyer for more details. Registering for the programme closes **Tuesday February 25th**.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Next weekend February 16th is the CSS food bank appeal. If you can donate non perishable items to assist those in need in Christchurch, please drop your food items in the the basket inside the church.

PREFERENCE FORM - Catholic School

The next available dates to obtain a Preference form to a Catholic school are as follows. You do not need to register prior just bring your child's Baptismal certificate. If your Child is not Baptised please make contact with the parish office first.

St Teresa Riccarton February 30th

RECONCILIATION

There are now two times available for weekly Reconciliation Saturdays 11am - 11.50am and Sunday afternoon 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

THE CRAFTY CREW

Refer to the notice in last week's bulletin. This will be the first time OLV has hosted this monthly craft event. I know there's talented people here in our parish, so let's turn out to welcome crafters from other Christchurch parishes. Come join us in the Bishop Joyce Centre on Saturday 22 February at 1.30-4pm. Please bring a gold coin donation to help defray any costs and also cash for raffles. Bring along some craft material to trade or swap; your unwanted bits could become someone else's treasure. Please come and support this event. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries, please call Jude Lathey 021 217 2052.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - volunteers required

If you feel you can commit to one Mass a month to help facilitate our children's liturgy please get in touch with Jo on 027 6222 144 or jo.t.casey@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING

Can you spare an hour on a Saturday morning once every 6 weeks? if so please phone Mary 344 0515

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

INITIATION JOURNEY

God has been working in the lives of many, calling them to life in the Church. Many parishes have been working with these adults, some seeking initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and others, already baptized, seeking communion in the Church. Bishop Paul joins bishops throughout the world in celebrating these rites, eliciting a deeper level of commitment and faithfulness from the catechumen and candidates. Their godparents and sponsors will testify on their behalf and we will be asked to affirm them, supporting them by prayer and example. All are encouraged to come to the Rite of Election, Sunday, 1 March 1:00 p.m. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. This is not a Mass but a joyful celebration of God's calling and their response to discipleship. A reception will follow.

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM Sports Day!

Join us for the first youth event of 2020 filled with fun, games, activities and a chance to meet other young people in our diocese! Starting off with the Mission Team Commissioning Youth Mass, BBQ and Sports Day to follow. Sunday 23rd February 2020, 10AM Mass, BBQ and Sports Day follows from 11AM-3PM. Catholic Cathedral School Fields (62 Ferry Rd, Christchurch Central) Year 7-13, Cost: \$5 per person (please contact us if you require assistance with funding) Register yourself or your team of 8 at www.cyt.org.nz/sports-day-sports-night now! For more information please contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz



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

16/2 Marcel McMenamin,
17/2 Richard Garlick, Sr Maureen George RSM
18/2 John McCabe, John Quinn, Patrick (Kem) Ryder, Morrell Hillis
19/2 John Stewart,
20/2 Thomas Gilroy, Dulcie Minehan, Sophia Van Schie,
21/2 Mary Carter, William Mitchell, Peter Walker,
22/2 John Cunneen, John Joseph O'Connor, Kathleen Frost,
Owen McHerron, Kathleen Frost, David Edward Wilkinson

"Where to from here?"

Come along and join the discussion of what our new parish may look like.

Bring your ideas, suggestions and hopes and join in with others as we move forward, together.

Sunday 23 February 2.00pm at St Teresa's Parish hall,
8 Puriri Street.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11.00 - 11.50am
Sunday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Parish Contacts

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PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday to Friday

8.30am - 4.00pm

These hours are subject to change without notice

There is a Mail Box outside the Parish Office.

