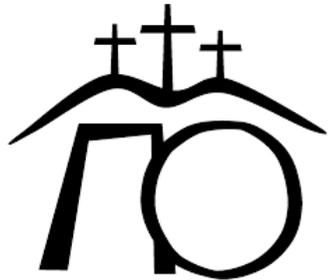




ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN!!!

Easter is the Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death by crucifixion. Easter is victory over death, a celebration of new life. It is the ultimate victory of good over evil.

In the Northern Hemisphere, Easter coincides with springtime – which is also a time of 'new life', thus highlighting the very Easter message. Because of this, some countries and cultures in the Northern Hemisphere develop all kinds of symbolism for Easter or converted pagan symbolisms into those of Easter's. We therefore have Easter eggs, sprouting grass, bunnies.... symbols of new life, as Christian symbol of the New Life in Christ.



While for many in New Zealand the connection with some of the springtime symbols which has been given an Easter meaning has been lost or obscured, we Christian must always speak of the meaning behind them. St Paul told the Romans: When we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

And new life in Christ means these;

- Life is changed because of the Encounter with the Risen Christ
- A new beginning and a radical departure from our past, especially our sinful ways
- Living in new hope, with courage and strength to face all adversity in life
- Celebrating that hope, gathering around the altar every Sunday, the Day of the Lord, the Day of the Resurrection – to do this 'in memory of me',
- Living in a happy and joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord at the end of times.

May the new life that Christ gives you be in your heart and your life. Alleluia, He is Risen

Easter Blessings

Fr Michael

<i>HYMNS for Sunday Mass 10am</i>		
Entrance Hymn:	L267	Jesus Christ is risen today
Responsorial Psalm:		This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Communion:	L 767	Majesty
Recessional:	L770	Shine Jesus Shine
Gloria (Words) :	L 202	Creed (Words): L 205
<i>HYMNS for Sunday Mass 5.00pm</i>		
Entrance Hymn:	L770	Shine Jesus Shine
Responsorial Psalm:		This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Communion:	L 767	Majesty
Recessional:	L267	Jesus Christ is risen today

Next Sunday's Readings Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20:19-31

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME

We Welcome to the Church our Newly Baptised Ciam McCracken who will be Baptised at the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's league will be selling raffles for Mother's day next weekend. Please support them if you can.

HOLY HOUR

The next Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction is Friday April 26th from 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

LIBRARY BOOKS

We have a very small selection of donated library books. These are available just inside the BJC door. You do not have to mark down what you take just remember to return if you can so someone else can enjoy.

2019 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

OLV School is selling the 2019 Entertainment book for \$70. You can order online today via www.entbook.co.nz/134q260. Or purchase your book from the School office during office hours.

INFORM

The latest Inform Magazine is available after Mass this weekend. This is the Newsletter of the Bishop of our Diocese.

Anzac Day occurs next Thursday April 25th. It commemorates all New Zealanders killed in war and also honours returned servicemen and women. May they rest in peace.

Let us remember them



LEST WE FORGET
ANZAC DAY

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The annual celebration of the Solemnity of Divine Mercy Sunday. To be held at the Pro-Cathedral again this year. Sunday April 28th. All are welcome to attend this special day of grace and mercy. Reconciliation



1.30pm-3.15pm. Mass 3.15pm celebrated by Fr John Adams, followed by veneration of the 1st Class relic of St Faustina. "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted completed forgiveness of sins and punishment" Jesus to St Faustina re Divine Mercy Sunday.

A DAY WITH MARY

A day with Mary to be held at St Bernadette's Church, 76 Hei Hei Road. Saturday May 4th Commencing at 9.30am and concluding at 3.00pm. For more information please contact Janet 960 5294

12 HOURS OF MERCY

Jesus Youth movement is initiating the 12 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration across all NZ dioceses. In Christchurch every **Thursday** from Easter Monday to Pentecost **22 April – 8 June** 8.00am – 7.00pm there will be Eucharistic Adoration at St Teresa's Parish Riccarton 8 Puriri Street.

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

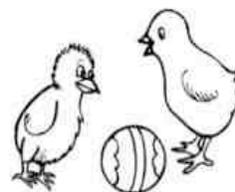




*Fernal Rest Grant
unto them O Lord, and
let perpetual light
shine upon them. May
they rest in Peace.*

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

- 22/4 Florence O'Brien, Richard Shepherd, Daniel Callanan, Keven Quill,
- 23/4 Bernard Mahony, Michael Leary, William Bonham
- 25/4 Santella Claudia (Quinn), Noeline Turnbull, Anne McManus
- 26/4 Christine Caldwell, Joan Kelliher, David John (Jack) Cowan,
Frank Tully,
- 27/4 Denise Smith, Roy Wilson, Wilhelmus Heuvelmans,



T I D
R K U P F S H Q G
N F K R P U M R G E Z R Y
C K A Z R S T V E C F G V I L Y W
A F L Y O K I W E O E M I E G L T S I
Q L J E I C X B J G E L Z Y K O I Z F O B
K I W G I A C U U G Q E N Z L L Q S P A B
Y O B K H A D T N S H L B H G V K V O G H R U
O A S C R E L M N B U K R F L Z E A S T E R I
H G C C E S M E D Y O N M A E I T Q B L V Y Z D Y
J D I Z G Q H G R N A T L T U A Q E N X G O G J R
P X W S J S I Q Z J T Y T I L K U E R L O X D J S
P Q L O Z B Y U J G G V B S O R C B U C G W N U L M N
F D Y C B N J E Y P O N I C N C P O S I K K W W N W Y
Y Q Z N S F X P I R G E O A F R L N E Z D J S I S Z T
Y S P A K L T Y O O H U R R O W N C D R R Z N N T
G W M K A J L T H C C Y Y C M U E S O W T R P M G
E Z F R B I F C S R O C G N C Y T I D I Y O Z Y C
E L T V Q D K W B M J S N R C H M B P L I W O
L R M H O C L H K M G H T W X U B K O H K Y T
U P V D E C O R A T E T C C A P W R G O I
K F Z U T P P E W H X A A R M D E Q R L E
R X C U E H F R D A F Z V K E W I V L
S P J E U P G Q E F Z M D E Z Q Q
P I L C Y F M A Y X Y O K
J H U Z W I G Y C
Y P J

RABBIT

COLOUR

DECORATE

CHICKS

BUNNY

EGGHUNT

COTTONTAIL

BONNET

EASTER

CELEBRATION

EGGS

CHOCOLATE

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)

NOVENA

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

Parish Priest
Fr Michael Pui
nzmichaelpui@gmail.com

Parish Secretary
Lisa Gilligan
348 6100
olv@xtra.co.nz

Liturgy Co Ordinator
Carey Haines
careyhaines@me.com

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 **May 8th June 12th 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:
May 12th 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.