

# St Mary's Parish



**Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow**

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## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Wisdom, waiting and watching** are the three key words that flow through our readings today. The readings invite us to be ready to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us. They tell us that a searching, watching and evolving heart are essential for a lively, dynamic faith in God. The gospel that we heard today is a story of 10 virgins who wait for the bridegroom to arrive. Among them five were wise and five foolish. All ten wanted to meet the bridegroom but only five had prepared to meet the bridegroom and enjoy the party. **Being unprepared can lead to unnecessary trouble and even disaster!** What good is a life-jacket left on the shore when the boat is sinking?

**What does the passage tell us?** We need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared. Wisdom is a divine gift which is given to all those who ask for it. Wisdom is a knowledge that helps us live well; it is a practical knowledge of what to do in situations so that life comes out right and well. If we are filled with this wisdom we can be wise Christians who live each day in the light of Jesus' vision. Such people find Him in the most ordinary experiences of daily living – in the people they meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which they find themselves. They make their daily choices for God. They are ready to put the commandment of love into practice by kindness and forgiveness. There is absolutely no better way to prepare to meet the lord than to learn to spend each day in the company of Jesus, remembering his assurance, "I am with you always". (Fr Robin Kurian IC)



## Christmas Masses At St Mary's

*Please see the noticeboard for the times  
of all Masses over Christmas.*

## PARISH FEAST DAY 10<sup>th</sup> December

*Please bring a plate for a  
shared lunch  
and barbeque in the School  
grounds, after Mass.*

## SENIORS ANOINTING MASS AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

There will be an anointing Mass on **21<sup>st</sup> November  
at 12 noon.**

**All are welcome to attend. Please register  
your attendance** and phone Susan in the office  
by 15<sup>th</sup> November. We **urgently** need people to  
help on the day, with transport, serving food,  
cleaning up etc. Please phone Susan if you can  
assist.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Carmel Walton, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Trish Collis, Sue Fryer, Laura Roberts, Neil Burton, Wiki & Delastro Maniapoto, Marie Hubbard and all in rest homes and hospital care.

**Prayer Chain - please phone Sally: 326 9209.**

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Janet Quinn, Fr Patrick Cumiskey, Barry Nolan, Claire Tippet, Annette Bristow, Gregory Wright, Fr Des Moosman, Lila Smith, Paul Andrew, Valerie Russell, Sr Noreen Murphy OP (Dunedin), Frank Rochecouste, Kathleen Hemi (Fr Tom's cousin), Paul Beauchamp Legg, Toili 'One 'One, Pa Steve Hancy, James Crosswell, Margaret Brown, Brian Bowe, Fr Des Levins, Fr Pat McCullough, Maureen Grover, Mathew Croad, Walter Hayde, Jose Landeros (USA).

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Shaun Hurley 1, Paul Whitehouse 1, Julia McGowan 15, Jeanine McIntyre 18, Kathleen Eder 19, Peggy Gildea 20, Bernie Harridge 21, Verna Hyde 24.

### MASS TIMETABLE : 13 - 19 November

Monday	Mass	9:00am
Tuesday	Mass	12:00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9:00am
Thursday	Mass	9:00am
Friday	Mass	9:00am
Saturday	Mass	9:00am
	Vigil Mass @ St Columba's	5:00pm
Sunday	Mass	10:30am
	Mass @ St Columba's	12:00pm

**Reconciliation is available after Saturday morning  
Mass and on request.**

### ***This week's Readings –***

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### ***Next week's Readings –***

Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 24:36, 25:14-30

## **ROSMINIAN HERITAGE**

**TODAY at 5.30pm**

**In the Parish House**

You are invited for an ongoing programme to know Rosmini and his spirituality. All welcome.

## **SCHOOL MASS NEXT SUNDAY**

All are invited to participate for the School Mass on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please encourage your children to be part of every Sunday Mass.

## **ST MARY'S PARISH AGM**

**All are welcome to attend our AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> November, after the Mass.**

**Nomination forms for Parish Council Members are available today in the foyer. Please drop into the office.**

## **CAROLS AT SCHOOL**

St Mary's School will hold a Carols evening on 8<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm to 8pm. Bring along a picnic hamper and enjoy an evening with us ending with a few favourite carols.

## **RCIA**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, 7.30 – 9pm  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **HOLY ROSARY**

All parishioners are encouraged to recite the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 8.30am before the 9am Mass.

## ***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION***

***10am every Tuesday***

***Followed by Mass***

## **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER –**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Mass Co-ordinator:** M.Pratt

**Sacristan:** O.Robertson

**Greeters:** P.Sojan & family

**Altar Servers:** J.Wayodi,

A.Makiwa, S.Autagavaia

**Readers:** Children

**Offertory:** Children

**Eucharistic Ministers:** I.Bailey,

J.Bailey, B.Verghese, S.Xavier, C.Wilson,

M.Pratt, H.Autagavaia, M.Munday

**Junior Liturgy:** P. & S.Tavake

**Counters:** E.Drury & P.Widdup

**Collectors:** P.Sojan, P.Walsh, C.Wilson

**Hospitality:** Autagavaia family, E. & M.Gormly

**Prayers of Faithful:** P.Hayes

**Altar Linen (Nov):** D. Fredericks

**Floral Arrangers:** A. Marsh

**Cleaners week beginning 19<sup>th</sup>**

**November:** E. & N.Legg, K.McNamara, H.Brown



The next youth gathering is planned for **25<sup>th</sup> November**. Youth retreat and Christmas celebration is on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All the youth are invited to participate. For more info call Hilary 022 690 6637.

## **ST MARY'S WORKING BEE**

**NEXT Saturday**

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.30am – 12 noon**

Please come along to our working bee at the church and hall. There are sign up sheets on the noticeboard today. Please put your name against the jobs you are willing to do. The Parish will supply all the cleaning products, but can you bring along your own bucket and cleaning cloths. Please wear safe footwear.

## **MARIAN EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY**

Kerala Catholic Prayer Community prayer meeting, every Monday 4.15pm – 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Food is an ongoing requirement and at present we are short on baked beans, spaghetti, sugar, longlife milk, spreads and rice. Thanks to you all. **Next meeting on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5.15pm in the Cathedral Lounge.**

## **JOSHUA MEN'S GROUP**

Next meeting Tuesday, **14<sup>th</sup> November**, 7pm in the Church foyer. Prayer, praise, worship, fellowship. Mr Murray Adams will be our speaker. Supper to follow. All welcome. For information contact John 027 688 7750 [www.joshua.org.nz](http://www.joshua.org.nz)

## **Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod**

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard. Visit and complete the [Synod 2018 survey](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html) before **30 November 2017** by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

## **HEARTS AFLAME 2018 SUMMER SCHOOL**

For young adults 18-35 years old. The school runs for 10 days. December 29, 2017 @ 4:00 pm - January 7, 2018 @ 12:00 pm. Early bird registrations close 29<sup>th</sup> October. [www.heartsaflame.org.nz](http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz)

## **Pope's Catechesis on the Heart of the Church**

Call the Eucharist the "heart" of the Church", Pope Francis proclaimed. "It's essential for us Christians to understand well the value and meaning of the Holy Mass, to live ever more fully our relationship with God." The Pope recalled the many Christians over time who have been willing to die to defend the Eucharist. He cited an example from the year 304, during Diocletian's persecutions, when North African Christians were arrested while celebrating Mass in a home. When authorities asked why they did something that was prohibited they replied: "We can't live without Sunday," which meant: if we can't celebrate the Eucharist, we can't live, our Christian life would die." "Those Christians of North Africa were killed because they were celebrating the Eucharist," Francis continued. "They left the testimony that one can give up earthly life for the Eucharist, because it gives us eternal life, making us participants in Christ's victory over death." The Holy Father recalled that liturgical formation of the faithful was stressed by the Conciliar Fathers. He said the new series of catecheses will aim to help the faithful "to grow in knowledge of the great gift that God has given us in the Eucharist." "It's very important to turn to the fundamentals, to rediscover what is essential, through what one touches and sees in the celebration of the Sacraments," the Pope stated. "The question of the Apostle Saint Thomas (Cf. John 20:25), to be able to see and touch the wounds of the nails in Jesus' body is the desire to be able in some way to 'touch' God to believe Him. "What Saint Thomas asks the Lord is what we are all in need of: to see Him, and touch Him to be able to recognize Him. The Sacraments come to meet this human need. The Sacraments, and the Eucharistic Celebration particularly, are signs of God's love, the privileged ways for us to encounter Him."

## **Mokos Youth Group**

Our whanau youth group is *open to everyone* and we would love to welcome new members. We meet at 7pm-9pm in the Diocesan centre (behind the Cathedral). We gather, eat, try out some games, learn a bit, and pray. Join us! Contact Lucy [lingie@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:lingie@pndiocese.org.nz) 021 509 439 for more information.

## **Te Ahi Kaa – The Hearth-Place**

If you are interested in growing your faith through prayer, service, hospitality, formation, and fun, find out more about our Youth Adult Community House. Situated close to the Cathedral and to town, Te Ahi Kaa is perfect base for a year of discernment and mission, in a supportive Catholic community. For More Information contact Georgia 0226704422; [georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com](mailto:georgia.m.collins@hotmail.com)

## **HIBERNIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY –**

### **ST PATRICK'S BRANCH 400**

Third Quarterly Meeting, 4pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Gathering Area at the Cathedral. Visitors or anyone interested in becoming a member are most welcome. Enquiries to Kevin Frost, Secretary, phone (06) 357 7844 or email [kfassociates@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kfassociates@xtra.co.nz)

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 7pm**

A shared supper will follow at the end of Mass – if you can please bring along a plate of finger food, it would be greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS \$2.50 pack of 5  
and COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$12.00  
for sale from the office.**

## **CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL with the Unity Singers**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**

**Admission: Non perishable food or a donation for St Vincent de Paul foodbank**