

2nd Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There have been numerous individuals who, by force of arms, have tried to "conquer the world": Caesar Augustus, Genghis Khan, Napoleon Bonaparte, Adolf Hitler, etc. Joseph Stalin said in 1935: "The Pope. How many divisions does he have?" Yet, we hear in today's **Second Reading**: "Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 Jn 5: 5) The way Jesus conquered the world is through his victory over sin and death in the Resurrection. His divine mercy is poured out on all who believe in him and in this way they participate in his triumph. Let us not look to impose our will on the world or to fight its injustices by worldly means. We will only be successful when all that we say and do is done with the conviction that Jesus is who he said he was and that he has indeed won for us an eternal victory that helps us to live as a pilgrim people journeying through a world of fear and anxiety to our heavenly home.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note the change of weekly Eucharistic adoration at St Mary's on Tuesdays. It starts at 11am and concludes with Holy Mass at 12pm. You are all invited to participate in one hour of adoration with the Lord.

HOLY ROSARY

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

SINCERE THANKS

My sincere thanks to all those who participated in our Holy Week celebrations and all those who ministered (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Mass coordinators, hospitality, flower designers and musicians). A very special thank you to our parish youth group who organised such a wonderful choir on Easter Sunday.

(Fr Manoj)

We wish Fr Robin a safe journey home to India for his annual holiday. He leaves P.N. on Monday and returns 16th May.

Good Friday Collection – these envelopes were not collected on Good Friday, please put your envelope in the collection basket today or next week. ***There are spare envelopes available in the foyer for both the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Special Collections.***

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Have you been thinking that you would like your child/grandchild to be baptised a Catholic? St Mary's Parish is organising a baptismal preparation for our primary school children. If you are interested, please register your name at the parish office, phone 358 5614.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are in Year 10 or above, the first session is on Sunday 8th April. Please contact Michelle 021 246 0840 mteahan@pndiocese.org.nz to register.

Jesus 4 Real Senior Camp – for young people in Year 11-13 this camp is on 18-22 April in Paraparaumu. Register online at <http://jesus4real.org.nz/>

DOIDGE PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP GATHERING

Meet today (8th April) – 2pm at Feilding Lions' Mini golf (Aorangi Street). If very wet, meet instead at 121 South Street, Feilding, 2pm at the Coach House Museum. Please confirm numbers to Jenny 027 418 7906.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. The tax receipts will be available later in April.

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

SHINING STARS

Pre-school music group
Thursdays, 9.30am
St James School Hall
Contact Steph for details
s.grantham@pncathedral.org.nz

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 15th April

Mass Co-ordinator: N.Cherian
Sacristan: O.Robertson
Greeters: P.Sojan family
Altar Servers: T.Lorigan, M.Sae, M.Sung
Readers: K.Laylo, C.Herrera
Offertory: Robertson family
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Prayers of faithful: A.Kriechbaum
Counters: R. & R. Brooks
Collectors: M.Hoy, P.Zimmerman, B.Regan
Hospitality: Autagavaia family
Altar Linen (April): D.Fredericks
Floral Arrangers: P.Hayes
Cleaners week beginning 15th April: A.Joy & Maria

*This Sunday's Readings -
Acts 4:32-35
John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31
Next Sunday's Readings -
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48*

JUNIOR LITURGY

We really need more people to become involved with the Junior liturgy each Sunday – please call Susan in the office if you would like to help with this ministry.

ST COLUMBA'S LATIN MASS COMMUNITY

There will be a post-Mass potluck lunch on 8th April.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference in PN wishes to thank parishioners for their ongoing generosity with donations of food, furniture, clothing, crockery, utensils and the wide variety of household items. Currently the food store is short of breakfast cereals, canned items (tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit, beetroot, peas, spaghetti, baked beans, tuna and salmon), vegemite and peanut butter. Donations of these items can be dropped at Sunday Masses and as always will be much appreciated by the recipients. The Vinnies shop is short of double and queen size beds, tables and chairs and lounge suites. If you can donate these, arrangements can be made to collect by contacting shop manager, Toni Bidios, ph 357 6779 during shop hours.

TCI COURSES COMING UP

Catholic Social Teaching – 16-18 April – enrol immediately for this course, and Understanding the Old Testament – 9-11 July both at the PN Diocesan Centre, for more info see the noticeboard.

DOVE MEETING

Tuesday, 10th April, 7.30pm, St Patrick's Hall, 20 Milne Drive, Paraparaumu Beach. Contact: June Brunton ph. 04 298 6266.

MARIST COLLEGE

**Mt Albert, Auckland
90th Jubilee**

Saturday 12-13 May

Register online at

<http://www.maristcollege.ibdn.nz>

RAFFLE

Trailer load of firewood, **tickets \$2.00 from the Parish Office**, to support a young practising Catholic woman's tertiary fees. If you don't have a fireplace yourself and if you were the lucky winner you could donate the wood to St Vincent de Paul Society.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Sundays 9am

Access Radio Manawatu 999kHz AM