

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Thurs</b>	<b>24 September</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Mercy Day Mass
<b>Sat</b>	<b>26 September</b>	<b>9.30am - 10.00am</b> Reconciliation
		<b>12.00pm</b> St Vincent de Paul Mass. (This replaces the usual 9.00am Mass ) .
		<b>4.00-pm - 6.00pm</b> Youth Group , last one for the term. Will recommence on 10 October



## WE REMEMBER

Masses have been requested and offered for:

**RECENT:** Fr Kevin Clark (Chch), Diane Hudson,  
Ngaire Mahoney (Chch) Mr Jimmy George (India),  
Fr Sony (India)

**ANNIVERSARY:** Nicholas Matthew Donovan , Ernest De Mel

## PLANNED GIVING

<b>Parish</b>	<b>\$1762.20</b>
<b>Clergy Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$ 880.00</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Today's Counting Team**  
C Kelly

**Next Week's Counting Team**  
D Dwyer

## 4th SUNDAY CUPPA

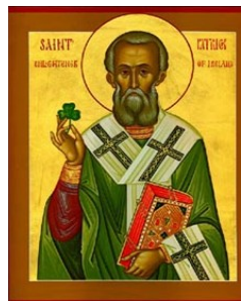
**27 September 2020**  
Marist Rugby Club?



All welcome!

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Parish Priest: Fr Mathew Siji MCBS Ph 022 3017976  
Deacon Tang Phan ph 027 9201720  
Parish Secretary: Margaret Curragh Parish Treasurer: Denise Coll-Dwyer  
Youth Group Leader:  
Chairperson Parish Council: Kevin Boddy  
Chairperson Parish Finance Committee: Michael Curragh  
St Patrick's Primary School: Acting Principal - Mrs Carmel Kelly Ph 7687830  
John Paul II High School: Principal - Dave Sullivan Ph 7684166



## Weekend Masses

**Saturday Vigil**  
6pm Greymouth  
(every Saturday)

**Sunday Mass**  
8am Cobden  
(every Sunday)

9.30am Greymouth  
(every Sunday)

11am Ngahere  
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

11am Kumara  
(4th Sunday)

## Weekday Masses

*All Greymouth*

5.30pm Tuesday

9am Wednesday

9am Thursday

12.10pm Friday

9am Saturday

## Adoration

All Fridays  
11:30am - 12pm

First Fridays  
9:00am - 12pm

## Reconciliation

9.30am - 10am  
Saturday  
or by appointment

# The Catholic Parish of Greymouth

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25th Sunday Ordinary Time | Year A | 20 September 2020

## GOD'S WAYS ARE DIFFERENT

On this Sunday, justice is the whole point of the parable and of Jesus' teaching. We have to learn what God's justice is like. Another name used for God's justice is mercy and compassion. In the eyes of the world it can sometimes seem very unjust. In the gospel parable, the point being made is not that the longer workers got less than what was their due but that the later workers got exactly the same treatment from their master.

Things are not being measured according to individual output but according to need. All, early or late, have exactly the same need for God's mercy and God's love and everyone gets all of it. So, rather than criticising God for acting this way, we should be deeply grateful for what we receive.

The parable is an extraordinary example of what is known as Ignatian "indifference", that is, the perfect acceptance of what God wants, the perfect acceptance of God's ways and the total merging of my vision with His. And this is done actively, not passively. Let us ask him that we may have the same level of freedom and generosity in our own lives.

God bless you all.

*Fr Mathew*

## Next Week's Readings 26th Sun of Ordinary Time 27 September

**1st Reading:** EZEKIEL 18: 25-28 Ezekiel says that each person will be judged according to what they have done.

**2nd Reading:** PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11 The theme of this passage is the humility and the obedience of Christ

**Gospel:** . MATTHEW 21: 28-32 In the parable of the two sons is a criticism against the chief priests and the elders.

## PARISH NOTICES



### A SPECIAL DAY, MERCY DAY, THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER:

On this day we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy (Mercy Day). We acknowledge the history of the Mercy Sisters who taught at our schools especially on the West Coast. We give thanks for their generosity and gifts they have handed on to their students as teachers.

We congratulate the three Sisters of Mercy in our Parish -

**Sisters Mary Ellen McGuinness RSM, Anne McLaughlin RSM, Teresa Scott RSM.**

Who continue their good works. We appreciate the contribution each makes to our Parish and School communities. May they be blessed on this special day.

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to Covid 19 Deacon Tang's Ordination date has changed.**

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD** Bishop Paul Martin S.M  
invites you to the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priesthood of  
**Deacon Tang Phan,**

**WHEN:** Saturday 10 October **TIME:** 11:00am

**WHERE:** St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Christchurch  
We continue to keep Tang in our prayers.



### YOUTH WORKER VACANCY for The Catholic Parish of Greymouth.

A 12 month contract to work with young people year 7 to 13. To run weekly meetings of the Parish Youth where the members are taught core elements of their Catholic Faith, where members are strengthened in their Faith journey and where members have fun and fellowship with other Youth.

For more Information contact the Parish Office.



**JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL is celebrating 40 Year Reunion**

**WHEN:** November 27th - 29th

Information and registration links on our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/JPIIGreymouth>

**FOR SALE 2021 Columban Calendar:** \$12.00 each.  
**Available at the Parish office.**

### THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK: Advent Reflections

Reflections begin November 29, 2020 and end on January 10, 2021.

**COST:** \$6.00 Please place your order with Margaret at the Parish office.

**REMINDER:** Daylight Saving begins Sunday, **27 September** at 3.00am.  
Remember to put your clock's forward an hour. You wouldn't want to be late for Mass



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MASS

West Coast members of the Society are to celebrate the feast of its patron on Saturday the 26th September with a Mass at St Patrick's at 12 noon followed by refreshments. **Parishioners are most welcome to join us. Please note this replaces the usual 9am Mass.**

**RECONCILIATION Saturday 26th September** will remain 9.30am - 10.00am

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** We have had a huge demand in the past month for clean blankets, warm clothing and food. If you can help please drop off to the Shop on Albert Street or ring Trisha 768 5819. Kate 768 5229, Brenda 021 113 995

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### End of Life Choice Act and the Referendum

A page had been established on the diocesan website regarding the End of Life Choice Act and the upcoming referendum

<https://chchcatholic.nz/2020/08/end-of-life-choice-act-vote-no/>

There is a good deal of information already available and this page provides links to some of that material including videos, questions and answers.

The Church is very clear that she respects life from conception to natural death. Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special care and respect.

**EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR LEBANON** following the deadly explosion in Beirut on 4 August 2020. There are pamphlets with information in the Church foyer.

### OCDS NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT

"For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16) Father Philip S., CSJ will be leading our upcoming November Retreat at Rochester Hall Friday, **13 Nov to Sunday, 15 Nov 2020**

If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery ph 027 410 6940 Or email:

[benedictus@windowslive.com](mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com)

### Catholic Diocese of Christchurch FACEBOOK Page

Keep updated with the latest news from our Diocese by liking our Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic/>

**VOCATIONS:** The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations. Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)