

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed	30 September	10.30am	W.C Dementia Memory Group
Thurs	1 October	1.30pm	Our Lady's Prayer group
		5.15pm	Finance Meeting
Fri	2 October	9.00am - 12.00pm	First Friday Adoration.



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: Michael T Ryan, Michael J Ryan, Jimmy White, Fr Seph's father (Nelson)

PLANNED GIVING

Parish	\$ 898.00
Clergy Trust Fund	\$ 449.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$

Today's Counting Team
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Next Week's Counting Team
Office

4th SUNDAY CUPPA

Today, 27 September 2020

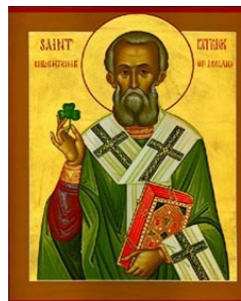
Marist Rugby Club



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
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26th Sunday Ordinary Time | Year A | 27 September 2020

WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE ARE WE?

Perhaps, after reading and reflecting on this Sunday's readings, we might think of two types of people: the virtuous and the wicked, and think about ourselves too.

The prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28) delivers the message that the virtuous will become wicked if they turn away from their virtuous lives and commit sin, and so will the wicked become virtuous if they turn from their wickedness and do what is good and pleasing to God.

Jesus speaks to us something similar (Matthew 21:28-32). The first son in the parable represents those who refuse to do the Father's will by living in sin. However, when they have heard the message of repentance, they repent and believe in the Good News, and do God's will. The second son says 'yes' but does not act. This son represents those who appear to comply, at least outwardly, with Jesus' teachings. Nevertheless when the message of repentance comes to them, they refuse to believe and thus fail to follow through.

We all are sons and daughters of God. Every day, he invites us to go and work in his vineyard. This means that we are invited to do the Father's will. We know who we are and what group of people we belong to. Make a change if we belong to the latter group, and keep doing what is good if we belong to the former one.

May we have the first son's spirit to say "yes" to God's invitation and the second son's spirit to do his will! By this, we are walking in the right path, the path of righteousness that leads us to life, life in God.

Tang PHAN.

Next Week's Readings 27th Sun of Ordinary Time 4th October

1st Reading: ISAIAH 5: 1-7 The Prophet Isaiah, through the symbolism of the vineyard, describes the care and the concern of God for his people

2nd Reading: PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-9 Paul exhorts us to prayer and to fill our minds with what is truthful, holy, just, pure, lovely and noble.

Gospel: MATTHEW 21: 33 -43 The parable of the wicked servant portrays God's steadfast love and human beings' ingratitude and transgressions.

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

PARISH NOTICES

Come along for some precious time with him.



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 2nd OCTOBER 9.00am - 12.00pm Adoration and Benediction. Mass at 12.10pm

In Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament we come together and are united with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
We are aware of the importance of silence, especially in Adoration as we live in a world of non-stop noise and communication.
That is why silence is a crucial element in our encounter with Christ the Lord.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all students, teachers and school staff. May you enjoy a relaxing and blessed term break.

PRIEST ABSENCE:

Fr Mathew Siji and Deacon Tang Phan will attend the Chrism Mass at St Mary's Pro Cathedral on **Monday 5th October** at 7.00pm and the Priests of the Christchurch Diocesan Annual Meeting in Christchurch on **6 October 2020**. They will both stay in Christchurch for Tang's Ordination on **Saturday 10th October**

Fr Dan O'Connor will be our resident priest for the week from the 5th - 11th October. He can be contacted on 021 2082502. or email: danielgoconnor@gmail.com

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>



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

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.

INFORM : The Spring Issue of the Inform is now available in Church foyers.



Fourth Sunday Cuppa - Welcome to parishioners who attend our weekend Masses. We extend a special greeting to visitors who are here for the first time or visit periodically. You are invited to join us for morning tea in the Parish Centre following the 9.30am Mass today.
HOSTS: Marist Rugby Club.

STEP OUT AND VOTE 2020 General Election:

NZ Bishops outline principles and topics to consider when you are deciding how to vote in the upcoming election. It is also available online at www.catholic.org.nz.

- There is a Booklet available "**2020 Election Statement**, Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, in Church Foyers. One per household please.

We are all connected: "Everything is connected. Concern for the environment needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."

Pope Francis in Laudato si'.

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://chhcatholic.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.