



ST PETER CHANEL PARISH

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WAIMAKARIRI

FOUR CHURCHES | ONE PARISH | RANGIORA - KAIAPOI - OXFORD - LOBURN

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A – 16th August 2020

TODAY'S Readings

TWENTIETH SUNDAY A

I was bewildered by Jesus' attitude when I read for the first time today's Gospel. I knew that Jesus was the image of the invisible God and that He was expressing to humanity the attitudes of God such as goodness, kindness, compassion, mercy, understanding, etc. He was always ready to help those who were in need. How comes then that He had such a hard attitude towards the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel? She exposed Him her problem. His first attitude was just silence. He did not give any answer. Why? Why is God so silent to our prayers? His disciples begged Him to give her what she was asking for. Here He gave a rather surprising answer, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"! The woman did not give up. She knelt and entreated, "Lord, help me". What a humility! This time, as though He wanted to discourage her, He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs". This courageous woman reacted, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table". The final result is that Jesus could not resist such a great faith! "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire".

To some extent, the experience of the woman in today's Gospel is similar to ours. At times we have the impression that God is so silent and does not answer our prayers. We experience this especially in difficult moments. Some other times, He seems to answer, but not the way we were expecting. And some times we receive what we had asked for in prayer.

God can test our faith to see how far we believe in Him. Shall we continue to believe in Him even when He seems silent? Some people have lost their faith in difficult situations. When we face the silence of God, when we have the impression that He does not answer according to our expectations, let us not



We congratulate Fr Arsene on his 24th year of ordination to the priesthood on Monday 17th August. May our Lord bless you abundantly in your priestly ministry.



Covid Alert Level 2 information

Message from Bishop Paul

“As we enter this time of returning to Level 2 of the Covid-19 lockdown we are all disappointed that this has had to take place but we recognise the need to put these steps into place to curtail any further community transmission of the virus. The letter from the NZ Bishops outlines what is to happen at Level 2 for those not in the Auckland area. We have followed this before and you will know what is required. It is important that these regulations are followed and that if you are not able to put these into place then Masses are not celebrated in the parish church”

The New Zealand Bishops have issued a statement on Wednesday 12th August regarding the change in alert levels. (see attached)

Under Alert Level 2, religious gatherings are restricted to a maximum of 100 people with the required physical distancing. In the Christchurch Diocese it is envisaged that weekday and Sunday Mass will be offered subject to the ability of parishes to accommodate these conditions (if we remain in Alert Level 2).

Some people will not wish to attend Mass due to health reasons, concerns or fears. For these reasons, the dispensation of attendance at Sunday Mass will be in place.

There are opportunities for those not able to attend Mass to view Mass online or watch the Shine TV televised Mass on Sunday at 2.00pm.

During Alert Level 2, Mass restrictions are:

- At the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands or other contact with one another
- Holy Communion is not to be distributed from the chalice
- Communion is only to be distributed in the hand, not on the tongue
- Holy water is to be removed from vessels at the church door
- Should we be returned to Alert Level 1 Mass may recommence so long as Ministry of Health policy or guidelines are met.
- Contingency planning for this coming weekend, 15th and 16th August
- The Feast of the Assumption that falls on Saturday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation.

If we remain in Alert Level 2 a dispensation is given so the faithful will not be required to fulfil this obligation.

- Parishes are now putting in place plans for this coming weekend should we continue to be under Alert Level 2. This may mean some parishes will not be able to offer Mass. Other parishes who can meet the regulations are looking at a registration process the same as was used previously.



KNOW MEANS NO TOUR

Abortion, Euthanasia, Cannabis Referendum

Come and meet Bob McCorskie and Nick Tuitasi on Wednesday

Chervier Ladies Group will meet for a finger food lunch on Wednesday 26th Aug @12noon at Jan Grounds's 125 Church St Rangiora. Ph 313 3295. New members welcome. We will have a

Mass and Reconciliation Times in Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford (15 August – 21 August)

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| Saturday (15 th) Holy Day THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 7:30am | Mass | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Reconciliation | Kaiapoi |
| | 9:30am | Mass | Kaiapoi |
| | 3:00pm | Rosary for Life | Rangiora |
| Saturday Vigil | 6:00pm | Mass | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Mass | Kaiapoi |
| | 10:30am | Mass | Kaiapoi |
| | 10:30am | Mass | Rangiora |
| Sunday (16 th) 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5:00pm | Mass (Extraordinary Form) | Rangiora |
| | 8:00-8:50am | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Mass | Rangiora |
| | 7:00pm | Prayer Workshop: Taize | Rangiora |
| Tuesday (18 th) | 8:00-8:50am | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Mass | Rangiora |
| | 7:00pm | Prayer Workshop: Taize | Rangiora |
| | 8:00-8:50am | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Mass | Rangiora |
| Wednesday (19 th) <i>St John Eudes</i> | 12:00pm | Mass | Kaiapoi |
| | 7:00pm | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 7:00pm | Mass | Oxford |
| | 8:00-8:50am | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Mass | Rangiora |
| Thursday (20 th) St Bernard | 8:00-8:50am | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 9:00am | Mass | Rangiora |
| Friday (21 st) St Pius X | 9:30am | Mass | Kaiapoi |
| | 11:00-11:50am | Adoration | Rangiora |
| | 12:00pm | Mass | Rangiora |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE ANY TIME BY APPROCHING OUR PRIESTS



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Please remember in your prayers all who have died

A Day to Pray: Thursday has been set aside as a special day to pray for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

This weekend we follow the restriction of 100 people per Mass. Our priests have organized more Masses to accommodate as many parishioners as allowed. We've done this before and again we ask that you register online following the link below:

Online Mass registration is now available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3fTDP9F>

This link is also on the parish website .

We will continue to follow the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion, and practice good hygiene and social distancing:

- Please do not come to Mass if you are unwell.
- Please wash your hands before coming to church.
- Please sanitise your hands on arrival.
- **Please tick your name/names in the registration sheet (we will be printing a list for those who have registered).**
- Spaces are marked for seating (maintain social distancing). Families can seat together.
- Please sneeze on your elbow
- Sanitise your hands on your way out.

The Diocese has set-up and registered our churches for the Government Covid Tracing App. It was easiest to do this centrally rather than each parish register as a National Business Number (NBN) was needed and each parish would have had to apply for their own number.

You will need to download on your phone the QR app then scan the QR code (posted at the church door) on your phone to record that you have visited the church with date and time.

Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Programme

| Event | Date | Location | Information |
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| Session 1– The Way Introduction and Salvation History | Sunday 9th August 6:45pm –8pm | Chervier Centre, Rangiora | Candidates and Sponsors (Parents) to attend |
| Session 2—The Way– A Journey with each other and Saints | Sunday 16th August 6:45pm- 8pm | Chervier Centre, Rangiora | Candidates to attend |
| Blessing of Candidates and Sponsors | Sunday 23rd August | St Patrick’s Church or St Francis de Sales (Rangiora) | Candidates and Sponsors (Parents) to attend |
| Session 3—The Truth—Grace and the Mass | Sunday 23rd August 6:45pm-8pm | Chervier Centre, Rangiora | Candidates and Sponsors (Parents) to attend |
| Session 4– The Truth—A Guided Tour of the Mass and Adoration | Sunday 30th August 6:45pm-8pm | Chervier Centre, Rangiora | Candidates and Sponsors (Parents) to attend |

Parish Meetings August

| Day | Time | Event | Place |
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| Every Monday | 7:30pm | Kaiapoi Men’s Group | St Patrick’s Lounge, Kaiapoi |
| Every Friday | 10:45am | Legion of Mary | Chervier Centre Rangiora |
| Monday 17 August | 7:00pm | Youth Group | Chervier Centre Rangiora |
| Tuesday 18 August | 7:00pm | Prayer Workshop with FR Arsene: Taize | Chervier Centre Rangiora |
| Wednesday 19 August | 7:00pm | ALPHA (Week 4) | St Patrick’s Lounge, Kaiapoi |
| Thursday 20 August | 7:00pm | ALPHA (Week 4) | Chervier Centre Rangiora |
| Thursday 20 August | 1:45pm | Rosary (home of Maria England) | 42A Victoria St Rangiora |
| Sunday 23 August | 10:00am | St Patrick’s Prayer Group | St Patrick’s Lounge Kaiapoi |
| Thursday 27 August | 2:00pm | Kaiapoi Winter Warmer | St Patrick’s Lounge Kaiapoi |
| Saturday 25 August | 9:45am | EMHC (for the Sick and Homebound) | Chervier Centre Rangiora |
| Wed 26 th August | 12:00pm | Chervier Ladies Group (home of Jan Grounds) | 125 Church St Rangiora |

Next weekend’s roster will be prepared and sent on Tuesday after we get an update on whether we remain on Level 2 or move down to Level 1.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH WEEKLY NOTICES 16 August 2020

PRAYER VIGIL - in hope NZ rejects the End of Life Choice Act

Saturday 22nd August 3pm - 10pm at St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri St, Riccarton.

Join us as we earnestly pray that the attempt to legalise Euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand will fail in the upcoming referendum. The prayer vigil will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Gospel readings, Divine Mercy Chaplet, intercessory prayers, and silent prayer.

CATHOLIC MEN’S BREAKFAST

This year’s Catholic Men’s Breakfast will be held on **3 September** at the Canterbury Club, 129 Cambridge Terrace. The Bishop will speak about Bringing Faith to Life - a faith centred approach to family, business and leisure. This event is an excellent opportunity for Catholic and non-Catholic men to get to know the Bishop, network and encourage one another in common values.

The breakfast begins at 7am and finishes by 8.30am. Tickets for this event are \$40 and can be purchased online through Eventbrite. For further information please contact Olivia on 366 9869 or email ostopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz

FOCUS 2020 – A Retreat for Tertiary Students

Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy will run FOCUS Retreat on the **21st-23rd August** at YMCA, Wainui. Focus is a retreat for students run by students. The retreat opens students to an encounter with Christ, through the Sacraments, prayer, and fellowship with their peers. All tertiary students are encouraged to register, limited places available for other young adults. Cost: \$75 (inclusive of meals & accommodation). To register or for more details contact Sinead - sgilgunn@chch.catholic.org.nz // 0212646959.