



ST PETER CHANEL PARISH

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WAIMAKARIRI

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

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YEAR A

6th September 2020

TODAY'S Readings

First reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Resp Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Am I My Brother's Keeper ?

One of the greatest questions to come out of the scriptures is *Am I my brother's keeper?* This is the famous question asked by Cain in the book of Genesis (4:9). Our Gospel this weekend answers this question with an unequivocal 'yes'. We are called to love our neighbour's as ourselves, but what does that mean? What kind of love does Jesus call us to exhibit? Not *eros*, and not even exactly *philos* (brother and sisterly love), but *caritas* or *agape* — the self-emptying, sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrated on the cross. We must have charity in our hearts for our fellow men and women, especially when it comes to the path of salvation. That charity may, at times, extend to a duty of correction.

Jesus expands this responsibility to all within the body of Christ, however He still maintains the limits seen in our first reading this weekend from the prophet Ezekiel. Jesus provides a more formal process for this, one that has been followed in one form or another in Christian communities for two millenia. First we ought to enlighten an offender privately; if that doesn't work, ask two or three others to intervene; failing that, let the whole Church decide whether a brother or sister should be corrected. If so, and our friend remains unrepentant, then everyone has done what they can, and the rest needs to be left to God. Jesus promises elsewhere that the Holy Spirit will work through the Church if two or more are gathered in His name.

Its good to remember that Jesus has given us all significant office in the Church by the power of our baptism. The question for many of us is whether we use our gifts by demonstrating love of neighbour — the *caritas* that puts their needs ahead of our own. After all, this doesn't *just* apply to issues of correcting sin, but also of helping our brothers and sisters along the road to salvation.

Fr John

We will miss Fr. ARSENE!!

Farewell pizza at Winnie Bagoes on Sunday 13th September 6:30pm.

Under Level2 numbers are restricted to 100 so please register your interest

via alpha@waimakariricatholic.org.nz

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

Mass Times this week in Level 2:

Masses are restricted to a maximum of 100 people with the required physical distancing. Kindly book your space by registering online at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3fTDP9F>. We will be using this same link under Level 2 and opens only on Wednesdays for parishioners to register.

This Week's Mass Times 29– August- 4 September						
	Saturday (5th)	Sunday (6th)	Tuesday (8th)	Wednesday (9th)	Thursday (10th)	Friday (11th)
Kaiapoi	9:30am	9:00am		12:00pm		9:30am
Oxford		8:30am				
Rangiora	6:00pm	10:30am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	12:00pm

Parish Meetings September			
Day	Time	Event	Place
Every Monday	7:30pm	Kaiapoi Men's Group	St Patrick's Lounge, Kaiapoi
Every Friday	10:45am	Legion of Mary	Chervier Centre Rangiora
Monday 7 Sept	4:00pm	SVDP Kaiapoi	St Patrick's Lounge, Kaiapoi
Monday 7 Sept	7:00pm	Youth Group	Chervier Centre Rangiora
Wednesday 9 Sept	7:00pm	ALPHA (Week 8) Kaiapoi	St Patrick's Lounge, Kaiapoi
Thursday 10 Sept	7:00pm	ALPHA (Week 8) Rangiora	Chervier Centre Rangiora
Thursday 10 Sept	1:45pm	Rosary (home of Donna Newman)	97B Blackett St Rangiora
Saturday 12 Sept	10:00am	Kaiapoi Church Committee	St Patrick's Lounge, Kaiapoi
Tuesday 15 September	1:30pm	Oxford Prayer Group	Oxford Church Centre
Tuesday 15 September	7-9pm	Talk by Michael Hempseed	Chervier centre Rga
Sunday 20 September	10:00am	Oxford Church Committee	Oxford Church Centre

Zest for Life course – Living with meaning and purpose.

A five week course with topics including: setting realistic goals, faith and meaning, reconciliation with family and friends, mentoring and leaving a spiritual legacy. Held at St Patrick's Church Lounge, 61 Fuller St Kaiapoi on:

Wednesdays from 7 October 2020 at 7-9pm or
Thursdays from 8 October 2020 at 1-3pm.

For further information contact:
Jeanette Dobbs: jeanette@insightout.co.nz or
ph 0211521104. Gold coin koha.
Bookings essential, limited numbers.

"Understanding and Supporting those with Mental Illness" - A Talk by Michael Hempseed

7pm-9pm Tuesday 15 Sept @Chervier Centre
For anyone who suffers from mental illness themselves, or knows someone who does, and would like tips on how to get/offer support.

Catholic Discovery: The New Face of the Catholic Enquiry

Centre - establishing a brand that is more visual and vibrant. Learn about our faith. Resources for everyone - stories, videos, prayers and motivation. Please see posters at the foyer or go to www.facebook.com/catholicdiscoverynz

HOLY STALL IN RANGIORA: We do our very best to have this open before and after the 6pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday Masses. Regrettably, this is not always possible due to a number of reasons and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. However, if you would like to purchase something at any other time please feel free to give Liz a ring on 0273321546 and we can arrange a time to meet. Blessings from Liz and all the wonderful volunteers!

Many of us have watched loved ones die. But the upcoming binding referendum isn't on whether people should suffer and it isn't on whether euthanasia should be legal. We are voting on the specific details of the End of Life Choice Act. Even people who support euthanasia need to decide whether this Act would protect vulnerable Kiwis from pressure and wrongful deaths. Only one doctor in the process would need to "do their best to ensure the person expresses their wish free from pressure", and only by speaking to health professionals and to family members approved by the person. But many Kiwis don't live with family, and relationship abuse can easily remain hidden.

For more information visit euthanasiadebate.org

Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Programme

Event	Date	Location	Information
Session 6—The Truth and the Life-	Sunday 13th September 6:45pm-8pm	Chervier Centre, Rangiora	Candidates and Sponsors (Parents) to attend
Session 7—The Truth and the Life—	Sunday 20th September 6:45pm-8pm	Chervier Centre, Rangiora	Candidates and Sponsors (Parents) to attend
Adult Confirmation Formation	Saturday 26 September	St. Patrick's Lounge, Kaiapoi	

Sunday 20th September 5pm

Latin Mass

CELEBRATED BY FR JOHN ADAMS

St Mary and St Francis de Sales Rangiora

Maori Language Week is 14-20 September .
From Monday 14 Sep we will incorporate Maori into our Masses for one month.

- ◆ How to do the Sign of the Cross in Maori
- ◆ How to say the beginning and final Mass greetings/ responses in Maori
- ◆ How to say the Prayers of the Faithful responses in Maori (E te ariki / Whaka...)

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 2020 takes place from 6-12 September

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue. The theme of our Social Justice Week resources is **"Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential" / "Māmā Noa, Pēnei i te CST: Te Tuku i ngā Pūmanawa o te Hāhi kia Whai Hua."** They focus on Catholic social teaching (CST), which provides a moral framework to guide our decisions and actions. Resources and materials are available in the <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

The **Order for Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** will begin in the parish this month and runs until Easter. We invite those who wish to explore the Catholic faith to join Fr John and the team on Sunday the 27th September 4pm at St Patrick's Kaiapoi. For information please contact the parish office 313 6285 or email admin@waimakariricatholic.org.nz or spcpastoral@xtra.co.nz

Next Week's Level 2 Roster: 12th and 13th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	St Mary and St Francis de Sales, Rangiora	St Patrick's, Kaiapoi	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oxford
	Saturday 6:00pm	Sunday 10:30am	Sunday 9:00am
Welcome and	Marina Krijgsman	School	Wendy Wiseman
First reading	Margi Prisk-Vink	School	Deb O'Neill
Gifts	Anne Barwell	School	Keith & Christine Harris
Altar Servers	Callum Blake Lachlan Blake	Paige Swain Andrew Peterson	Matilda Burns Olivia Wyatt
Projector			Dawn Thompson
Liturgy of the Word with Children			Vanessa Burns
Counters		Peter and Nan Wright	
Linen	Mary Anderson		Marie Thom
Cleaners	Tamepo Family		Wendy Wiseman
Music	Adele Henry	Ben Gorman	Fiona McAlpine
Flowers	Pauline Riddell		Isobel de Roo

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES 6 September 2020

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SESSION with Sr Kathleen Rushton. **Wed 9 Sept**, 7.30pm at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. The focus is the Gospel readings of the coming Sundays (Matthew 20:1-25:46). Using *lectio divina*, hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Indication of attendance to roho@xtra.co.nz or 03 379 1298.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - MISSION TEAM 2021 - The Mission Team works alongside the Catholic Youth Team. They are based in Christchurch and travel throughout the Diocese. The team is made up of young adults, aged 18-25 years old, who spend a year serving the Lord and youth by running retreats in Catholic schools, youth events and doing community outreach. Their mission is to proclaim the gospel to youth and young adults by inviting them to enter into a personal relationship with Christ and his Church. Applications for the 2021 Mission Team are now open – this is an exciting opportunity for our young adults. For more information please visit our website www.cyt.org.nz, check out our Facebook page or call us on 03 3530705.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass originally scheduled for just prior to Easter will now be celebrated on Monday **5th October at 7pm** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Deacon Tang's Ordination

Due to lockdown restrictions the date of Deacon Tang's ordination to the priesthood has been changed to **Saturday 19 September** at 11am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST

Due to popular demand and the first breakfast being sold out, a second breakfast will be held on **15 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 03 366 9869 or email ostopforth@cdoc.nz

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.**

DOVE CHRISTCHURCH – 12th September Gathering 1 – 3pm at Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road, Burnside. We hear from women having prayer answered after standing on God's Word. Come and share in the wonder and joy that is God's love. Have you recently done an Alpha course? Come along and put into practice what you have recently learnt. More information: Ann 03 3135817, facebook, dove.org.nz

ANTIOCH YOUTH CAMP (YRS 10 – 13)

This an exciting weekend where young people are empowered to recognize the person God has created them to be. This weekend will prove an invaluable experience through the spreading of the gospel in a fun and dynamic way (small groups, activities, praise and worship, sessions, etc)

Who: Years 10-13 Where: Woodend Christian Camp When: **Fri 25 – 27 September 2020**

Cost: \$90 (Should you have any financial difficulties please don't hesitate to contact Carmela on the email below!) Register: www.cyt.org.nz/antioch

For more information or questions please contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

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