



ST PETER CHANEL PARISH

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WAIMAKARIRI

ABLAZE WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Today's Readings 17th Sept

First reading: Eccl 27:30 - 28:7

Psalms : 102:1-4, 9-12

Second reading: Roman 14:7-9

Gospel : Matthew 18:21-35

FORGIVENESS EQUALS WELLNESS

Fr. Rex

The story is told about a couple who had a big fight which finally ended when they prayed together. They embraced each other, then the wife asked: "What did you pray for me?" The husband said: "The same thing that you prayed for me." Whereupon the wife said: "So you had the same wish as mine!" And the fight started all over again.

In today's Gospel (Mt. 18, 21-35), Jesus tells about not putting an end to forgiveness. How often must we forgive? As long as, and as often as we are asked. We have been forgiven so many—nay, countless—times by the Father, so we too must learn to forgive one another, as much.

Humility is the key to forgiveness. Without humility, we cannot accept our mistakes, and without humility, we cannot accept others' mistakes. Pride is the single biggest block on the road to reconciliation and forgiveness. It all starts with the first step, wherein one sincerely says: "Have mercy on me, Oh God, for I am a sinner."

Someone once said that forgiveness is relinquishing our right to hurt back. If we do not forgive and continue to hurt back those who offended us, the hurting goes on and on. What we don't realize is that as long as we do not forgive, we continue to hurt our very selves.

Hatred or revenge is like acid, and the container of that acid is our hearts, 24 hours a day, even while we are sleeping. So be good and be kind to yourself.

We have a choice: to TO FORGIVE OR TO BE FREE, or not to forgive, and be stress and angry. Let go and let God set you free.

Lord, help me to forgive much as you have forgiven me much. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

6pm St Mary and St Francis de Sales
(Chervier Centre) Rangiora

SUNDAY MASSES

8:30am Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oxford

9am St Patrick's, Kaiapoi

10:30am St Mary and St Francis de Sales
(Chervier Centre) Rangiora

5pm Latin Mass (First & Third Sunday)
St Mary & St Francis de Sales, Rangiora

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday

9am Rangiora

Wednesday

9am Rangiora

12pm Kaiapoi

7:00pm Oxford

(First and Third Wednesdays)

Thursday

9am Rangiora

Friday

9:30am Kaiapoi

12pm Rangiora

Saturday

9:30am Kaiapoi

ADORATION - RANGIORA

Tuesday - Thursday 8 - 8:45am

Wednesday 7pm - 8pm

Friday 11am - 11:45am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9am Kaiapoi

Saturday 5:15 - 5:45 Rangiora

Parish News

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Join RCIA to find out more
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Begins 7pm Wed 4 Oct in Rangiora

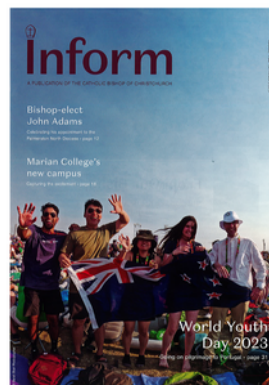
For more information contact Carly
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CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

Wine & Cheese
Info Night
7pm Wed 4 Oct
in Rangiora



Info Night: Now 4 Oct



INFORM:
Now available at the church
foyer... Don't miss your
copy.

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Bishop-Elect John Adams
celebrating his
appointment to the
Palmerston North Diocese

A message from Joan Adams

I'm writing this to thank everyone who was part of the beautiful farewell for my son John. I know he has loved being pastor for Waimakariri; and has found it difficult to leave there, Christchurch, his family and friends. However he is blessed with skills to succeed wherever he goes and I guess it's Palmerston North who needs him now. As his mother this shift is bittersweet for me, but like him we have the grace to do the will of God, though sad and all it is. I thought it beautiful that the day he left was the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, she will take care of him.

I also want to thank you for the beautiful flowers given to me for my birthday, it was a surprise. I had warned John it was his day not mine, however in true John style he ignored me and told someone it was my birthday. I did appreciate the outcome. Abundant blessings to all, Joan Adams

Annual Secondhand Catholic Booksale - 23rd/24th Sept

St. Augustine's Bookshop is holding Christchurch's first annual Catholic Secondhand Book Sale at Christ the King Church Center (90 Greers Rd, Burnside).

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th of September - 10am to 4pm.

If you have any Catholic books to donate beforehand, please drop them off at Christ the King or ring Dan on 022 1751 789. Eftpos will be available. Proceeds will go to John Paul II Centre for Life.

SVDP Rangiora: Chanel Open Space-

Last gathering for this term this Tuesday 19 September. Next gathering resume Tuesday 10 October.

Chervier Ladies Social Group will meet on **Wednesday 20th September** at 12 noon for a finger - food lunch at the home of Jan Grounds, 125 Church St, Rangiora. Please NOTE the change in date and week. All ladies of the parish welcome. There will be a raffle and the competition will be a spring flower from your garden. Ph 03 313 3294 or 027 617 3606.

2024 Columban Art Calendar : Now n Sale at the Holy Stall in Rangiora and Kaiapoi for \$12.00

TBuy a Catholic calendar from Columban to help support the missionary work of the St Columbans Mission Society. Each Columban calendar is designed with a range of beautiful artworks for you to enjoy throughout the year, making it a great addition to your home. If you need to stay organised, this calendar helps you keep track of key dates and important festivals and celebrations.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fr Do Nguyen
Fr Rex Ramos

Maureen Thow
Carly Mulqueen

Jeanette Dobbs
Kyrn Newell

Jacinta Nicholls
Brendan Malone

OUR PARISH MISSION IS TO BE JOY-FILLED MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: FED BY THE EUCHARIST, GROWING IN HOLINESS, AND TAKING THE GOSPEL AND LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE PEOPLE OF WAIMAKARIRI

Coming up this Week



Monday 18th September

7pm Junior Youth Group
Chervier Centre

7:30pm Kaiapoi men's group
St Patrick's lounge

Tuesday 19th September

6am Men's Adoration
Chervier Centre

Chanel Open Space
1pm Chervier Centre
Jenny Carter - 027 4088535

Oxford Prayer Group
1:30pm Oxford Church Centre

Youth Group
7-8:30pm Chervier Centre

Wednesday 20th September

8pm Catholic Brewers
Guild of Redwood
5 Peaks, Kaiapoi
David Carshalton - 0211906119

Thursday 21st September

1:45-2:30 Rosary
(at Donna Newman's)
97B Blackett St., Rangiora

6:30pm Alpha, Wild Goose and
Confirmation
Chervier Centre

Friday 22nd September

10:45am Legion of Mary
Chervier Centre

Saturday 23rd September
10:00am St Patrick's Prayer Group
St Patrick's Lounge

Parish Survey Results

Q: "What is one aspect of parish life you like the way it is?"
Your comments to do with Opportunities for Learning & Growth

Alpha

"The variety of opportunities provided for me to deepen my faith"

"formed.org"

"Really good opportunities to get involved in courses and learn more about the Catholic beliefs and faith"

"I enjoy the flexibility and the opportunity to grow at my pace"

"The number of people growing as disciples"

"I look forward to reading the newsletter to find out 'what's on' for me"

"There are a lot of opportunities to grow in holiness"

"The ongoing formation and evangelisation opportunities like Alpha and Following Christ"

Next Sunday's Readings : 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First reading : Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalms : 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Second reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Gospel : Matthew 20:1-16

Faith Explained...by Father Rex

Why does the Sacrament of the Eucharist have so many names?

The Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments, is called by many names because a single name cannot exhaust the richness and meaning of this Sacrament. Each name presents to us a certain aspect of this Sacrament. Knowing therefore all the names of this Sacrament instituted by Christ at the Last Supper will give us a deeper understanding and appreciation of it.

The most common term for the Eucharist is the **Mass** or **Holy Mass**. We call the Eucharist Mass because at the end of the celebration we are all sent forth to fulfill God's will in our daily lives. Missa (mass) comes from Latin word, missio).

The Holy Mass is termed Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God for all his blessings. Eucharist is derived from the Greek term eucharistein, eucaristia which means thanksgiving.

The Holy Mass is referred to as the **Lord's Supper**, because of its connection with the supper, which the Lord took with his apostles on the eve of His passion.

The **Breaking of the Bread** is another name of the Eucharist because Jesus used this rite, when as master of the table he blessed and distributed bread and above all at the Last Supper. It is the by the Breaking of the Bread that His disciples will recognize the Lord after His resurrection.

Eucharistic assembly is another term for the Mass because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the faithful, the visible expression of the Church.

The Mass is the **Memorial** of the passion, death and resurrection. In the celebration of the Mass, we commemorate or remember Jesus, His words and His actions.

The Mass is the **Holy Sacrifice** because it makes present sacramentally the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The Mass is the **Holy and Divine Liturgy** because the Church's whole liturgy finds its center in the celebration of these Sacred Mysteries. In this holy and divine liturgy, we celebrate the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We speak of the Eucharist as the **Most Blessed Sacrament** because it is the Sacrament of sacraments. It is the Sacrament of the sacraments because in partaking of Holy Communion we receive not just grace which each sacrament gives but the giver of grace Himself, Jesus. The consecrated hosts reserved in the tabernacle are designated by the name of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is also called **Holy Communion** because by this Sacrament we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

We also call the Eucharist the Holy Things for they are truly and substantially the Body and Blood of our savior, the Son of God. Finally, the Eucharist is also referred to as the Bread of Angels, Bread from heaven, medicine of immortality and viaticum (food of the dying person on the way to heaven) (See Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1328)

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