

Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL | ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington)
ST MARY'S (Kaikorai) | ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

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18 February 2024 – First Sunday of Lent – Year B

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SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY:	St Mary's Vigil: 6:00pm
SUNDAY:	St Francis Xavier: 9:00am; St Joseph's Cathedral: 10:30am; (9:00am Latin Mass; Chapel)
	St Joseph's, Brockville remains closed to the public.

WEEKDAY MASS

ST MARY'S: Tue & Fri: 9:30am; **ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** Wed & Thurs: 9:30am

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL: Mon & Sat: 9:30am (Chapel), Wed: 5:30pm (Cathedral)

CONFESSION

Cathedral: Sat 4:30-5:00pm

Kaikorai: Sat 5:10-5:25pm

EXPOSITION

Cathedral: Wed 6-6:40pm

Kaikorai: Sat 4:30-5:25pm

(both concluding with Benediction)

PARISH PICNIC Sausage Sizzle (Hills & Cathedral)

Everyone is most welcome **Sunday 25 Feb, 12 Noon** after Mass to come up to the Cathedral School to enjoy some free food, drink and picnic games such as tug-of-war, sack races etc.

HELPERS NEEDED to cook sausages on the school BBQ and butter bread. Please contact the parish office if you're happy to help. Thanks for the PTFA for providing drinks and serving. Lolly scramble to finish! The event will go ahead rain hail or snow ☺

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These will be prayed each Friday of Lent in St Joseph's Cathedral, **5:30pm**, (excluding Good Friday). Come and prayer with Christ these final hours of his life!

RCIA – LEARNING ABOUT ENTERING THE CHURCH

The next session will be held **Wednesday 28 Feb**, occurring fortnightly at **7pm** (1-hr) meeting in the Catholic Pastoral Centre (300 Rattray Street, Level 4)

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES & MEMORIALS

21 February – St Peter Damien; 22 February – THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE

23 February – St Polycarp

LENTEN CAROLS – ST JOSEPH’S CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 6 March, following the 5:30pm Cathedral Mass

A selection of Lenten music will be performed by the Cathedral Choir and Director/Organist David Burchell during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:15-6:45pm, concluding with Benediction. Everyone most welcome to attend.

PARISH INSURANCE – Decision

Many thanks for the feedback received on this important matter over recent weeks. This has not been an easy decision for our two finance committees to have to make (Hills & Cathedral Parishes). In summary, the Diocese has asked parishes to consider not continuing with the present rate of insurance due to its increasing unaffordability. Instead, Parishes would save the annual premiums that would have been spent (inflation adjusted) each year as a form of limited self-insurance.

Therefore, our two committees have, with a majority decision decided to accept the Diocesan plan and not commercially insure our properties from June 2024. It is important to note that the Diocese will maintain public liability insurance for all Church property and personnel.

Not insuring does come with some risk, but in order to mitigate some of this, limited works will take place on our properties to inspect electrics and install simple fire and security camera systems where possible.

DRIVING PEOPLE TO MASS

— We are looking to create a list of people who would be able to offer a lift to and from Masses when the need arises due to age and/or mobility. Please contact the office if you’re able to assist as required.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths

Denis O’Neill

Anniversaries:

Brian Hanagan and Kelekolio Makasini

Requiescant in Pace

BISHOPS’ LENT APPEAL 2024

Donation Envelopes for the Bishops’ Lent Appeal are available in the church foyers. This year, Caritas are using a single giving envelope. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may place your donation envelopes in the collection or send them directly to Caritas using the freepost option.

The Lenten Reflection Programme and His Holiness Pope Francis’ Lenten Message can be found online here: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources>

MORAN CHAPEL (OCTAGON) FRIDAY CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard in the Chapel every Friday 3-3:30pm (outside of holiday time).

ST JOSEPH'S CHORISTERS

Does your child enjoy singing? We're looking for more children to sing with the St Joseph's Choristers, a small group who sing with the cathedral choir at Sunday Mass once a fortnight. All children aged between 7 and 11 are welcome to join. No previous musical experience is needed, and membership is free.

As well as learning the music sung at Mass, the Choristers learn about musical notation and how to use their voices well. We sing in a variety of musical styles and languages.

We rehearse 3.30-4.20pm on Thursdays in the cathedral chapel, and sing at Mass twice a month with a warm-up rehearsal at 10am. Please contact the Organist and Choir Director David Burchell on d.c.burchell@outlook.com / 021 135 2535 if you are interested.

ORGAN CONCERT – Christopher Hainsworth

COMING SOON: **Friday 1 March at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rattray St, Dunedin:** organist Christopher Hainsworth performs a lively programme in celebration of Rossini's 56th birthday (Rossini was born on 29 Feb!). Includes some familiar music in an unfamiliar guise: Rossini's Overture to William Tell, Monti's Czardas, and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Greensleaves. Christopher Hainsworth is one of NZ's most entertaining organists and is touring the country on a visit home from his current position as organist of the cathedral of Beziers in France. Admission by donation: \$10-\$20 per person suggested.

PLANNED GIVING For giving by automatic payment our Parish accounts are listed below. Please insert your name and "PG" as the reference and advise the parish office name and address details for your tax receipt.

Mornington Parish:	06 0901 0054866 07
Kaikorai Parish:	06 0901 0054903 02
Brockville Parish:	06 0901 0054938 27
St Joseph's Cathedral:	06 0901 0054874 01

NZ CATHOLIC Feb. 11-24 issue for sale in the church foyer. Price \$4.

Some headlines for this issue: Kiwi and Anglican bishops gather in Rome and UK. New director for Hearts Aflame. Chch diocese seeks feedback on cathedral location options. Dunedin cathedral sanctuary angels get their wings.

LENT AND LAUDATO SI' - Fasting from food waste for Lent

'...we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and "whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor"'. [LS 50]

You may wish to check out the [Ignatian Carbon Challenge Lenten Food Waste Fast](#) which has tips and tools to help us fast from food waste during the 6 weeks of Lent and beyond.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sacred Heart Home – Little Sisters of the Poor, 295 Brockville Road, Dunedin.

Every Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and transport.

Fee: Donation. To register your interest: ph. 03 476 2028 or email: dt@lspdun.co.nz

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Bible Stories - What do they mean?

Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles

Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

The Stations of the Cross - Reflections on Wood Carvings.

Available in English and Samoan. \$7 incl. postage

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/08/11/reflection-on-wood-carvings/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION GUIDANCE

What is Reconciliation?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Confession) is the sacrament through which the love and mercy of Jesus Christ is offered to us.

In this sacrament, we confess our sins, express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ, make amends, and resolve to do better in the future.

The forgiveness of sins involves:

- **Contrition:** A sincere sorrow for having sinned against God and others. It is an essential element since there can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our past wrongs.
- **Confession:** Confronting our sins in a profound way by speaking about them out loud to the priest.
- **Penance:** An important part of our conversion and healing is changing our lives. The priest asks us to make amends for our sins through prayer and action.
- **Absolution:** After asking for forgiveness, the priest frees us of our sins by saying: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Preparing to Make a Good Confession

Confession may seem difficult, but it does not have to be! A little preparation goes a long way.

Before you go to Confession, it is good to begin with prayer, asking God for the courage to be honest with yourself as you review past thoughts, words and actions. This is called an "examination of conscience." As you seek healing and forgiveness, it is important to express sorrow for the wrongs you have done and resolve to sin no more.

An examination of conscience always involves recalling how we did not love God and others – in our thoughts, in our words, in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do.

Four steps to make an examination of conscience:

- Begin with a prayer asking for God's help.
- Review your life. To help you do this, ask yourself some questions based on the Ten Commandments (see next panel).
- Tell God how truly sorry you are for your sins.
- Make a firm resolution not to sin again.

"may God give you pardon and peace"

Examination of Conscience

Recall your sins. Prayerfully consider what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God and your brothers and sisters in Christ. Ask yourself:

- Do I pray to God every day? Have I thanked God for his gifts to me?
- Did I put my faith in danger or engage in superstitious practices?
- Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath?
- Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass?
- Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Was I disrespectful? Did I gossip?
- Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?
- Did I consent to, recommend, advise, or actively take part in an abortion?
- Did I willfully look at pornography or engage in impure conversations or actions? Did I use artificial means to prevent conception?
- Was I unfaithful to my spouse? Did I engage in sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Did I steal or damage another's property? Have I been honest and just in my business relations?
- Have I been responsive to the needs of the poor and respected the dignity of others?
- Have I shared my wealth with others?
- Did I tell lies? Did I sin by detraction of others?
- Did I judge others rashly in serious matters?
- Have I envied others?

Retrieved from: <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/refresher-on-the-rules-of-fast-and-abstinence-during-lent/21603>

PARISH MINISTRIES (for next week)

<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	ST MARY'S 24 February 2024	ST FRANCIS XAVIER 25 February 2024	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL 25 February 2024
Ministers of Communion		Shirley Forde	Jo Stanley, Kelly Braithwaite
Readers: 1st and Psalm	Finau Taungapeau	Ross O'Connell	School
2nd and Gospel Acclam.	Finau Taungapeau	Jego Jacob	School
Introduction & Prayers of the Faithful	Adrian Kubala	Diane Kennedy	
Altar Servers	Alyssa Kubala Nikau Walker		Jack Burke, Ismay Bone Leno Gianone
Collections	Erin and Deanne Barton	Sue Kennedy, Novita Muhall	School
Gifts	L Finnerty, P Campbell		School
Children's Liturgy			
Overhead Projector	Liz Dempster	Rubandass Jhondass	Connolly Family
Counter/s	Lawrence Finnerty	Mary Rogan	P & L O'Neill, R O'Neill, J Dawkins
Church Cleaning	Barbara McCaig Pauline Campbell	Ioane & Leva'ai Sefo	Tuitea Family (Feb)
Morning Tea		Diane Kennedy Gerald O'Connell	
Greeters	Adrian Kubala	Michael & Marie Morgan	June Steele, Julie Dawkins
Parish Needs Co-ordinator		Susan More 027 431 1263	