

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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29 March 2026 – Palm Sunday – Year A



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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

EXPOSITION

Cathedral: Wed 6-6:40pm
(concluding with Benediction)

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Wednesday 11:00am - Cathedral Mass of the Oils
(Replaces Mornington 9:30am & Cathedral 5:30pm)

Holy Thursday 7:00pm - Cathedral, 9:00pm Night Prayer *(Replaces Mornington 9:30am)*

Good Friday 3:00pm - Cathedral

Holy Saturday 7:00pm - Easter Vigil - Cathedral *(Replaces Kaikorai Vigil)*

Easter Sunday 9:00am - Mornington
10:30am – Cathedral

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS - To Ross & Monique Kirkpatrick (nee: Le Roux) who married at St Joseph's Cathedral Sat 21 March with Fr Vaughan.

DIOCESAN WIDE CONSULTATION 2026

Over the months before Easter, Bishop Michael is consulting across the Diocese regarding present Pastoral Areas becoming singular Parishes. This consultation is for individuals and groups, focusing on the synodal question: **“What sort of parish are we called to be”**

More info at www.stjosephscathedraldunedin.com

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL CROSS WALK

9:30am Start at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, walking to Mornington Presbyterian Church (6 Maryhill Terrace), then to St Mary's Anglican Church (3 Whitby Street), finishing at Mornington Methodist Church (1 Galloway Street).
Cupper and buns to follow - Everyone most welcome.



THANK YOU

As Easter approaches (the closing of the Diocesan Consultation) I want to thank you all for the overwhelming support and encouragement I have received as the Parish Priest of our three Parishes. It is not always easy to deal with change and questions around sustainability, which can elicit something of a grief experience for some. Let us pray for those who may be struggling with this process and let our faith in Christ and his bride the Church be our consolation and unity, the reason for our hope and cause of our eternal joy; not a pious thought but a true reality.

Blessings,
Fr Vaughan Leslie PP

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – at St Joseph's Cathedral, 5:30pm
(ending 27 Mar)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Rite I Confessions** – Thursday 2 Apr, Noon-12:30pm – Cathedral (none on Holy Saturday)
- **Confirmation & First Holy Communion** - 27/28 June

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Albert Anderson, Lewis Kerr, Frances O'Connell & Mary O'Connell

Requiescant in Pace

GIBSON TALK SERIES 3, 2026

Dr Graham Redding, University of Otago speaking on **Religious violence and religious nationalism in a fragmenting world.** Wednesday **15 April 2026 at 7pm** at Mornington Methodist Church (corner of Galloway and Whitby Streets). **Admission:** \$5 or other koha. All welcome.

In a time of growing division and conflict, religion is often seen as both a cause of violence and a source of hope. This talk will explore the myths of a just war and examine how religion can both fuel and resist violence.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the financial year beginning 1 April 2026 are available for collection from the church foyers. If you would like to join the planned giving envelope system, please contact the Parish Office during office hours to request a set.

CARITAS AND LENT- ‘Hear the Voice, Answer the Call’

Support of the **Bishops’ Lenten Appeal** enables Caritas to help poor and marginalised communities around the world. Donations can be made directly via direct debit or credit card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give> or to the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand bank account: 03-0518-0211216-003. Please use “Lent” as the Code and your first and last name as particulars. Freepost envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church throughout Lent, if you prefer to give in that way. Donations received by Caritas by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2025/26 tax year. Any donations received in the Caritas office after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2026/27 tax year.

For more information, email: caritas@caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.

PLANNED GIVING Donations for the support of Priests and the Parish may be given by Automatic Payment or Planned Giving Envelopes. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, **please contact the Parish Office** for more information. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the financial year, of which one third can be claimed from the Inland Revenue.

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

NZCBCIR – Muffin Talk with Bishop Michael Dooley.

60 years of Nostra Aetate and why interreligious dialogue is important.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/21/nzcbcir-muffin-talk-with-bishop-michael-dooley/>

Baptism & Lent with Prof Thomas O’Loughlin (UK). What is the connection between Lent and Baptism? <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/02/25/baptism-lent/>

For more resources and information: www.studyjoy.nz

CARING FOR CREATION – Climate Change and Our Health

Implications for a “Just Transition” – Professor Alex Macmillan

Hear Alex summarize Aotearoa climate health research, discuss lessons for achieving change, and what a “just transition” means. **Monday 30 March, 12.00 noon, DCC Library 4th Floor – Free refreshments afterwards. Nau mai ki te katoa! Everyone welcome!**

www.seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org.

VACANCY – Chief Finance Officer, Christchurch

The Diocese of Christchurch is seeking an experienced and forward-thinking Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute meaningfully to the strategic direction of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. We invite applications from leaders who share the Diocese’s sense of purpose, who value meaningful work, and who are energised by contributing to a mission-driven organisation.

For more information, or to apply, email applications@cdoc.nz

Applications close at 9.00pm on April 12.

Parish Directory

- **Passionist Family Group:** Meeting once a month. Contact: Deborah Kelly debkelly@kinect.co.nz
- **Xavier Notes Music, Mornington:** Contact: Parish office will forward enquiry
- **St Joseph's Cathedral Choir and Choristers:** Contact: David Burchell d.c.burchell@outlook.com or ph. 021 135 2535
- **St Vincent de Paul Society:** 03 477 0555; www.stvincentdepauldunedin.nz/
- **Rosary:** St Mary's Kaikorai following Tue & Fri Mass; Cathedral Wed 6:10pm
- **Tongan Community:** Mass 1st Sunday of the month, St Mary's Kaikorai
Contact: Hulita Makasini, ph. 021 162 1610
- **Filipino Community:** Mass 3rd Sunday of the month, St Mary's Kaikorai
- **Cathedral Sunday Coffee:** Meeting after Mass at Mitre 10. Contact: Raymond & Monica clarkraymond07@gmail.com
- **Friendship Club** Little Sisters of the Poor, for the elderly and homebound, Tuesdays 10-3pm. Contact: 03 476 2028 or email: dt@lspdun.co.nz to attend – free transport.
- **Catholic Young Adults Prayer Group:** Fridays 6pm during University term time at Holy Name. Email: dunedin.catholic@gmail.com; [Facebook group](#)
Instagram: @dunedin.catholic.

All Parish Groups are welcome to be included in this directory by contacting the parish office: stjosephcathdn@gmail.com or hillsburbspa@gmail.com

PARISH ROSTERS

5 April 2026, Easter Sunday

ST MARY'S Saturday, 6:00pm	ST FRANCIS XAVIER Sunday, 9:00am	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL Sunday, 10:30am
EASTER VIGIL AT THE CATHEDRAL 7:00PM Greeter: Reader: Welcome/Prayers: Collection: Gifts: Altars Servers: Overhead: Counters: Cleaning: S Kubala	Greeters: D Dore, D Kennedy Welcome/Prayers: D Kennedy Readers: D & S More Collection/Gifts: Trompetter Family Extraordinary Minister: S Forde Altars Servers: Jude, Tia Overhead: G O'Connell Morning Tea: N Mulhall, R O'Connell Counters: C & J Sullivan Cleaning: Brosnahan Family	Greeters: R Kabwea, G Luby Readers: L & J Ablett-Kerr Collection: M Rajaratnam, D Doody Gifts: R & M Clark Extraordinary Ministers: N & R Alahakoon Altars Servers: R & R Richard, J Lodge Overhead: Magnuson Family Counters: Magnuson Family Cleaning: J Chung

Rosters for all Parishes are available on the Cathedral website here:

<https://www.stjosephscathedraldunedin.com/rosters.html>. Copies are also posted at the churches.