Today’s scripture reveals the Father’s love and the way to life. Having so moving a demonstration of God’s care for us, can fill us with confidence and move us to rejoice. It also shows us that our celebration of the Eucharist is a participation in the very mystery of our redemption. Today, let us lift up our hearts in worship to the Lord.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading:
Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Psalm Response:
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading:
Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners.

Gospel:
Luke 1:1-4:14-21

Prayer of the Faithful Response:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember in your prayers: The sick in the parish also: Marie Andrews; Marie Shand; Tony Farrant; Russell Alldridge (Hokitita); Anna Welch; Tom Brankin.

Recently Deceased: Olive Gallington; Theresa Lagan; John (Jack) Boyle (father of Stacy Boyle-Curnow); Julia Davis; Gregory Starke (father of Megan Emery).

Masses Requested: Margaret Collins (R.I.P.); Ferdinand Morais (R.I.P.); Pat Nevin (Anniversary 31st January); Msgr. Bill Middleton ‘Thanksgiving’.

Book of Memories: 27th Gerald Sheldon; 29th Raymond Brake; 30th John Foley, Mary Hickey, Elva McNaught; 31st Patricia Nevin; 1st Honorah Donnellan, Sarah Critchley, Arthur Quinn, Bishop Denis Hanrahan, Margery Thompson; Sarah McCartin (Sr. Gertrude), Barry Rea.

CHURCH INFORMATION

What’s On:
Sun. 10.00am Parish Morning Tea
Tues. 7.00pm S.V.D.P.
Thurs. 6.30pm Soulfood – Parish Ctre.
Fri. 7.00 – 8.00pm Divine Mercy Vigil
Sat. 3.00pm Legion of Mary

Feast Days & Memorials:
28th St Thomas Aquinas
31st St John Bosco
2nd The Presentation of The Lord

Next Week’s Readings: Year C
First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19
Second Reading: Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Love and Fruitfulness

“You did not choose Me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then My Father will give you whatever you ask for in My name. So I command you to love each other.”

John 15:16-17
As the schools return, we are more focused now that the New Year is well under way. Our children return to newly refurbished classrooms, the initiative of Bishop Barry and his Advisors. The work was unrelated to earthquake issues, but was an initiative by the Bishop to give the highest standards for our children’s safety. The work involved removing heavy tiles for a lighter roof, removing bricks, and putting in new windows and insulation. A job well done, giving a lovely lot of ‘new’ classrooms.

As mentioned in last week’s bulletin, help with school fees for families will be greatly appreciated. Yearly fee: $138.00, fee for one term: $34.50. Thank you.

† A Tribute to Olive Gallington †

We laid to rest Olive Gallington, following Mass for her last Thursday. Olive was chief flower arranger for over thirty years, besides coordinating the church cleaning roster over that period. Olive was a very good group of people who attended to the church. Even when she had health issues, she still kept a weather eye on church activities. We are so grateful to Olive for all those years of dedicated service, and she will be missed very much. God will surely reward her for such generous work. May she rest in peace. Pray for her daughter Liz, and son Andrew.

Msgr. Bill

CTK First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2013 – An Enquiry Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 1.00pm – 2.30pm or 7.30pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is for the parents of 2013, Year 4 children or older children who have received the sacrament of baptism and who wish to make their First Communion and Reconciliation. Copies of the letter outlining the programme are available on the table at the back of the Church or as a pdf file in the parish website. Any queries please contact James Bryant 0210259343 A/hours 354 9093 or email ctkyouthnz@gmail.com

Celebrating the Year of Faith

By the power of the risen Lord, the Church is given strength to overcome, in patience and in love, its sorrows and its difficulties, both those that are from within and those that are from without, so that it may reveal to the world, faithfully, although with shadows, the mystery of its Lord until, in the end, it shall be manifested in full light.

[Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium 8]

The Monthly Divine Mercy Vigil Evening takes place at CTK this Friday 1st February at 7.00pm, with an hour of Adoration, prayer and reflection.

The Parish Novena recommences this coming Saturday 2nd February, 5.00pm – 5.30pm.

Catholic Women’s League: The Opening Mass for all branches will be held at St. Peter & Paul Church, Halswell on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm. Meet at 6.45pm at Christ the King for transport or car pool. Enquiries Kath Noble, 354 9038.

Diamond Jubilee: The Carmelite Sisters warmly invite you to the Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession of Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity, Monday 11th February at 2.30pm. There will be a concelebrated Mass, followed by refreshments, to celebrate this wonderful milestone. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy: The combined Catholic/Anglican Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be hosted by Bishop Victoria Matthews at 5.30pm, Wednesday 13th February at St Christopher’s Church, Avonhead Rd, and followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Charismatic Mass: We welcome everyone to our Charismatic Mass, 7.30pm, Friday 1st February at Our Lady of Victories, celebrated by Fr. Jack O’Connor.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women begins this year with Mass celebrated by Fr. Jack O’Connor.

NB: new start time – 1.15pm.

Rosters to be picked up from the back of the Church: Morning Tea, Collectors [those not on email], Greeters and Offertory.

More Notices, News and Information available on our website www.christtheking.org.nz
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<td>The Geraldine Presbytery is available for rental by parishioners during the year with bookings available from February. The house is furnished, with a good kitchen and lounge, 3 bedrooms: queen bed + 3 singles. BYO linen/towels. Cost: $60 per night. For bookings contact: Margaret Bray, phone 03 693 9688, email: <a href="mailto:margrichbray@clear.net.nz">margrichbray@clear.net.nz</a></td>
<td>The diocesan website: <a href="http://www.chch.catholic.org.nz">www.chch.catholic.org.nz</a> contains a wide variety of information including Mass times, earthquake updates, Sunday Gospel reflections by Fr John O’Connor, and diocesan news and events happening around the Diocese. See our Facebook page with the latest Diocesan news and updates.</td>
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<td>Hear both UK documentary maker and journalist, Harry Fear, plus veteran Kiwi activist, Roger Fowler, speak on their fact-finding mission in Gaza when the recent bombing raids took place. 7.30pm, Monday 4 February, Knox Hall, 28 Bealey Ave. All are welcome to attend.</td>
<td>It is important when a family member enters hospital, that their next of kin, or carer, makes sure they are registered as Catholic. Due to privacy laws, some hospitals do not now provide names of Catholic patients to our Catholic Chaplains. So if a patient or a family wishes to see the Catholic hospital chaplain please ask the ward staff to ensure that the chaplain is contacted. If you know you will be entering hospital then you are able to ask your parish priest to anoint you prior to going into hospital. A Catholic priest is always available for urgent calls by asking hospital staff to contact him.</td>
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<td>Women of all ages are invited to come along and experience Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women which begins this year with Mass celebrated by Fr Jack O’Connor. NB: new start time - 1.15pm, Saturday 9 February, this month at St Joseph’s Parish Centre, Vagues Rd, Papanui. For more information contact Janet Archer, phone 359 4305 or look up the website: <a href="http://www.dove.org.nz">www.dove.org.nz</a></td>
<td>New supplies of Bibles, Catechisms and Missals have arrived in the Catholic Shop for the new year. Contact Bernard, ph 366 2853 for more details or go to the website: <a href="http://www.chch.catholic.org.nz/catholicshop">www.chch.catholic.org.nz/catholicshop</a></td>
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<td>7.00pm, Thursday 14 February, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester Street. “Rejoicing in God's gift of Married Love to the World”. A glass of bubbly to follow. All welcome.</td>
<td>Join us for Adoration every Tuesday, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, St Gregory's Church, 30 Cotswold Ave, Bishopdale, to pray for the prolife cause and an end to abortion. All are welcome to invite anyone you think would be interested. Email Joseph Houghton for details on <a href="mailto:joseph.houghton@gmail.com">joseph.houghton@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>This week we feature an interview with Paul Russell, an Australian anti-euthanasia campaigner who visited the Diocese. He has important things to say given the spectre of supposed “death with dignity” legislation being introduced in our parliament this year. Hear us on Sundays, 12.00pm &amp; 10.00pm on Plains fm 96.9. You can listen online at: <a href="http://www.chch.catholic.org.nz/radio">www.chch.catholic.org.nz/radio</a></td>
<td>Thursday has been set aside as a special day to pray for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Small prayer cards and family prayer leaflets are available in church foyers, or visit: <a href="http://www.chch.catholic.org.nz/priesthood">www.chch.catholic.org.nz/priesthood</a></td>
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<td>This 18-hour course begins 5.00pm, Monday 18 February, at the Catholic Education Office, 122 Barbadoes St. For more details contact Charles Shaw, phone 353 0751, email: <a href="mailto:cshaw@chch.catholic.org.nz">cshaw@chch.catholic.org.nz</a></td>
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