



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2009 (YEAR B)



Saint Joseph's Parish
Darfield (Est. 1888)

Telegraph Road, Darfield 7510
 Fr Kevin's cellphone 021 715 641

Mass times

Sunday: 8.30am

Wednesday, 30 Sep,
11.30am

Christchurch West Pastoral Area,
comprises the parishes of
Darfield, Hornby, Leeston,
Lincoln, Riccarton, Sockburn.

Our Lady of Victories Parish ~ Sockburn (Est. 1949)

106 Main South Road, PO Box 11027 Christchurch 8443
 Phone: 348 6100 Fax: 348 0502 Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 12noon

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am & 5.00 pm

Monday 9.00 am
 Tuesday 9.00 am
 Wednesday 9.00 am *at Mercy House*
 Wednesday 7.00 pm
 Thursday 9.00 am
 Friday 9.00 am followed by
 Adoration until
 Benediction at 5.30pm
 7.30pm Charismatic Mass
 Saturday 9.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

commences one hour before each weekend Mass &
 concludes 15 minutes prior to Mass:
 ie, Saturday 5.00 - 5.45 pm
 Sunday 9.00 - 9.45 am, Sunday 4.00 - 4.45pm

Reconciliation

Wednesday 6.30 - 6.45 pm
 Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 am & 5.15 - 5.30 pm
 Sunday 9.15 - 9.30am & 4.15 - 4.30pm

Rosary

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8.30 am
 Mon - Thurs 4.00 pm

COME, LET US WORSHIP

Entrance: 407

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Saviour

Psalms: 20 Ps.19

Communion Reflection: 456

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Report of Bishop Barry Jones
on Pastoral Visitation of
Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn,
September 18-20, 2009

September 23, 2009

Dear Father John

Thank you for the programme which was arranged for the recent pastoral visitation of the Parish of Our Lady of Victories. It enabled me to spend time in the parish, to meet people and to get an idea of something of the life and activities of it. I very much enjoyed my visit there, and the goodwill and friendliness of the people – it is clear to me that you had prepared the parish for the pastoral visitation well – I think of the sung Episcopal blessing, a first anywhere, and the good material which was printed on the parish bulletin. I thank you, and Kevin too, for your kind hospitality and friendly welcome.

To the school, first of all. I met the staff over lunch and enjoyed the experience – they seemed positive and friendly and it was fascinating for me to be greeted so warmly in the playground by so many children who took the initiative to come and speak to me. Equally impressive was the opportunity to meet the whole school, in three large groups, in the library. The children seemed to me to be lively and alert, well disciplined and yet pleasantly confident. I am delighted to learn that the whole school has the

practice of coming to Mass on a Friday morning – I commend everyone associated with this decision. When I met with the Board of Trustees, I made a point of thanking them and encouraging them in this quite demanding work of governing the school and helping them to see that this school is one part of a big picture that is making a good contribution to the Church and also to society. I was pleased to learn from the members that they have a good relationship with the various diocesan education personnel and are very appreciative of their work. I do not have a good understanding of how the visits to the school families was arranged or publicised but the outcome was impressive and enjoyable. It was a privilege to meet the four families in their homes and to see that the visit was enjoyed by them and meant a lot to them. I am convinced that a skilful use of time by priests can add a great deal to the life and character of the school and I thank you for what you are doing - it is greatly appreciated by members of the school community.

It was good to meet with members of the Parish Council and also the Finance Committee and the various parish workers and good to have a short interchange with them. From what I observed, lay persons in the parish do have a sense of co responsibility for the mission of the Church and that they are comfortable and confident in the roles that you have prepared them for. The memorandum from the Diocesan Accountant makes the point that the expenditure on the church restoration project had exceeded approvals – my advice is that the project as a whole was approved and that a substantial amount of the expenditure was in fact donated for that particular purpose and could not be used for any other purpose and so was not part of general parish funds. She makes the point that no record of bequests during 2008 -9 was received by the Diocese and the presumption is that none were made to the parish.

Thank you for arranging the visits to the homes of the sick and bereaved and to those of consecrated religious and to the parents of my Deputy for the Pastoral Plan. It was good to meet them and talk with them in their homes and good to see how they value their relationship with their parish priest and bishop. I take it that there are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are caring for the sick and elderly in their homes and ask that you convey to them my thanks and appreciation for their work in showing the Lord's care for his own - I think it is vital that they too are fed in their soul from time to time so that their work always remains for them a privilege and a joy. I thought that the idea of meeting with the parents of the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion was a good one. They are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith and they are ones who bring their children to Jesus – my meeting with them highlighted this.

I wish to congratulate you on the efforts that you are making to ensure that the Liturgy of the Church is carried out with dignity, beauty and faith. The first element in enabling this to occur is the church itself. In its restored form, it is greatly suited to noble and excellent celebration of the Liturgy and I commend all those who have participated in its restoration.

I have to say that I was greatly impressed by the fluency and ease with which all the congregations participated in the singing of the texts of the Mass and especially the dialogues with the priest. It surpasses anything that I have experienced in a parish church and makes evident the beauty and richness of the Liturgy which is available when celebrated in the Novus Ordo. The sanctuary lends itself to the use of incense at Mass, and its use certainly contributes to the sense of the unseen and mysterious which must accompany the celebration of the Liturgy. I thoroughly approve of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Sunday Masses and on Fridays and also of the frequent opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation - in a place that the Sacra

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:
"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart"

MIDWEEK MASS
 Wed, 30 September 11.30 am

PARISH COUNCIL
 Notes from St Joseph's Parish Council Meeting 20th September:

1. The Pre School lease of the property on Telegraph Rd has run to the end of a 15 year agreement at 31 July 2009 and a new lease presented following two valuations. We await confirmation of the new lease agreement.

2. The farmland has been leased for grazing for a three year period.

3. The Annual Balance Sheet is available in the church porch

FIRST COMMUNION
 The First Communion programme began last Wednesday. The next session is Sunday, 18 October.

KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 Sponsored by the Malvern Churches during school holidays - 28 Sep to 02 Oct ; 9.15am - 11.45am; Years 0 - 6 at the Darfield Primary School Hall. Bookings contact Sarah Ph:318 8425. A donation of \$2.00 per session.

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY
 (excluding automatic payments)
 Parish \$166.70 Diocesan Clergy \$83.40

END OF LIFE DECISIONS
 Are you concerned? A free public meeting exploring the issues of euthanasia and end of life care. Speakers: Brendan Malone (FLI) and Alison Davis (UK). Monday, 12 October, 7.30pm at Shirley Community Centre. See notice board for details.

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP
 Divorced or separated and would like to share the support of others who know how you are feeling? Attend the Divorce Recovery Workshop 01 October to 05 November, Thursday evenings; 7.30—9.30pm at St Christophers, Avonhead. Cost \$30. For more information visit www.stchristophers.org.nz or Ph: 3588780

CHEERFUL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
 To assist people with disabilities who are attending the Christmas Ball at the Templeton Community Centre on Sat, 21 November, 6.00 - 10.30pm. Offer hospitality, help push wheelchairs etc. If you can help, Ph: 388 5144 or email annemccormack@xtra.co.nz

PRAYER & PRAISE
 To be held at Christ the King Parish centre, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside on Sun, 27 Sep. There will also be an inspiring DVD "The Gift of Tradition in the Church" presented by Bishop Mark Coleridge. Everyone welcome.

(Bishop Barry Jones Visitation report cont.)

lives of God's holy people and I commend the use of liturgical dress at all times so that its identity as liturgy is preserved and asserted. All those who had roles to fulfil in the liturgical celebrations did so with dignity and confidence which pointed to good training and high expectations. I am sure that this will soon be true of the altar servers as well – I commend you for their introduction and know that they will flourish with good preparation. As I mentioned in conversation with you, the Prayer of the Faithful is to take place with the intentions being announced from the ambo or some other suitable place - they are announced either by a deacon, or by a cantor, a lector or one of the lay faithful. (GIRM 71.) It may well be that the parish might like to sing the responses, as set out in the Missal.

When Father Rick Loughnan, the Vicar-General, was examining the books, he noticed a few discrepancies which I draw your attention to by enclosing his report to me. I am sure that these can be remedied easily as accurate entries are vital.

Over the weekend, I met many happy parishioners who are appreciative of the priestly ministry that is provided for them by Father Kevin and yourself. On their behalf and on my own I thank you.

Yours sincerely

†Barry Jones
 Bishop of Christchurch

OLV NOTICES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Food Bank supplies are extremely low and urgent help is required Social Services are grateful for the generous support they have received to date but much more food is needed. Social Services get requests from parents to help provide food for children's meals which they respond to as best they can but they desperately require more. Many thanks to the anonymous donation of a \$50 grocery voucher. Please help if you can.

OLV WALKERS
 Wednesday, 30 September, Waimairi Beach - Meet & leave Church car park at 9.30 am

LEISURE GROUP
 Next meeting this Friday, 02 October in the Bishop Joyce Centre at 12 noon. Bring your own lunch. Guest speaker will be Debbie Frank who will speak about her time in India and Africa doing volunteer work with the Christian Brothers. For further information, please ring Rosalie Griffiths, Ph: 348 2743

COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY
 (excluding automatic payments)
 Parish \$2,110.20, Diocesan Clergy \$1055.10

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May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness and peace.

Recently: Ilalio Vi, Ivan Parker, Terence Davidson

Anniversaries: Desmond Leahy, Jack Moynihian, John Maloney, Pauline Royston

We remember those who have been buried from OLV church and whose anniversaries occur at this time:

28/9 Francis Eivers, Alan James, Elizabeth Hogan, 29/9 Harry Marshall, Gabriel Hayden, 1/10 Thomas Ruane, James Murphy, Cecelia Peoples, Monica Fay, Elizabeth Yeoman, 2/10 Lawrence Odell

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CHARISMATIC MASS

Charismatic Mass 7.30pm, Friday 2 October, Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn, celebrated by Fr Michael Mahoney, music by Our Lady of Fatima Philippino Choir & Music Group

WEEKEND RETREAT

A retreat for those aged 25 - 39 years is being held on 16 - 18 Oct at Wainui on 'Growing in Christ Jesus' led by Fr John Jolliffe SM. For more information contact Matt O'Connell at the CYT Ph 366 9869 or email mocconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Catholic Men's Breakfast hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross at St Matthew's Parish Centre, Jeffreys Road, Brndwyr. Saturday 3 October 8am-10am. Guest Speaker: Garry Moore (Ex Mayor). Tickets \$20 from Mike Riley (3828340).

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Women of all ages are invited to Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women on Saturday 10 Oct, 1.30pm, Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road, Burnside. Hear Marrion Stewart speak on: 'There's More: Our New Springtime'. Enquiries: Anna Watson, phone 323 7780 or www.dove.org.nz

CHRISTCHURCH INTERFAITH DISCUSSION

Monthly meeting will be held Monday 28 September, Refugee and Migrant Centre, cnr Peterborough and Madras St, 7.00pm. A representative from Psychiatric Consumers Trust and a panel of different faiths will discuss the issue of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY RELATIONS. Everyone welcome.

6 DAY INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

November 6th 7.30pm - November 13th 9.30am a silent retreat based on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. An opportunity to listen to God at work in the experience of your daily life and prayer. Cost \$430 Retreat Directors Lyn & Kevin Gallagher **Venue:** Sr Eveleen Retreat House Summer Bookings Ph: 266897.

Website www.sistereveleen.co.nz

REFER TO NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- ✧ SOUTH WESTLAND CATHOLIC PARISH 75TH JUBILEE
- ✧ ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, DALLINGTON 75TH JUBILEE
- ✧ ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL REUNION

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