



NORTHERN APPROACHES

Sunday 13th September 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral area for the communities of

Holy Name

Sacred Heart North East Valley

St Anne's Waikouaiti

St Mary Star of the Sea Port Chalmers

Our Lady Star of the Sea Hampden

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Mass Times:

Holy Name

Sunday 7.30am, 10am, 7pm

Monday – Saturday 8.30am

Port Chalmers

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Waikouaiti

Sunday 12pm

Hampden

Sunday 1.30pm. 2nd and 4th of the month

Sacred Heart North East Valley

Sunday 9.30am

Monday – Saturday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11am – 11.30am. Holy Name

Online Mass 10am Sunday, Holy Name

View via you tube or Web page

dunedinnorthpastoralarea.com

Forgiveness

Jesus was uncompromising about the centrality of forgiveness because he understood human nature completely. He knew that if people would not forgive one another, and if they could not graciously accept forgiveness from other people when it was offered, then they would be unable to experience God's forgiveness. Jesus appreciated that the human spirit yearns for acceptance, sympathy, respect, companionship and a sense of belonging. None of these is possible in the absence of forgiveness.

Practising forgiveness, therefore, enables us to realise these yearnings. Our greatest gift from God — the ability to love — is dependent on our ability to forgive. Forgiveness brings healing.

If there is no forgiveness in our lives, then our human nature becomes flawed. We feel isolated. We become less than human and, eventually, our dignity and sense of self-worth diminish.

Our innate beauty derived from being made in the image and likeness of God is shattered. There is a diminution of the quality of human life and living.

When, as repentant people, we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation properly (that is, we confess our sins, make reparation for our wrongdoing and resolve not to commit these sins again) we are assured that our sins are forgiven and that we will have God's help to avoid sin in the future. We all need to experience forgiveness in our lives. The sacrament of reconciliation enables us to receive God's forgiveness for our sins. We become whole human beings again, capable of tremendous love and sacrifice. Is it any wonder, then, that Jesus insisted on forgiveness among his followers?

John Litterton

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Praise the Goodness of God

Based on Psalm 103

God you are so good to me!

You forgive me.

You are with me when I am hurting.

You transform and renew my life.

You are just and merciful.

When I walk away,

you call me back to you.

You don't keep reminding me of my sins.

Your mercy is bigger than I can imagine.

My strengths and weaknesses are not hidden from you.

My failures and shame are in your sight.

There is nothing you don't know about me.

Still, you gaze on me with love.

You love all people.

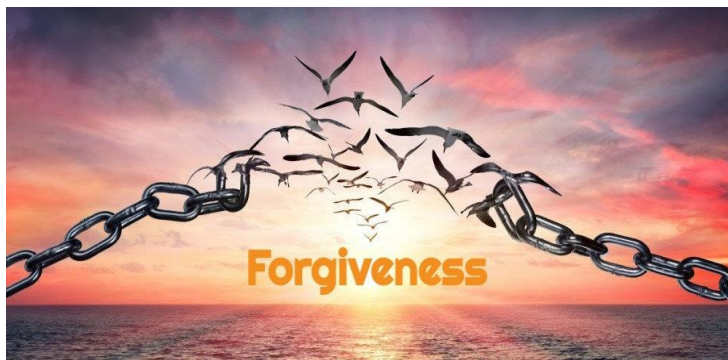
Heaven and earth belong to you.

Save us O God!

Only you have the power to set us free!

Amen.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PRAYER

www.sacredspace.ie

www.pray.as.you.go.org/home

www.authorjoycerupp.com

With the hope of the Resurrection,
we ask that you remember in your prayer all those
who have died recently, including:

And for those we remember,

John Bishop

Mary Duncan

Paul Devereux

Lucas Gilfedder

Michael Hall

Peter Menzies

Philip Price

*May they and all the departed
share in the Peace of
Eternal Life*



SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

13th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Psalm: 103

20th September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Psalm: 145

DUNEDIN NORTH PASTORAL AREA NOTICES

THANK YOU

I am grateful for all of your generous donations to our Roof Appeal. The work is nearing completion and the cost has meant that our long-standing savings are needing to be used. Your donations are helpful. Thank you, Fr Mark.

Financial contributions to the cost of this work can still be made into the Parish account.

Dunedin North Parish

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In the reference identify your donation as Roof Repair. Thank you.

If you require a tax receipt, and are not on our planned giving register please email the office with your Name and Address.

CHURCH/PRESBYTERY HEATING

Thank you to everyone that has donated via the tap and go machine at the rear of our Church.

Your donations are helping considerably with our Church and Presbytery heating costs and are very much appreciated. I have always intended ensuring that our Church is a warm environment for us to gather in for prayer.

Simply chose either \$10 or \$20 and tap your pay-wave/contactless card to make a donation towards our heating costs. (Please note no receipts can be issued.)

Thanks always for your faithful support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We are very grateful for the food donations each week for the Society and also blessed to receive the financial donations given to the SVDP box in the Church Foyer. The SVDP shop always needs more donations of clean clothes, Manchester, china and cutlery etc (no furniture). With Thanks and blessings for your donations. St Dominic's Conference members of Sacred Heart and Holy Name Parishes.

NORTHERN APPROACHES NOTICES

Notices to be emailed or dropped into the pastoral office before Thursday 11.30am.

MONTHLY PUBLICATION IN CHURCH FOYER FOR PURCHASE

Tui Motu - \$7.00

Please place payment in box provided on wall in the church foyer. Thank you.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Rau Tau Pūaroa / Celebrate Compassion

2026. "Let us have kindness and compassion for one another, let us mutually pardon as God pardons us." -*Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert*

On 4th October at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion, the Bishops, and all the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand, to celebrate the life of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. Following her example, on this centenary of her death, let us be aware of the presence of God in our life's journey, and see Jesus in all who we encounter along the way.

23RD ANNUAL PEACE LECTURE

Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group with the Otago Tertiary Chaplaincy present the 23rd Annual Peace Lecture.

Love, courage and hope in an age of global turbulence: Responding to power politics and force from the bottom up.

Professor Kevin P Clements.

Monday 14th September, 6:45-8:45pm.

St David Lecture Theatre. Refreshments provided. All Welcome. For more information see notice in Church foyer.

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Muffin Talk Interview with Fr Emile Frische
MHM: Remembering 9/11

www.studyjoy.nz/2026/09/09/remembering-9-11-muffin-talk-with-fr-emile-frische-mhm/

Exploring Sacred Spaces - organised by the Auckland Inter-Faith Council.

Second event: Saturday, 19 September 2026, 1-3pm at the old Selwyn Church, Howick. For more info and all events in this series, please see poster attached or see

here: www.studyjoy.nz/2026/05/21/interfaith-events-coming-up/.

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PODCAST

A podcast that discusses Pope Leo's recent encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, in the age of AI. The podcast is from the Council on Foreign Relation and is entitled: On Pope Leo XIV and Human Dignity in the Age of AI.

The encyclical itself is available at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Diocesan Laudato Si' group.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

During the ecumenical Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct) Christians throughout the world are invited to give thanks for the gifts of creation, celebrate, pray and take action to care for creation. This year's theme is **Living water** and we are invited to let God's living water flow through our lives. *"The **symbol** depicts water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream that grows deeper; and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation."* [from page 10, Season of Creation Celebration Guide, <https://seasonofcreation.org/>]

'...let us set aside a few moments to pause from the frenzy of our daily lives, in order to savor the profound harmony of which we ourselves are a part. Let us place in "silent mode" the many noises generated by human activity, so that we may hear the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the Author of all things, speaks to us.' (Pope Leo XIV – from [Homily at Mass For The Care Of Creation, 1 Sept 2026](#))

BLOCK ROSARY DUNEDIN

Please join us in celebrating the 3rd year Anniversary of the Block Rosary Dunedin. Saturday 17th October at 5:30pm. Location: Sacred Heart Hall, 89 North Road, North East Valley. Light snacks provided after praying the rosary. Please message Charm for more info (021 08086679).

150 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SECONDARY EDUCATION

16th – 18th October 2026

Invitation to all alumni of the Dunedin Catholic Secondary Schools who have come together over the past 150 years to now form Trinity Catholic College.

Please see notice in Church foyer to register.

TRINITY
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Hei ākonga mā te Karaiti

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The September 2026 Pastoral Edition can be viewed at www.cdd.nz/news.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is a way of supporting our, Pastoral Area and can be done in one of the following ways: Planned giving envelope, Cash in offertory procession or Automatic payments, which can be set up weekly, fortnightly, monthly, whatever suits best, and deposited into one of the Pastoral Areas Bank Accounts below. Please include your name in Particulars and PG as reference.

Any support whether consistent or not, is appreciated and if you choose the automatic payments or planned giving envelopes these are eligible for **tax rebates**, please contact Lisa at the pastoral office holynameparish@hotmail.com with your contact details and a tax certificate will be issued at the end of every financial year.

For donations made to Sacred Heart Church please forward your contact details to North East Valley Office 473 8470.

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SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION

TOTALS FOR THE DUNEDIN NORTH PASTORAL AREA WITH THANKS

Pastoral Area 6th September: \$1766.00

The collections are divided with 2/3rds going to the Dunedin North Parish Account and 1/3rd transferred to Diocesan Clergy Central Trust Fund. Please note the total is inclusive of 2/3rds of the previous week's automatic payments from the 30th August – 5th September.

Sacred Heart Church totals are not included.

We kindly ask that if you have planned giving envelopes associated with another parish e.g. Mercy Parish/St Joseph Cathedral Parish (printed on the front of the envelope) please hold onto them and return them to that parish (please do not put them in the collection basket). Alternatively, if you wish to donate on the days attending Mass in our area and require a tax receipt, please place your donation in an envelope with your contact details and a receipt will be issued at the end of the financial year. Thank you.