



# NORTHERN APPROACHES

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Pastoral area for the Parishes of

Holy Name Dunedin North  
 Sacred Heart North East Valley  
 Blessed Sacrament Palmerston  
 St Anne's Waikouaiti  
 St Mary Star of the Sea Port Chalmers  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea Hampden

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#### Pastoral Area School

Sacred Heart School, North East Valley  
 473 8362

#### Mass Times:

##### Holy Name Dunedin North

Sunday 7.30am, 10am, 7pm  
 Monday – Saturday 8.30am

##### Port Chalmers

Saturday Vigil 5pm

##### Waikouaiti

Sunday 12pm

##### Hampden

Sunday 1.30pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month

##### Sacred Heart North East Valley

Sunday 9.30am  
 Monday – Saturday 9.30am

##### Mercy Hospital

Thursday 9.30am.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11am – 11.30am. Holy Name

#### Online Mass 10am Sunday, Holy Name

View via you tube or Web page



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Reconciliation

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Holy Name

### Christmas Eve

5pm, Holy Name, Children's Mass

7pm, Waikouaiti

10pm, Holy Name

Midnight Mass, Sacred Heart NEV  
 (Carols from 11.30pm)

### Christmas Day

8.30am, Port Chalmers

9.30am, Sacred Heart, NEV

The First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6,10  
*Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak.  
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
be strong, fear not!*

Flee,  
sorrow, grief.  
Be strong, O heart.  
Christ himself labors within us,  
making our knees strong and limbs agile.

Come, joy and gladness. Come to us.  
Make our prairies and deserts  
bloom into meadows of flowers.

O God,  
we watch for you, and  
count the ways you come to us.



#### HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PRAYER

[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)  
[www.pray.as.you.go.org/home](http://www.pray.as.you.go.org/home)  
[www.authorjoycerupp.com](http://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,

**Peg and Peter Cadigan  
Gerard Fleming**

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



#### SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

**14<sup>th</sup> November – Third Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6,10

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

**Psalm:** 146

**21<sup>st</sup> December – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-14

**Second Reading:** Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Psalm:** 24

# DUNEDIN NORTH PASTORAL AREA NOTICES

## DE-CONSECRATION MASS OF BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, PALMERSTON

On Saturday 14th February 2026, at 11am,  
Bishop Michael will preside at a Mass of  
de-consecration for our Church building in  
Palmerston.

We are all invited.

## ROOF REPAIR APPEAL

I am so grateful for all of your generous giving  
for our Church Roof, thank you for looking  
after our place of prayer.

Our Church is in need of some Roof repair work,  
the scaffolding and tent will allow the  
Extreme Roofing to examine our roof and then  
propose the best way forward for the future  
of our beautiful Church.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Dunedin North Parish

ANZ 06 0901 0054874 07

and in the Reference identify your donation as  
**Roof Repair.**

The parish is now a “registered biller”, so when  
someone goes to make a payment, most banks  
will have something like “registered payee/biller”  
select this – then just type in “Dunedin North  
Parish” and it will come up with the bank details  
including the number.

If you are making a payment without searching  
for the registered payee then you will need to use  
the name “Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese  
of Dunedin” and put in the number and it will  
come up as a partial match

Thank you,  
Fr Mark

## CHURCH 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 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.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

St Joseph’s Cathedral, Sunday 21 December  
5:30pm. A selection of Christmas music and  
readings will be led by St Joseph’s Cathedral  
Choir & Orchestral Music Group.  
Everyone most welcome to attend.

## STUDY THEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

The Theology Programme at the University of  
Otago offers many opportunities for the study  
of Theology, Biblical Studies, Biblical Hebrew  
and Greek, Church History, Ministry,  
and Pastoral and Practical Theology (including  
Chaplaincy). You can study either on-campus or  
across Aotearoa New Zealand through our  
distance study programme. We are committed to  
serving Christian communities throughout the  
country. For details of papers go to:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

To enrol go to:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theologyotago](https://www.facebook.com/theologyotago)

Or for information email [theology@otago.ac.nz](mailto:theology@otago.ac.nz)

## CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE THREE PART TIME ROLES

The Catholic Enquiry Centre (an agency of the  
NZ Catholic Bishops Conference) is expanding  
its digital outreach in 2026 and is seeking  
passionate, faith-filled people to join the team:

**Digital Ministry Specialist (Content &  
Platform)** – oversee CEC’s website and social  
media, creating content that helps people explore  
faith.

**Digital Ministry Specialist (Media Production)**  
– create short videos, testimonies, and reels  
introducing Catholic faith and traditions.

**Resource & Enquiry Support Officer** –  
respond to enquirers and coordinate the dispatch  
of printed resources across Aotearoa.

All roles are **part-time (0.4 FTE)** and may be  
remote or Wellington-based. Expressions of  
interest to [early@catholicenquiry.nz](mailto:early@catholicenquiry.nz) by

**Friday 9 January 2026.** Roles may be filled  
sooner for the right candidates.

## 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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

### Christmas Day Food Parcels From St Vincent de Paul.



This year with the increased financial burden on families we are getting more requests than normal to provide Christmas Day Food Parcels. If you would like to donate to support a family, we would be very grateful. The cost of a food bag for two adults and two children is \$80.00 which includes a frozen chicken, new potatoes, vegetables, a dessert and lots of treats, we also put in gifts for the family as well. If you would like to donate our bank account details are: Society of St Vincent de Paul Dunedin – Account number Westpac 03-0883-0186960-00.

Also, thank you to everyone who has filled one of our Christmas bags every little bit makes a difference in someone's lives. It is going to be a very busy Christmas.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

#### Laudato Si' - reflection- 3rd Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday: Joy

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." LS 244

Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Joy is the fruit of hope in the God who fulfils His promises. It sustains us in our struggles and renews our strength for the journey toward ecological conversion. The joy of Advent leads us to rediscover God's presence in all things and celebrate the promise of a renewed world. From "Advent Pilgrimage: Walking the Path of Laudato Si Virtues"

<https://laudatosimovement.org/advent-2025>

### FAITH-FILLED GIFTS

#### "Make your Christmas meaningful!

Discover faith-filled gifts for every age at Sainly Gift Shop - from rosary bracelets, colouring books, Saint plush toys, Catholic games, and many more. **Share your faith, give a gift. Shop now at [www.sainlygift.com](http://www.sainlygift.com).**"

### JOIN OUR MISSION TO SERVE LIFE AND FAMILY

Family Life International NZ is seeking an Operations Manager to support the daily operations of our pro-life, pro-family mission. Ideal for someone with strong organisational abilities, solid business skills, and a heart for service. To express interest contact Michelle Kaufman [michelle@fli.org.nz](mailto:michelle@fli.org.nz) or visit [fli.org.nz/join-our-team](http://fli.org.nz/join-our-team)

## HOLY NAME 10AM MASS ROSTER

As many will be away over the next few weeks, the roster for this Mass is on pause until February 2026. At that time, we will create a complete new roster.

In the meantime, if you are present at the 10am Mass at Holy Name over the summer, and you'd like to help out with reading etc, please make yourself known to either Kevin or Pat just before Mass. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Kevin Tansley and Pat Robertson.

### 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 (please collect from office) 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](mailto: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.

#### Dunedin North Parish

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#### Sacred Heart Parish

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### SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION

#### TOTALS FOR THE DUNEDIN NORTH PASTORAL AREA WITH THANKS

**Pastoral Area 7<sup>th</sup> December: \$2127.70**

The collections are divided with 2/3rds going to the Dunedin North Parish Account and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Sacred Heart Church totals are not included.

### NORTHERN APPROACHES NOTICES

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