



NORTHERN APPROACHES

Sunday 22nd February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

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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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. 2nd and 4th 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
dunedinnorthpastoralarea.com

If you are.....

The tempter using the words
“if you are.....”. to undermine Jesus.
Jesus remains grounded
in the loving relationship with the Father.

Our readings on this first Sunday of Lent
begin with the ground of creation.
Genesis proclaiming,
we have been created
from the ground brought to living
by the breath of God.

Our year is now underway and even though
we may have missed out on summer,
this season of Lent invites us
to the ground of our being.
It is to know again, again and again
that we belong to God.

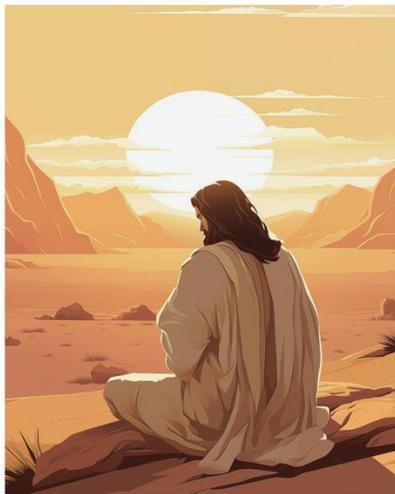
A time to move against
all that undermines our faith,
all of the “ if you are's.....”
that serve only to make us groundless.
God desires our friendship.

Fr Mark

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert.
The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus,
take us to the
desert and stay with us.
Speak to our hearts about
all that matters.
Chase away everything that doesn't.
Caress our hearts so they know you better,
see you more clearly in the suffering
of your children and your planet.
Let us say to all who suffer,
"Your tears are my tears.
Your pain is my pain."*

The Sunday Web liturgy.slu.edu
*Pope Francis, Congo 2/1/23



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,

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



SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm: 51

1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Psalm: 33

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PRAYER

www.sacredspace.ie

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

www.authorjoycerupp.com

DUNEDIN NORTH PASTORAL AREA NOTICES

ROOF REPAIR APPEAL

Work to repair our Church roof is underway.

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

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.

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.

NORTHERN APPROACHES NOTICES

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

BISHOPS LENTEN APPEAL

Caritas and Lent- ‘Hear the Voice, Answer the Call’

The beginning of Lent marks the start of the **Bishops’ Lenten Appeal**. Our generous support of this Appeal enables Caritas to help poor and marginalized, communities around the world.

Donations can be made to Caritas directly via direct debit or credit card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand website

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>

The bank account for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 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. Thank you.

For more information, email:

caritas@caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.

The **Caritas Lent reflection booklet**, available at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources> is a lovely prayer resource which also includes reflections about some of the programmes supported by the Lenten Appeal.

Invitation to join the **Caritas Lent webinar series – ‘Ashes to Hope’** Join our Bishops and other people to explore the Gospels of Lent online. Hear what the Lord is asking of us in our moment of time. For registration and more information go to:

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your generosity for the needs of the poor. Your cash donations help us assist the foodbank and the parishes, to give food parcels to those in need. The foodbank gives out at least 20 food parcels a day and the stock of groceries is always needing topped up. Also, we assist with heating (firewood) and power costs.

The SVDP shop always needs more donations of clean clothes, manchester and 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.

DIOCESAN 2026 CONSULTATION

Copies of the Diocesan Wide Consultation can be collected from the Church foyer or side tables. Please send your responses/feedback to the parish office holynameparish@hotmail.com

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Lent with the Laudato Si' Movement - Returning to the Heart

God our Creator, thank you for the gift of creation. Draw us into contemplation, so that we may recognize your presence in the beauty that surrounds us.

Pause: Where did I hear and see creation's song today?

Christ, heart of creation, united with all that suffers, help us contemplate honestly our lives. Through discernment, show us where our choices have harmed the earth and the poor.

Pause: Where did I hear and see creation's song today?

Spirit of renewal, send us forth into action. Teach us to live humbly within creation and to respond with love and justice.

Pause: What is creation calling me to do today in response to creation's song and cry?

[Sourced from: [Lent - Laudato Si' Movement](#)]

Visit the Interactive Heart on the website <https://laudatosimovement.org/lent/> for weekly reflections.

CURRENT OF GRACE

CHARISMATIC MASS

We welcome you to join us in worship and prayer, celebrating our monthly Charismatic Mass with Fr Michael Hishon, Thursday Evening – 26th February 2026 at 7.30 pm, St Peter Chanel Church, 242 Main South Road, Green Island. A food basket will be offered for the St Vincent de Paul. If you would like to find out more, please call either. Kathy Mayo 473 7115 – Greg Wansink 027 432 8838.

LENT 2026 WITH FOOD FOR FAITH

Visit www.foodforfaith.org.nz and sign up to receive daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor. Prepared especially for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS

Growing in maturity of Faith accompanied by Food for Faith through Lent with daily reflections at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

SENIORS CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK – SCAN

www.seniorsclimateactionnetwork.org

'Climate Change Stocktake – Year 38' –
Emeritus Professor John Drummond

In this talk climatologist James Hansen's report to the US Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources - 1988, is used to create a 'stocktake' of Aotearoa's circumstances today.

Where are we? Where are we going? What should we do? **Monday 23 February, 12.00 noon, DCC Library 4th Floor** – Free refreshments afterwards. Nau mai ki te katoa! Everyone welcome!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senate_Hearing_of_James_E._Hansen_\(1988\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senate_Hearing_of_James_E._Hansen_(1988))

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 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 15th February: \$1950.70

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 8th February – 14th February.

Sacred Heart Church totals are not included.