



NORTHERN APPROACHES

Sunday 21st December 2025

Fourth 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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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



Christmas Mass Schedule

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



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

Emmanuel in our joy.
 Emmanuel in our suffering.
 Emmanuel in our celebration.
 Emmanuel in our loneliness.
 Emmanuel in our song.
 Emmanuel in our silence.
 Emmanuel in our work and school.
 Emmanuel in our home.
 God is with us in everything and
 through everything!



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

**Michael Edgar
 Bondi Beach victims**

And for those we remember,

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



SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

21st December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Roman 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Psalm: 24

28th December – Holy Family

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Psalm: 128

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR PRAYER

www.sacredspace.ie

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

www.authorjoycerupp.com

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
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TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Tabernacles - where to place them? with
Prof.em. Thomas O’Loughlin

**The recording of the online presentation is
now online at:**

www.studyjoy.nz/2025/12/03/tabernacles-in-the-catholic-church/

A Christmas Party Story. A short and true little
story...

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/12/07/the-holy-spirit-at-work/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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

Thank you all - your generosity is so greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who have supported our Christmas food parcel appeal. This year we are supplying food parcels and gifts to 280 families. We could not do this without the generous support of our donors who give so generously, our conference members, staff and our volunteers. We wish you all a very blessed Christmas.



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Laudato Si' Advent Pilgrimage -4th Sunday of Advent: Inner Peace

"Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life." LS 225

In the quiet of Advent, we learn to listen, to slow down and perceive God's presence in stillness.

Inner peace is born from harmony with God, with others, and with creation. When we nurture inner peace, we contribute to peace in the world.

From "Advent Pilgrimage: Walking the Path of Laudato Si Virtues"

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

Laudato Si' Christmas reflection

"From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the Incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole." LS 99

At the end of the journey, we arrive at the manger, the place where God reconciles all things. Here, hope is born. The heart fills with wonder before the mystery of a God choosing to be born amid the simplicity and fragility of creation. In that humble silence, everything finds its meaning again. In that birth, all creation is renewed.

As we contemplate the manger, may wonder and hope be born within us. Let us joyfully await the fullness of His Kingdom of justice, peace, and harmony with all creation.

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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 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 14th December: \$1838.80

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 7th December – 13th 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.

This is the last Newsletter for the year. We will resume in February.