

Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL | ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington)
ST MARY'S (Kaikorai) | ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

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1 March 2026 – 1st Sunday of Lent – Year A

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SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY:	St Mary's Vigil: 6:00pm
SUNDAY:	St Francis Xavier: 9:00am
	St Joseph's Cathedral: 10:30am; (9:00am Latin Mass; Chapel)
	St Joseph's, Brockville remains closed to the public.

WEEKDAY MASS

ST MARY'S: Tue & Fri: 9:30am; **ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** Wed & Thurs: 9:30am
ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL: Mon & Sat: 9:30am (Chapel), Wed: 5:30pm (Cathedral)

CONFESSION

Cathedral: Sat 4:30-5:00pm

EXPOSITION

Cathedral: Wed 6-6:40pm
(concluding with Benediction)

CATHEDRAL MASS MORNING TEA – 1st Sunday of Month

In the Pastoral Centre following Mass this week – everyone most welcome.

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES & MEMORIALS

4 March – St Casimir; **6 March** – EMBER DAY

7 March – Sts Perpetua & Felicity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays of Lent, Cathedral, 5:30pm (excluding Good Friday)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This year's course sessions teaching the Faith have now begun. NEXT SESSION Wed 4th Mar at 7pm at the Cathedral Office, Level 4 of the Pastoral Centre

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL UPPER WALL PROJECT

The Cathedral Finance committee is seeking a subcommittee of keen and enthusiastic people to assist with a funding campaign to enable urgent repairs to the **Cathedral Upper Nave Wall and Windows** on the Rattray Street side. Estimates are still being prepared but the project will likely be around \$200K+. The committee will apply for grants and enable a campaign across our Pastoral Area and Diocese so the work can take place in the next 12 months. Bishop Michael Dooley fully supports this funding campaign, enabling priority works to occur. Please pray for this project. If you have the gifts and talents to assist please contact Fr Vaughan frvjplestie@yahoo.com



DIOCESAN WIDE CONSULTATION 2026

Over the months before Easter, Bishop Michael is consulting across the Diocese regarding present Pastoral Areas becoming singular Parishes. This consultation is for individuals and groups, focusing on the synodal question: **“What sort of parish are we called to be”**

More info at www.stjosephscathedraldunedin.com

This consultation will be presented as follows in a synodal context:

Sunday 1 March: At the end of each Mass there will be a chance to complete forms and reflect with those around you on the question of becoming one parish (collection boxes for forms will be in churches until Easter).

Sunday 1 March: 2:00pm Meeting for all parishioners of the pastoral area who wish to engage in synodal small groups on the question, facilitated by Amy Armstrong, in the St Francis Xavier Parish Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lenten Carols** – Wednesday 4th March, Cathedral, 6:15pm
- **Anointing Mass for the sick** – Thursday 12 March, 9:30am, St Francis Xavier, with a shared morning tea to follow. For transport, please leave a message on the parish phone.
- **Memorial Rose Garden and Blessing** – in memory of our former Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, after the 10:30am Mass, Sunday 15 March (Rose Sunday).
- **Rite II Reconciliation:**
 - St Francis Xavier Tuesday 24 Mar, 6:00pm (with first confession)
 - Cathedral Thursday 26 Mar, 6:00pm (with first confession, including St Mary's)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Hosted at the Mornington Methodist Church, **Friday 6 March, 10:00am** – everyone welcome. For any who wish to help with the liturgy, a meeting will be held at the Methodist Church, Monday 2 March, 1:30pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

John Burke & Ralph Hotere

Requiescant in Pace

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

These are now underway for children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion, with classes taking place in our respective schools: St Joseph's Cathedral School, St Francis Xavier School & St Mary's School. First Confession occurring 24 & 26 March, Confirmation & First Holy Communion 27/28 June.

PLANNED GIVING Donations for the support of Priests and the Parish may be given by Automatic Payment or Planned Giving Envelopes. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, **please contact the Parish Office** for more information. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the financial year, of which one third can be claimed from the Inland Revenue.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE This Lent, become a *40 Days for Life Prayer Partner* and spiritually unite with the global *40 Days for Life* movement to pray for an end to abortion and to bear witness to the dignity of every human person from conception. From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. Sign up at: <https://fli.org.nz/prayer-partner/>

PROLIFE FACTS

Mrs Margaret Tighe, long-serving President of The Right to Life Australia Inc., passed away on 15

February 2026, aged 94. For over six decades she championed the dignity of every human life with courage, strategic brilliance, and unwavering conviction.

For pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

CARITAS AND LENT- 'Hear the Voice, Answer the Call'

Support of the **Bishops' Lenten Appeal** enables Caritas to help poor and marginalised communities around the world. Donations can be made directly via direct debit or credit card through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give> or to the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand bank account: 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.

For more information, email: caritas@caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22.

Caritas Lent Reflection Booklet, available at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources>

Caritas Lent Webinar Series – 'Ashes to Hope' Join our Bishops and others to explore the Gospels of Lent online. For registration and more info at: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars>

Parish Directory

- **Passionist Family Group:** Meeting once a month. Contact: Deborah Kelly debkelly@kinect.co.nz
- **Xavier Notes Music, Mornington:** Contact: Parish office will forward enquiry
- **St Joseph's Cathedral Choir and Choristers:** Contact: David Burchell d.c.burchell@outlook.com or ph. 021 135 2535
- **St Vincent de Paul Society:** 03 477 0555; www.stvincentdepauldunedin.nz/
- **Rosary:** St Mary's Kaikorai following Tue & Fri Mass; Cathedral Wed 6:10pm
- **Tongan Community:** Mass 1st Sunday of the month, St Mary's Kaikorai
Contact: Hulita Makasini, ph. 021 162 1610
- **Filipino Community:** Mass 3rd Sunday of the month, St Mary's Kaikorai
- **Cathedral Sunday Coffee:** Meeting after Mass at Mitre 10. Contact: Raymond & Monica clarkraymond07@gmail.com
- **Friendship Club** Little Sisters of the Poor, for the elderly and homebound, Tuesdays 10-3pm. Contact: 03 476 2028 or email: dt@lspdun.co.nz to attend – free transport.
- **Catholic Young Adults Prayer Group:** Fridays 6pm during University term time at Holy Name. Email: dunedin.catholic@gmail.com; [Facebook group](#)
Instagram: @dunedin.catholic.

All Parish Groups are welcome to be included in this directory by contacting the parish office: stjosephcathdn@gmail.com or hillsuburbspa@gmail.com

PARISH ROSTERS

8 March 2026, 3rd Sunday of Lent

ST MARY'S Saturday, 6:00pm	ST FRANCIS XAVIER Sunday, 9:00am	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL Sunday, 10:30am
<p>Greeter: B McCaig Reader: C Howard Welcome/Prayers: M Campbell Collection: L Finnerty, R Kubala Gifts: E & D Barton Altars Servers: A & C Kubala Overhead: A Kubala Counters: L Finnerty Cleaning: L Dempster</p>	<p>Greeters: R Su'a, D Kennedy Welcome/Prayers: J Jacob Readers: S Brosnahan, D Kennedy Collection/Gifts: S Kennedy, R O'Connell Extraordinary Minister: M Jarka Altars Servers: Jude, Tia Overhead: G O'Connell Morning Tea: C & J Sullivan Counters: M Jarka Cleaning: S Forde</p>	<p>Greeters: R & M Clark Readers: J Chen, J Dawkins Collection: J Henderson, J White Gifts: G Luby, M Rajaratnam Extraordinary Ministers: G & B Magnuson Altars Servers: J Burke, H Burke, J Lodge Overhead: N & R Alahakoon Counters: P & P O'Neill J Dawkins Cleaning: J Chung</p>

Rosters for all Parishes are available on the Cathedral website here:

<https://www.stjosephscathedraldunedin.com/rosters.html>. Copies are also posted at the churches.