

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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15 March 2026 – 4th 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)

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES & MEMORIALS

17 March – St Patrick; 18 March – St Cyril of Jerusalem

19 March – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays of Lent, Cathedral, 5:30pm

ST JOSEPH Feast Day 19 March, 5:30pm Mass – Cathedral (SFX as normal)

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Wednesday	11:00am - Cathedral Mass of the Oils <i>(Replaces Mornington 9:30am & Cathedral 5:30pm)</i>
Holy Thursday	7:00pm - Cathedral, 9:00pm Night Prayer <i>(Replaces Mornington 9:30am)</i>
Good Friday	3:00pm - Cathedral
Holy Saturday	7:00pm - Easter Vigil - Cathedral <i>(Replaces Kaikorai Vigil)</i>
Easter Sunday	9:00am - Mornington 10:30am - Cathedral

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This year's course sessions teaching the Faith have now begun. NEXT SESSION Wed 18th Mar at 7pm at the Cathedral Office, Level 4 of the Pastoral Centre

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths:

Pam Blee and Filipo Laufiso

Anniversaries:

Fr Brian Scanlan

Requiescant in Pace

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/>

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.

PROLIFE FACTS

Recently, National President of Voice for Life, Lydia Posthuma, recorded a podcast with Alex Penk, CEO of the Ethos Alliance to discuss freedom of conscience.

This organisation helps people facing some sort of pressure due to their conscience or personal beliefs. Go to ethosalliance.nz to find out more about the services that Ethos Alliance can provide. **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>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the financial year beginning 1 April 2026 are available for collection from the church foyers. If you would like to join the planned giving envelope system, please contact the Parish Office during office hours to request a set.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL CROSS WALK

9:30am Start at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, walking to Mornington Presbyterian Church (6 Maryhill Terrace), then to St Mary’s Anglican Church (3 Whitby Street), finishing at Mornington Methodist Church (1 Galloway Street). Cupper and buns to follow - Everyone most welcome.



TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Baptism & Lent with Prof Thomas O’Loughlin (UK). What is the connection between Lent and Baptism? <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/02/25/baptism-lent/>

World Day of Prayer 2026. Article on an ecumenical service held in Auckland: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/07/world-day-of-prayer-2026/>

For more resources and information: www.studyjoy.nz

PUBLIC LECTURE: “Ukraine, postcolonialism, and biblical theology”

By Professor Cyril Hovorun, Director of Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Loyola Marymount University, LA. 5:15pm to 6:30pm, Thursday 19 March
Burns 2 / online. [Visit the event page.](#)

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

22 March 2026, 5th Sunday of Lent

ST MARY'S Saturday, 6:00pm	ST FRANCIS XAVIER Sunday, 9:00am	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL Sunday, 10:30am
<p>Greeter: S Kubala Reader: A Kubala Welcome/Prayers: F Taungapeau Collection: Taungapeau Family Gifts: R Kubala, L Finnerty Altars Servers: A & C Kubala Overhead: L Dempster Counters: L Finnerty Cleaning: Taungapeau Family</p>	<p>Greeters: G O'Connell, S Kennedy Welcome/Prayers: S Forde Readers: J Jego, M Jarka Collection/Gifts: I & L Sefo Extraordinary Minister: C Sullivan Altars Servers: Jude & Tia Overhead: R Jhondass Morning Tea: A & L Chisholm Counters: G & H O'Connell Cleaning: S Kennedy</p>	<p>Greeters: J Dawkins, G Luby Readers: J Tuitea, M Alahakoon Collection: Magnuson Family Gifts: Caragay Family Extraordinary Ministers: J Henderson, M Shaw Altars Servers: R Masoe, C Colin, T-J Matthews-Nielsen Overhead: O'Neill Family Counters: Caragay Family 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.