

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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22 February 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 next week – everyone most welcome.

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES & MEMORIALS

23 February – St Polycarp; **27 February** – St Gregory of Narek

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

PARISH PICNIC – Following 10:30am Mass Sunday 22 Feb 2026 will now be in the grounds of St Joseph's Cathedral School, 43 Elm Row (Change of venue for weather considerations and ease of facilities). Picnic games to follow and a free sausage sizzle for everyone; don't forget the lolly scramble to finish! Please do jump forward to assist with the BBQ and games.

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 22 Feb: Documents available at Masses (online presently above)
For those wanting to understand Parish Finances and how they are managed. The NORMS are also on the Cathedral website.

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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.
- **Lenten Carols** – Wednesday 4th March, Cathedral, 6:15pm
- **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)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Rita O'Neill

Requiescant in Pace

GIBSON TALK SERIES 3, 2026

Speaker: Dr Liesel Mitchell; **Topic:** The Wonderful World of Sleep Wed February 25, 2026, 7pm at Mornington Methodist Church (corner of Galloway and Whitby Streets).

Admission: \$5 or other koha. All welcome.

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 marginalised 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. 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>, - a prayer resource that also includes reflections about some of the programmes supported by the Lenten Appeal.

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 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

St Joseph’s Cathedral School – this is now underway for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments this year, please contact St Joseph’s school office for an enrolment form. A copy of the Baptism certificate is also required.

St Francis Xavier School – We will soon begin our Sacramental Programme, preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you would like your child to take part in any of the Sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation), please let Mrs Reardon or Fr Vaughan know. Email: tina@stfrancisxavier.school.nz or frvjpleslie@yahoo.com

St Mary’s School - The Sacramental parent meeting will be held at St Mary's School at 5:15pm on Thursday, 26 February 2026. The Rite of Reconciliation will be at St Joseph's Cathedral at 6pm on Thursday 26th March 2026.

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 or Greg Wansink 027 432 8838.

Parish Directory

- **Passionist Family Group:** Meeting once a month. Contact: Deborah Kelly debkelly@kinct.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 hillsburbspa@gmail.com

PARISH ROSTERS

1 March 2026, 2nd Sunday of Lent

ST MARY'S Saturday, 6:00pm	ST FRANCIS XAVIER Sunday, 9:00am	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL Sunday, 10:30am
<p>Greeter: F Taungapeau Reader: Tongan Community Welcome/Prayers: Tongan Community Collection: Tongan Community Gifts: Tongan Community Altars Servers: S Reese, O Reju Overhead: L Dempster Counters: L Finnerty Cleaning: L Dempster</p>	<p>Greeters: S Kennedy, J Jacob Welcome/Prayers: S Brosnahan Readers: D Dore, A Hassan Collection/Gifts: I & L Sefo Extraordinary Minister: J Sullivan Altars Servers: Overhead: D More Morning Tea: N Mulhall, R O'Connell Counters: G & H O'Connell Cleaning: R O'Connell Family</p>	<p>Greeters: J Dawkins, G Luby Readers: K & M Flaherty Collection: R & M Clark Gifts: D & T Doody Extraordinary Ministers: N & R Alahakoon Altars Servers: J A Jineesh, T-J Matthews-Nielsen, W Currie Overhead: Connolly Family Counters: Pupalii 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.