

SOUTH OTAGO PASTORAL AREA
Parishes of Balclutha, Milton and Lawrence
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Weekend Masses:

Lawrence – 5.30pm Saturday
1st Sunday – 11am

Milton – 9am Sunday
Saturday

Balclutha – 10.30am Sunday
1st Sunday – 5.30pm Vigil

Weekday Masses:

Lawrence – 4pm Wednesday

Milton – 9am

Balclutha – 10am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Reconciliation - On request, or:

Balclutha prior to Vigil Mass @ 5pm, Milton after 9am Mass Saturdays, Lawrence prior to Vigil Mass

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE COMING MONTH – Year C & Year A

6th November – 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time – Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

13th November – 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time – Malachi 3:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

20th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

27th November – 1st Sunday of Advent – Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent – Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:4.6

The Month of All Souls

Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the Church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the Creed:

“We look to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.”

“I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of themselves that they were able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, ‘a pot that turned out wrong,’ that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being.”

Pope Benedict XVI

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and as our faith in Your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.

Let us honour our faithfully departed and those for whom there is no family to remember; our prayers, our Mass intentions, our generous almsgiving, our remembrance, always and particularly in this November month of All Souls.

We pray for: those recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Frances Stoop, Margaret McKinnel, Jack Mears, Jack Ford, Tina Bouman, Yanny Tamis and Edgardo Garcia.

Advent Study – spiritual preparation for Christmas

All are welcome at St Mary MacKillop Church on the four Fridays of Advent for a time of learning and reflection on the Graces of this special Season.

That is 25th November, 2nd & 16th December at 7.00pm 9th December at 6.00pm. Iosefa will lead us for these c. 40-minute sessions.

Columban Calendars – these beautiful works of art are now on sale in the church porch. Great value at **\$12.00** and a way to keep in step with all the Liturgical Feast Days throughout the coming 2023 year. Buy one to keep – give another one as a gift!

Fr Fredy Permentilla will be saying Mass in St Mary MacKillop Church 11th November and 9th December @ 7.00pm. All are welcome. Shared meal to follow.

Balclutha Church and Garden – Working bee – a chance to come together and help tidy the gardens and church building inside and out prior to Christmas. This will be held **Saturday 19th November from 9.30am**. Bring your fork, rake, clippers etc., if you have them and especially your enthusiasm. The more the merrier and quicker we'll be. Morning tea provided.

Youth Overnight – Dunedin diocese: Come join our youth-overnight-event for the Dunedin Diocese on **26-27 November** at Burns Lodge, Holy Cross in Mosgiel.

Come along to meet other young Catholics (15-25 year olds)

Fun/Food/Games/Connection/Prayer. To find out more and register go to cdd.nz

Marriage Preparation Weekend is coming up for the Catholic Diocese of Dunedin on the **19-20 November** at Tirohanga Camp near Outram. The cost is \$250 per couple (includes all accommodation and food). To register go to cdd.nz



Christmas Tree Extravaganza 2022 – this Combined Church's event has returned after an absence last year due to Covid-19. Trees are provided and you can either as an individual or community group bring your crafted decorations to decorate your allocated tree.

The public are able to view the trees and vote for their favourite in each category.

Winners and prizes are announced this year at the end of the Santa Parade, 3rd December.

View the trees at Presbyterian Church Hall 72 Clyde Street

30th November – 2nd December 12noon - 6.00pm.

3rd December 10.00am – 1.00pm

Entry to view is by a gold coin or can/nonperishable food item for the Clutha Food Bank.

Greeters are required to fill a time slot each day at the hall. Wednesday 30th, Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd. Please let Pauline know if you can help or would like to decorate a tree. 021 108 1091

St Cecilia – Patron Saint of Music. In the 5th century, a basilica dedicated to St Cecilia was erected in Rome. From then devotion of her spread, largely owing to accounts of her sufferings. Her Feast Day is celebrated 22nd November.

Community Four-part mixed Choir – Phoenix Singers will perform again after a long Covid-19 break.

Sunday 27th November 2.00pm in St Mary MacKillop Church. Entry by Donation. Afternoon tea provided