

**SOUTH OTAGO PASTORAL AREA**  
**Parishes of Balclutha, Milton and Lawrence**  
**Bulletin – 2 October 2022**

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**Weekend Masses:**

**Lawrence** – 5.30pm Saturday  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 11am

**Milton** – 9am Sunday

Saturday

**Balclutha** – 10.30am Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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**SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE COMING MONTH – Year C**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time** – Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8.13-14, Luke 17:5-19

**9<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time/White Sunday** – 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

**16<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time** – Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

**23<sup>rd</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary/Mission Sunday** – Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14.16-19, 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18., Luke 18:9-14

**30<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time** – Wisdom 11:12-12:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10

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

**The Rosary of Piety**

The profound reminder of this month is simple: pray the Rosary. So many people buy rosary beads as souvenirs, and others hang them from their rear-view mirrors. But really, the Rosary is simply meant to be prayed – to be held in one’s hands and to be prayed. This prayer is meant in a particular way to draw us into God’s mercy: at the Annunciation, at the Last Supper, at the Crucifixion, at Pentecost. Each mystery of the Rosary is a particular gift of God’s mercy.

Often the Rosary, though, is dismissed as being too pious! But have we ever considered that without piety it might not be possible to show mercy or even perhaps to receive it? In the evolution of the English language there is a unique relationship between the words “piety” and “pity.” Piety, as we know, denotes religious devotion, and pity of course, another word for mercy or compassion. But both of these words come from the same Latin word, *pietas*, meaning “duty” and “loyalty.”

Jesus teaches us, *Pray always*, and in truth he models this for us as well. Because he was dutiful toward his Father, he remained loyal to the Father’s will. Jesus prayed and his mercy is extended to every human person. One of the seven spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. This is a profound reminder of how united we are in Christ, and yet it is made simple with the Rosary.

*Fr James M. Sullivan OP*

“To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother. The Rosary does indeed ‘mark the rhythm of human life,’ bringing it into harmony with the ‘rhythm’ of God’s own life, in the joyful communion of the Holy Trinity, our life’s destiny and deepest longing. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”

*Saint Pope John Paul II*

**We pray for:** those recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries are at this time:  
**Peter Dickson and Ted Ruffell.**

**Tuesday 11 October marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council**, called by Pope St John XXXIII. He envisioned the Council to be an instrument of renewal and ‘updating’ (aggiornamento) with emphasis on reaching out to communities sharing the Christian faith. Pope Francis canonised Pope John XXXIII in 2014 and his feast day is now celebrated on 11 October each year, in honour of the Council that he convened in 1962. Sixty years on, the Church is still unpacking the richness of Conciliar teaching and how it is applied to our liturgy, theology and pastoral practice today. The task of the Church is to find ways of proclaiming the Risen Christ and the Gospel in and to the world in which she finds herself, to strive to share the Good News in ways that speak to people in this time and space.

**Rural Synod Hui** – The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) is returning to the rural areas visited in 2021 with a follow up synodal session. This time there will be a summarising of the Diocesan Synthesis and a reviewing of the areas of growth highlighted from each specific area last year. Then, in a facilitated synodal session we will listen to one another based on the two questions: **1.** What stood out for you in our Diocesan synthesis? **2.** What steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in our local area in order to grow in our Gospel mission?

Some parishioners attended last year; it would be very beneficial for all parts of our Pastoral Area to be represented to continue the conversation and make some progress. The hui is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Gore Parish Church Hall 2.00-4.00pm** Prior to the meeting, the Diocesan Synthesis can be found and read on the Diocesan website. [www.cdd.org.nz](http://www.cdd.org.nz) If you would like register to attend or to know more contact Stephanie Swann [swannstephann@gmail.com](mailto:swannstephann@gmail.com) or 027 655 6691

### **World Mission Sunday**

‘You shall be my witnesses’ – Acts 1:8

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is first and foremost the celebration that all baptised are missionaries. We participate in the Mission of God – to bring the Good News that God is here and wants to give life abundantly (Jn 10:10).

Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

**Mission Sunday 2022 is 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** Donations to the Missions can be made at [www.missio/donate](http://www.missio/donate) or call 09 489 6549

**Our Local Foodbanks** – Please try to remember those who struggle within our communities and bring non-perishable items for our food baskets. ‘*First Sunday of each month*’ let’s make an effort to remember!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour & Benediction will be observed this month in St Mary MacKillop Church on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30 – 7.30pm**

A week later than usually scheduled. Thanks.

Fr Jacob will be away from the Pastoral Area from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October; available again from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. In the case of an emergency contact Stephanie 021 238 6668 in the first instance. Thank you & God Bless Fr Jacob during his break away.

**November Diary** – Working Bee at St Joseph’s School, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. All welcome to come along and help 😊