

Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area



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

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27 September 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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)

PARISH WALK/TRAMP – Flagstaff

Everyone is most welcome to come and take part in an informal parish walk/tramp **Saturday 3 Oct**. This year we will do a circuit of Flagstaff, meeting at the Bullring carpark by 11am (Flagstaff-Whare Flat Rd). Bring your packed lunch and appropriate clothing depending on the weather as the track is exposed. A medium level of fitness is required and very suitable for children. No need to register, just turn up by 11am and we will take a roll for H&S purposes. For more information on the track visit: <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/community-facilities/walking-tracks/skyline-walks/flagstaff-track>

Postponement Notice – If weather is inclement, this will be posted on the Cathedral website with a decision made Friday 2 Oct at Noon. Questions to Fr Vaughan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **RCIA 7:00pm Wed 30 Sep** for those considering entering the Church.

CATHEDRAL MASS MORNING TEA – 1st Sunday of Month

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

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES & MEMORIALS

28 September – St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions; St Wenceslaus

29 September – STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

30 September – St Jerome; **1 October** – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

2 October – The Holy Guardian Angels

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

The World Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants is a day when the Church throughout the world prays for refugees and migrants and takes active steps to ensure they are welcomed, protected and have their human rights upheld. This year, Pope Leo XIV has focused on the place of children and young people in migration, reminding us that we are to welcome each child as the Gospel teaches us: “Even just one of these children”.

In his message for this year’s World Day of Prayer, Pope Leo, quoting Pope Francis, has reminded us of the threefold vulnerability of migrant children: “they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves.” Quoting Jesus, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mt 18:5), Pope Leo says the Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. “Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God; each is a presence of the Lord.” To recognise the dignity of each child means to safeguard their fundamental rights: “the right to life, education and a standard of living that enables full physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.”

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths:

Marjory Wootton

Anniversaries:

Fr Cyril Cartwright and Fr Raymond Dobbs

Requiescant in Pace

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: Seoul, South Korea

Every few years, young people from every corner of the globe gather with the Holy Father to celebrate their faith, share their stories, and discover what God is calling them to in their lives. In 2027, young adults from the Christchurch and Dunedin Dioceses will have the opportunity to make this journey together.

The pilgrimage will be approximately **18 days** in length and will include time in Vietnam before joining pilgrims from around the world for the official World Youth Day celebrations. Applications are open to young adults who will be **18–35 years old as of 1 April 2027**. Applications close at the **end of September**.

For more information go to: <https://cyt.org.nz/world-youth-day/>

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Celia is on annual leave from Friday, 25 September to Wednesday, 14 October.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.” [[Laudato Si’](#), 84]



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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.

150 YEARS of Catholic education in Dunedin 16-18 Oct 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming back to Rattray Street all alumni from St Dominic's, St Philomena's, Moreau, St Paul's, and Kavanagh, as we celebrate 150 years of boys' and girls' Catholic secondary school education in Dunedin. Make sure you register as soon as possible. Follow our Facebook page '150th Anniversary Reunion at Trinity Catholic College' for photos and memories, and see our website <https://www.trinity.school.nz/> for more information and to register.

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

...is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.

PROLIFE FACTS

End the Killing NZCBB is a dedicated group of pro-life advocates who have small teams operating between Auckland and Invercargill. They carry out public witness, using powerful images of preborn children at various stages of development. The presence of these images often opens space for meaningful conversations about human development, and the impact of abortion on families and communities.

For more pro-life information, visit righttolife.org.nz.

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Interreligious Dialogue & Meditation – Fr Cyprian Consiglio OSB Cam (Rome) who works with music, dialogue and meditation.

More info: www.studyjoy.nz/2026/09/19/interreligious-dialogue-meditation-fr-cyprian-consiglio-osb-cam/

Interreligious Dialogue & Pictorial Art with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst (NZ) on Structured Art-based Interreligious Dialogue.

More info: www.studyjoy.nz/2026/09/18/saied-muffin-talk-with-dr-christopher-longhurst/

Content & Characters in the Gospel of Luke with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 16 November 2026, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha. [Register here.](#)

For more resources and information: www.studyjoy.nz

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 4 October 2026, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST MARY'S Saturday, 6:00pm	ST FRANCIS XAVIER Sunday, 9:00am	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL Sunday, 10:30am
Greeter: F Taungapeau Welcome/Prayers: Tongan Community Reader: Tongan Community Collection: Tongan Community Gifts: Tongan Community Altars Servers: S Reese, C Kubala Overhead: B McCaig Counters: L Finnerty Cleaning: S Kubala	Greeters: I & L Sefo Welcome/Prayers: J Jacob Readers: R O'Connell, D Dore Collection/Gifts: Trompetter Family Extraordinary Minister: S More Altars Servers: Overhead: D More Morning Tea: C & J Sullivan Counters: M Jarka Cleaning:	Greeters: F Filguieras, J Dawkins Readers: M Alahakoon, J White Collection: Magnuson Family Gifts: D & T Doody Extraordinary Ministers: N & R Alahakoon Altars Servers: J A Jineesh, J Jineesh, C Colin Overhead: J Henderson Counters: P & P O'Neill, J Dawkins Cleaning: M Lane

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

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