

Sacred Heart Parish

6th September 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



SAINTS THIS WEEK INCLUDE

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Gonxha Agnes Bojaxhiu) was This luminous messenger of God's love was born on 26 August 1910 in Skopje, entrusted with the mission of bringing God's tender love and care to the poorest of the poor. "God still loves the world, and He sends you and me to be His love and His compassion to the poor," she used to say, being a convincing witness of this truth before the entire world. This mission, or "a call within a call" as she termed it, found her within the confines of a Loreto convent in Calcutta, India, where she found joy and fulfilment in her role as teacher and educator of young girls. Yet, Jesus' invitation "to give up all and follow Him into the slums—to serve Him in the poorest of the poor," was stronger than all she loved and cherished up to that moment. She took the bold step into the unknown, and founded a religious community, the Missionaries of Charity, that would have as their aim to satiate the thirst of Jesus for love and souls by labouring at for the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor.

Quote

'She frequently highlighted the value of minor, everyday gestures—such as a smile or faithfulness in small duties—stating that great love is expressed through small actions and that peace begins simply."

Those who changed their life to become Catholic

ST. Dismas (The "Good Thief"): The first person promised heaven directly by Jesus Christ while crucified alongside Him for robbery.

Pope St. Callixtus I: Convicted twice for felony offenses and financial embezzlement before completely reforming his life and later becoming Pope.

St. Moses the Black: A former Ethiopian gang leader and robber who repented, joined a monastery, and famously refused to defend himself when his monastery was attacked/

Shayne Smith has tatts all over his body. He co presents a channel I watch call HALLOW he was born into a world of organized crime. He and his three brothers endured abuse at the hands of their step-father and ultimately took after him as full members in a motorcycle gang. Robbery and violent crime became their full-time jobs.

This was a Now a devout Catholic, Smith spent most of his life devoid of belief in God and even dabbled in the occult. He credits much of his radical conversion of the heart to a personal encounter with Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Scripture supporting the Papacy and Bishops

Over the last two weeks and again this week we have had reading from MATTHEW gospel that are crucial to Catholicism. Peter receiving the keys and Jesus saying you are rock and on this rock I will build my church is recognize as the start of the Papacy

Peter becoming the first Pope

In Matthew 16:19, Jesus speaks directly to Peter, giving him special authority in the early church.

In Matthew 18:18, the statement extends to the rest of the disciples and creating a second level of leadership, we them Bishops.

How is it that the ten commandments are still valid today as they were yesterday. These 10 commandments transgress all cultures, and countries and all time. There is a very simple answer, and the same answer can be given to passages in the bible both old and New Testament. Divinely inspired is the answer it's the only logical answer. The word of God was valid 3000 years ago, and is still valid today.



Lions speech competition is on today so there will be NO cup of tea after Mass today.

THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Rose Zimmerman, Thomas (Tom) Potroz, Everard Ennis, Mary Hopkins, Harold Eichstaedt, Ann Mulligan, Gayle Dodunski, Gary Young, Eugene (Mick) Eichstaedt, Julia Potroz, Everard Ennis, Dave Dravitzki, Les Jordan, John Kuklinski, Anita Swafford, Richard Spinks, Joan Brennan, Diane Healion, Doug Fabish, Bryan Walsh, Eric Pierce, Harry Naus
We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.

FOOD / VIDEO / CONVERSATION

We are excited to bring you Alpha. This is a 10-week course that creates a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith.

Invite your non church or non-Christian friends who might want to know more about Christianity.

Beginning Tuesday 15th September 2026
(Registration forms need to be in by the 10th September)
5.45pm to 8.00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Inglewood

Registration forms are on the foyer table or contact the parish office for one, shparish@xtra.co.nz

PLANNED GIVING: If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz

ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE

Every Tuesday at 4pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION

Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Thursday 1st October after the 10am Mass.

OPEN DAY

A time for friendship and fellowship.
Thursday 10th September
from 10.45am – 12 noon in the Burckett Hall.
This will be a time for a cup of tea, morning tea and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD

Sunday 13th September at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Pat Kuklinski, 021 047 1074 before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 15th September at 10.00am

WORKS & FINANCE MEETING

Sunday 20th September at 11.30am



PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am – 12noon
Donations: If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011
Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Reference: Your name
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE

Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

MOKAU: For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, please contact Fr. Brian bejcarmine@gmail.com

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
		All other Saturday's	

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 13th September

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

6th September – Psalm Response: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.
Ezekiel: 33.7-9 **Romans:** 13.8-10 **Matthew:** 18.15-20
13th September – Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.
Sirach: 27.30 – 28.7 **Romans:** 14.7-9 **Matthew:** 18.21-35

SUNDAY MINISTRIES		
	This Week Sun 6th September	**Next Week Sun 13th September**
Readers	Daniel Chow Val Young	Steve Morice Joy Woodward
Prayers of Faithful	Casey Chamberlain	Sophie Chow
Presentation of Gifts	Pauline Schimanski	Val Young
Communion Ministers	Emma Dravitzki Pat Kuklinski Jim Mahony	Alan Gibbins Marg Evans Tony Dravitzki
Altar Servers	Milla Emily	Harper Sophia
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Tanius	Nicky
Counters	Pat Kuklinski Betty Dravitzki	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey
Cup of Tea	There is no cup of tea due to Speechmakers Competitition	Monforte Family
Church Cleaning	Christine Tofts & Amelia Peters 4 / 5 September	Leo & Liz Bennett 11 / 12 September

DONATIONS COLLECTION - Sunday 30th August

Parish $475.01 Clergy Trust Fund $175.69
Maori Education $25.00

Mass Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9: I appoint you as watchman for the house of Israel. If you fail to warn the wicked and they die in guilt, you're responsible. If you warn them and they don't turn, they die, but you're saved.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 95: Let us sing joyfully to the Lord, acclaiming our salvation, and coming into His presence with thanksgiving. But heed the warning not to harden our hearts, reflecting on past disobedience.

Second reading – Romans 13:8-10: Owing love to one another fulfills the law. The commandments are summarized by loving your neighbor as yourself, for love does no evil and is the complete fulfillment of the law.

Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20: If a brother sins, discuss it privately, then with witnesses if needed, and finally with the church. What is agreed on earth reflects in heaven, and where people gather in Jesus's name, he is present.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2026

Inglewood (12 noon)	**Waitara** (11.00am)
	12th September
4th October	10th October
1st November	14th November
6th December	12th December

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Sir 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Reading 2: Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Once again, they are collecting Yummy Fruit stickers to get free sports gear for our school!

Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers.
One cut-out label is worth 10 apple stickers. Place the Yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets and cut-out labels on cut-out label collection sheets.

Collection sheets for the stickers are available on the foyer table for you to take home. Fill a sheet and then drop it back into the office.

MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH: Can you please make sure that these are either turned off or on silent while attending Mass.

NOTICE BOARD & FOYER TABLE: Don't forget to look at the notice board and foyer table. The notices and posters are changing all the time

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL: For all bookings and inquiries for our Parish Hall these are to go through Nicky in the Parish Office.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Divine Intimacy in Marriage Retreat | 22–24 January 2027: Married couples are invited to a weekend retreat in Palmerston North with Dan and Stephanie Burke, offering time to pray, reconnect and grow together in Christ. Registrations open 3 September. More information: https://divineintimacy2027.netlify.app/

A Priestly Renewal Convocation | 25–29 January 2027: In January, priests from across New Zealand are being invited to Palmerston North for five days of prayer, fraternity and renewal in their priesthood. As the lay faithful, we are invited to pray for our priests and encourage them to attend, helping make space for them to step away from the demands of parish life and be renewed in Christ. Find out more: https://priestlyrenewal2027.netlify.app/

Ordination to the Diaconate of Zung Manh Phan: Bishop John Adams and the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North are pleased to announce the forthcoming Ordination to the Diaconate of Zung Manh Phan, on Saturday 21 November 2026, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. More details to follow.

Billings Ovulation Method™ Natural Fertility Seminar: Christchurch | Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October 2026: The Billings Ovulation Method™ is a natural fertility awareness method that can help couples achieve or avoid pregnancy while gaining insight into reproductive health and general wellbeing throughout the menstrual cycle. When used correctly, it is highly effective. The seminar is open to couples, women wanting to understand and chart their cycles, health and natural health practitioners, marriage educators, youth and community workers, and anyone interested in becoming an accredited Billings teacher. Billings teachers needed: Demand for teaching services is growing, and more accredited educators are needed. If you are interested, please get in touch with Billings LIFE NZ. Register: https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

Job Vacancy: Religious Education Advisor: The Diocese of Palmerston North is seeking a faith-filled and experienced Catholic educator to join the Catholic Education Office as a 0.6 Religious Education Advisor, beginning January 2027. This permanent part-time role will support schools across the Diocese to strengthen Religious Education, Catholic Special Character, faith formation and curriculum implementation.
The successful applicant will work alongside school leaders, teachers and diocesan networks to help nurture Catholic identity and mission in our schools. Applications close Friday 11 September 2026. To learn more or apply, contact Teresa Edwards at tedwards@pndiocese.org.nz

Atawhaingia ō tātau kāinga - Show mercy in all the places we dwell: Whānau Mercy Ministries has teamed up with Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington to co-host a 3-day symposium from December 13 – 15 2026. The symposium will explore the impact of religion across education, healthcare, and social services. Open to all, and ecumenical in scope, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear several excellent speakers and engage in conversations to explore the theme with others. Visit https://whanaumercy.nz/catherine-mcauley-symposium/ to find out more and register.

Webinar on Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise: Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its 4th session for the WYD Seoul 2027 webinar series. Join us for this session, *Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise* with the Auckland Diocese NET Team. This will be on Tuesday, 1st of September 2026, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom online platform. Register through www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026. Fee discounts apply.

Dovecotes for Women NZ: Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is delighted to announce the launch of Dovecotes for Women NZ, a new initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout New Zealand. Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God. For more information contact dovenational.leader@gmail.com or visit www.dove.org.nz

November 2026 Funding Round | Catholic Charities Foundation: Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals. We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Applications are now open and are due by Wednesday 30 September 2026. Application forms and more information can be found here: https://pndiocese.org.nz/who-we-are/application-for-funding-catholic-charities-allocations/

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years: St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed. Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses. All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

World Youth Day 2027 | Seoul, South Korea: Young adults aged 18 – 35 are invited to attend WYD27, where millions of young Catholics will gather. The NZ bishops aim to bring 500 young people. Fill out the expression of interest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxtwlH86NPEnHqvdt2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH cont.

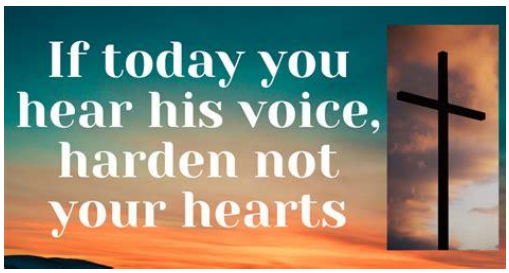
Thriving in this Land: Treaty, Climate and Economic Justice: Join this three-part workshop series from Common Grace Aotearoa, hosted by the Diocese of Palmerston North's Justice, Peace, Ecology and Development Commission. Together we'll explore how our faith calls us to respond to some of New Zealand's key challenges, including poverty and the cost of living, climate change, and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The workshops will be held from 7–9pm at Te Rau Aroha, Catholic Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street, on 19 August, 26 August and 9 September. RSVP: Mary Eastham — maeastham23@gmail.com (for catering purposes).

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026: St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October. Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026 Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718



Donations can be dropped off to Church. These can be placed in the marked box in the foyer.
For big furniture items, please contact the school for where you can deliver these to.









GOSPELS

So sure enough, when we come to the Gospels, what does Jesus do? When He goes to Jerusalem to die, does He do it at the Feast of the Day of Atonement? No. Does He do it at the Feast of Hanukkah? He could have died at Hanukkah. No. Does He do it at their New Year Festival? No. When does He choose to go down Jerusalem? At Passover, and there's a reason. He, of course, knows the Scriptures, but as a Jew He's going to fulfill even their traditions about the fact that the Messiah was going to come on Passover night, and He's going to die just like the Passover lamb died.

Christ, Our Paschal Lamb: The New Passover

The New Testament is really clear that that's what's going on. If you look their, the new Passover of Christ, St. Paul actually tells us:

"Christ, our paschal lamb (Greek pascha), has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, keep the feast...! "(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

What feast is Paul talking about? It's the Feast of the Eucharist, which is going to be, as we'll see, the new Passover. Now, before we bring this to a close, let me just make one point of clarification because you might be thinking, "Well hold on Dr. Pitre. I thought the Passover was all about them getting them out of slavery in Egypt and then journeying to the Promised Land." That's true, but when Christ celebrates his new Passover, does He set the Jews free and then put them, you know, into like a caravan and then go traveling somewhere? No, He actually celebrates the Passover in Jerusalem, so there's something different, right? The first Passover started in Egypt with slavery to pharaoh and it ends in the Holy Land. But Jesus's new Passover—watch this—starts in the Holy Land and where does it end? Where does it lead? Not to the earthly promised land, but to where? To Heaven.

From the Holy Land to Heaven: A New Exodus

Because, see, ultimately the Passover is a shadow of what Christ is going to accomplish. He doesn't come to set us free from political slavery to pharaoh. He comes to set us free from the slavery of sin. He comes to set us free from bondage to the devil, right? He comes to break the chains of Satan, to lift the burdens of our sin through his Passover so that we can begin our journey to the true Promised Land, which is the Promised Land of Heaven. Does that make sense? Do you see it?

In other words, all of our lives, our spiritual lives, every single one of us is like a new Exodus. When we were baptized, we crossed through the water, so to speak, of the Red Sea. We were set free from slavery, not to pharaoh but to Satan, and we began our journey to our heavenly Promised Land. What makes that journey possible is the Passover of Jesus Christ, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. His death is the one that breaks those chains and begins our journey home. Which, you might remember, how long did it take Israelites to get to the Holy Land? 40 years. Now I don't know if you know geography, but it doesn't take 40 years to walk from Egypt to Israel. It's not that far, but the problem is we tend to wander, right? We tend to go in circles spiritually. So the Passover here is going to be what renews that Covenant, gets us out of slavery and ultimately brings us home.

The Mass as the Memorial of Christ's Passover

And as we're going to see next time, all that's going to happen in Christ's Last Supper. But for now, I just want to end with this one quote from the Catechism about the Eucharist, because if the Eucharist really is a new Passover, then guess what? It means that every time we go to mass, like the Jews, we go back in time to the first Passover of Christ. And here, I'm just quoting the Church's teaching. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1362-1365. I've given you the quote on the handouts, so you can see it really clearly. We'll end with these words. The Church says this:

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover… In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them. In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present… Don't you forget that. It's not just a symbol. We're not saying, "Oh, remember how Jesus died for me?" What happened at the Last Supper and on the Cross is now being made really and truly present every time we go to mass. It's really there.

…the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. "As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out." (CCC 1362-65)

He's still breaking the chain. He's still lifting the burden of sin and he's doing it every single time we're there at the Mass.

Is Jesus the Passover lamb?

Yes. St. Paul says plainly, "Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). As Dr. Pitre explains, Jesus deliberately went up to Jerusalem to die at Passover so that he would fulfill the feast and die just as the Passover lamb died — not to free us from slavery in Egypt, but to free us from slavery to sin and the devil

CARDS & GIFTS: Have you seen our Religious Box? If not, and you would like to have a look at our range of gifts and cards then see Nicky in the office

FACEBOOK PAGE: We are on Facebook - Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Follow our page and keep up to date on what's happening in our parish.