

VIGIL EUCHARIST: Saturday 5.30 pm
SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 8.00 am 10.00 am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. 8.00 am
 Fridays 12.05pm
Exposition & Benediction : 11.00am Fridays
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4.45 pm to 5.15 pm Sat.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 25th August 2019

5.30pm

COMMENTATORS: Peyton Jacinto

READERS: Tina Hallis

MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION: Grant Barnett
Marlene Parejas
Suchi Lewis

John Mills
Trevor Arland

OFFERTORY: Shee & Teresa Chow

COLLECTORS: Marilyn & Vijay Kamath

ALTAR SERVERS: Hamish Bell
(Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early) Xavier Leota

8.00am

Patrick Hallis

Osmitta Francis

Bernadette Collins
Paul Foong

Rose Foong
Immaculata C-Williams
Helen Filbry

Ryan-Orr
Family

Michael Marinovich
Gary Hays

Madeline Khuang
Zack Darling
Alan Thayalakal

10.00am

Sarah Crawford

Fiona McLean

Carolyn Brooks
Peter Brooks
Anisiasio Fangupo
John Hawkins
Pixie Hawkins

Brightwell
Family

Ray and Amile
Salian

Bellina & Eliseo Rio
Keenan D'Souza

COUNTERS:

John Hawkins
Pixie Hawkins
Peter Leathley

ALTAR CARE:

Marina Tuinukuafe
Paula McNamara

FLOWERS

Delilah Basabas
Olivia Orias

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Deffi and Richard
Ramboud

Are you new to our Parish? We warmly welcome you. We would like to know more about you and invite you to take an Information Pack available in the foyer in the cream-coloured box marked "Information for New Parishioners". Please complete the forms enclosed and return to the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Arturo Carbonilla, Hazel Francis, Alice Boffey, Frances Kieran, Hazel Griffin, Christine Orrell, Florrie Dsouza, Priscilla D. Mijares, Richard Phelan, Marica Bartulovic, Florante Mangosing, Henry Dean, Leo O'Brien, Br Terry Maney(FMS), Graham Glamuzina, Carolyn Purkis, Petrus Smit, Shirley Underell, Elma Penney, Jack Loughheed, Maria Yau Au, Francis Peter D'Souza, Jacob Caustill, Brian Hallis, Maureen Brennan, Jacoba Filbry, Celso Snr. Abrau

Sick: Lucy Lee, Rita Kelly, D.E.Mijares, Sue Wong, Kathryn Badrick, Millie Pacheco, Claire & Phil Jew, Leo Cassin, Margaret Anne Hobson, Theresa Way, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones

Anniversaries: Patrick A.M Louis (31 July), Nena Dizon (2 Aug), Joseph W S Chow (2 Aug), Joseph Pinto (7 Aug), Mary Chong (8 Aug), Linda Rey (12 Aug), Barney McCahill (16 Aug)

Mass Intentions: 5.30pm 8am Arturo Carbonilla 10am Linda Rey

Available in Church Foyer:
See notice board for upcoming events.



Readings for Next Week:

1. Isaiah 66:18-21
2. Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

Father Robert O'Brien

Fr Ruatamaki Ambo (In Residence)

PARISH SECRETARY

Chatty Pornela

Office Hours:

Mon.- Fri. 9am - 3pm

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Principal - Mrs Mini Joseph

18th August 2019 - Sunday Readings Year C 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Rosters

Our current roster runs out on 15th September and the next 16 week period to be covered will be from **22nd September to 19th January 2020** (excluding Christmas and New Year weekends - there will be a blank roster nearer the time for these). If you know that you will be unavailable during this period or if you wish to change the Mass time at which you prefer to be rostered, please advise Chatty in the parish office **by Friday, 30th August**, the latest, so this can be taken into account. Ph: 630-3956 or Email: epsomparish@xtra.co.nz. NB: In an effort to streamline the process and to conserve resources, we will be sending out the new rosters via email. Those who do not have an email address will still be sent their copies by post. A laminated hard-copy will also be put up on the notice board and as always will be available upon request from the parish office. Thank you.

Collection for Isabella Jorna - volunteer to NET Ministries Canada

Isabella Jorna (a young adult parishoner of Epsom) has arrived in Canada to commence her year-long mission work with NET Ministries Canada. Isabella has worked hard to meet the costs of her mission work through fundraising. She still has a small deficit to bridge to meet the total she needs to raise. In light of this there will be a **retiring collection after Masses this weekend**. Hopefully we can raise enough to support Isabella and help substantially meet her fundraising goal. Isabella's missionary work is sure to benefit our parish on her return.

Youth Group

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, 25th August, 5-6:30pm** in the Community Room. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Please remember \$2 coin donation for pizzas.

Over 50's Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st August 10-11:30am in the Community Room. Coffee meeting for over 50s. All welcome. Please bring a small plate.

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 19th August 9-9.30am Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 19th August 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Wed. 21st August 10-11.30am Over 50's Coffee Group meet in Community Room. Please bring a plate.

Rosary and talk on the Rosary

Sunday, 1st September at 2pm in our church. Followed by afternoon tea in the Community Room. Please bring a plate if you want to, but not necessary. This is for members of the Legion of Mary, Auxiliaries and all people interested in honouring Our Blessed Lady. All welcome.

New Altar Servers Training

We invite all children who have received their 1st Holy Communion, regularly attend Mass in our church and interested to be Altar Servers, to attend the training sessions which will be held in our church on the **30th August and 6th September, 3.15 to 4.15 pm**. To register, please contact Chatty in the parish office on 630-3956 or email epsomparish@xtra.co.nz.

Church Library - New books

Three new books in the church library: **"Show Us the Father"**, by Devin Schadt. An easy read based on 7 Secrets of how to be a father on earth like a Father in heaven. **"Exploring the Miraculous"**, by Michael O'Neill, reviews miracles throughout history with the purpose of ultimately increasing our faith and awe in our Lord. **"A Path with Heart"**, by Jack Kornfield, describes a very practical guide to rebalance both our inner self talk and outward perspective on the world around us. The church library is open after all weekend Masses. For inquiries, please contact Mary maryvanwijk@hotmail.com or Brenda bm.mb@xtra.co.nz.

NZ Catholic

The August 11 – 24 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Christchurch Catholic cathedral to be demolished. Reaction to proposed abortion law reform. Bishop Dunn celebrates 25 years as bishop. Wellington raising profile of priestly vocations. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on August 25. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed either to Fr Robert, Fr Rua or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

How to "Become a Catholic"

While this may be a weighty decision, is easy in practice. Just join our RCIA programme.

What is RCIA?

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process by which adults are welcomed into membership of the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is:

- A journey of faith with a number of different phases.
- A time of discovering about being a son or daughter of God who is loving and gracious.
- An opportunity to reflect on a personal relationship with God and how God calls everyone, each in His own way.
- A period of getting to know Jesus Christ (more) deeply.

In previous years numbers of people enjoyed this journey and were welcomed into full Communion with the Church at Easter. Our **2019 / 2020** programme starts on **Thursday 17 October 2019**.

If you are interested in participating or even if you are "mildly curious", please register your interest by calling or emailing our Parish office, or Deacon John at johnandpixie@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible, **preferably before Tuesday 1 October 2019**, providing us with your contact details.

Catholics who would like to "refresh" their understanding of their faith are welcome to join us as well. Further details are available by contacting Deacon John.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome

Chloe Emma Jacinta Schicker, daughter of Shane and Adel; **Poppy Jacinta Erin Thompson**, daughter of James and Haidee; and **Charlotte Allison Beardsmore**, daughter of Michael and Angela.

We offer Chloe, Poppy and Charlotte the warmest of welcomes and assure them and their families of our support and prayers.



ABORTION BILL UPDATE

The Abortion Bill was given its First Reading on 8 August:

- liberalises late-term abortion
- has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions.
- allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand without any safeguards.
- has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced into abortions.
- has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement.
- has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability.
- does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor.
- violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals.
- provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Details on the above reasons, along with a Submissions Guide, are available in the foyer or at www.voiceforlife.org.nz. **Submissions close on 19 September 2019.** Please note that the Select Committee will not accept emailed submissions. They will have to either be posted in or sent via the Parliamentary website:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

- ♦ **DREAMWORK 201: Resolving Nightmares (6hrs)** with MARGARET BOWATER. **Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm.** \$95. This is a second-level workshop. You will practice skills of respectful enquiry and role-interviews; and learn how to recognise and respond appropriately to trauma dreams and nightmares.

- ♦ **RETREAT DAY: Thank you** A day to celebrate our thanks to God for something for which we are grateful for with FRAN FRANCIS & KRIS TELFER. **Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm.** \$65 incl. lunch.

Bookings essential - Ph: 638-6238 or Email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz



**Caritas NZ
50th anniversary
Mass**

Bishop Patrick Dunn will celebrate a special Mass for the Auckland diocese to mark Caritas Aotearoa NZ's 'Jubilee Year'. In conjunction with the Auckland Justice & Peace Commission and the Mangere East parish of St Thérèse, Caritas invites you to join us for this celebration. **Saturday, 24th August at 5pm at St Thérèse's Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere East.**

Diocesan Youth Mass

Hosted by the East Region on **Sun, 25th August, 7 pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Our theme for the Mass is 'All nations and tongues united as one'. See you there!

Emmaus open session

The Emmaus open session is back and will focus on *'Music & Liturgy'*. **Sunday, 25th August, at 3.30pm** at 'The Polynesian Centre' on 90 Bader Dr, Mangere. Please contact Rochelle for more info: 022-3092022.

Auckland Interfaith Council

"The Imam and the Pastor" **27 August 7.30-9pm**, Hillsborough Room, Fickling Center, 546 Mount Albert Rd. Free event.

Rosary and Novena

Daily from **29th August to 8th September at 6.30pm**. St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale. Please call Cynthia on 8132101 or Helen 8347798 for more info.

Joshua Meeting

Instead of our regular meeting on **28th August**, all are requested to meet at St Thomas More Church, Glenfield for a talk on "Refugees & Migration – The Untold Stories of Hope". Fellowship from **7pm**. For more info, contact Russell at 022-0345678.