

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: 8th September 2019

5.30pm

COMMENTATORS: Maureen O'Carroll

READERS: Priscilla Murphy

MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION: Marelene Parejas
 Peyton Jacinto
 Sandra Jacinto
 Trevor Arland
 Suchi Lewis

OFFERTORY: Christine Greaney and Family

COLLECTORS: Robert & Catherine Murphy

ALTAR SERVERS: Shaun Mendis
 (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early) Sam Lobo

8.00am

Bernard Hollewand

Sr Rita Vessey rsm
 Josephine Yang
 Mark Almeida
 Eleonor Almeida
 Estelle Arts

Joe and Mary Van Wijk

Joseph Kelly
 John Larner

Nathan Culpan
 Zoe Culpan
 Matthew Hawkins

10.00am

Brenda Brightwell

Elizabeth Wilkins
 Brenda Brightwell
 Maria Carbonilla
 Margaret Wong
 Deborah Railey
 Nellie Wulf

Maria Carbonilla
 Anisiasio Fangupo

Tanya & Desmond Fong

Toby Gordon
 Harley & Keegan Fong
 Jordan Ria D'Mello

COUNTERS: Mary-Ann Todd
 Amelia Todd
 Rosemary Trevenen

ALTAR CARE: Kathryn Long

FLOWERS Eileena Stoddart
 Mary Van Wijk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Louisa & Averia
 Rani

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: Peter Williams, Frances Knight, Winnie Groom, Kathleen Mary Mearns, 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

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: Joseph W S Chow (2 Aug), Joseph Pinto (7 Aug), Mary Chong (8 Aug), Linda Rey (12 Aug), Barney McCahill (16 Aug), Iluminada Abelo (19 Aug), Kitty McKewan (24 Aug), Rachel Foong (26 Aug), Carmencita M. Hernandez (27 Aug)

Mass Intentions: 5.30pm 8am 10am

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



Readings for Next Week:

1. Wisdom 9:13-18
 2. Philemon 9-10, 12-17
 Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

Father Robert O'Brien

Fr Ruatamaki Ambo (In Residence)

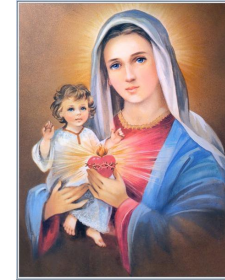
PARISH SECRETARY

Chatty Pornela

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Principal - Mrs Mini Joseph

1st September 2019 - Sunday Readings Year C 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ABORTION BILL UPDATE

The Bishops' Call - Take a Stand for life

The Abortion Bill was given its First Reading on 8 August & **Submissions close on 19 September.** The Bill:

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 restricted so-called '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 or at www.lovetheboth.nz Please note that the Select Committee will not accept emailed submissions. Posted submissions will need two copies plus a cover sheet, or submissions can be sent via the Parliamentary website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

For counselling help with any difficulties during or after pregnancy, support is offered at no cost by Pregnancy Counselling Services, who can be contacted through their website, or by calling 0800 030 985 or by texting 021 289 8727.

Rosary and talk on the Rosary

A reminder that the talk on the Rosary is this **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.



Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 2nd September 9-9.30am
Mon. 2nd September 7.00pm

Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.

In Our Church

After Mass Get-Together Next Saturday

Wine and cheese in the Community Room after the Saturday Vigil Mass, the **7th September**. There will also be a basket of goodies to be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day - please bring cash. Come along and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners! All welcome!

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.

Our **2019/2020** programme starts on **Thursday, 17th 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.

Salvation Army Food bank

As part of our outreach to the wider community, we are collecting food for the Salvation Army food bank. Your donations of non-perishable food would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the back of the Church for your donations. Thank you.

AV operator volunteers needed

An invitation is extended to anyone who has experience with operating a laptop computer to help with presenting powerpoint slides for our weekend Masses. If you are able to help, please contact Deffi Rambaud by emailing deffi.deffi@gmail.com. Deffi would be happy to instruct new volunteers on the operation of the church AV equipment.

NZ Catholic

The Aug. 25 – Sept. 7 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Revitalising parishes Monday to Saturday. Fr Martin Wu ordained in Auckland. Bishop Stuart O'Connell was approachable and encouraging. Soup for southern souls – and bodies. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on Sept. 8. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed either to Fr Rob, Fr Rua or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Cathedral Annual Appeal

Next week, **8th September**, is the annual Cathedral Appeal. The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre. Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church. Donations can be made by direct credit to **St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05** with contact details emailed to frances@stpatricks.org.nz for a tax receipt; or by using any envelope labelled "Cathedral Appeal" and dropped into the collection basket next week. Thank you and God bless.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis encourages us to participate in the "Season of Creation" through prayer and action: Pope Francis has established **1st September** as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation for Catholics, encouraging the Catholic community to pray for our common home. It is also the beginning of the "Season of Creation", an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

♦**CHILE: Chilean Culture — Mapuche Spirituality and Spanish Colonisation in Chile** with ANA MARIA DE VOS SANCHEZ. **Fri 6 Sept, 7-9pm.** Koha/Donation. For anyone who wants to know about the Chilean culture, indigenous people, religion, music and dance.

♦**WORKSHOP: Slavery in the New Testament and Displacement of Peoples Today** with KATHLEEN RUSHTON rsm. **Sat 7 Sept, 9.30am-3.30pm.** \$50 incl. lunch.

♦**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: Love is all around us in disguise** with Fr MARK CHAMBERLAIN. **Tues 10 Sept, 7-9pm.** \$20

Bookings essential - Ph: 638-6238 or

Email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 6th September 7:00pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass and veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Winter Seminar : THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Led by Justin Taylor SM. **Wed 11th Sept, 7.30-9.30pm** in the St Michael's Parish Centre, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Parking available. For more information, visit our website at www.remueracatholic.org.nz

Faith Journey

The first educators of faith are parents/whānau. <https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/> is a wonderful depository of family-friendly material for the domestic Church. It comes from the Bishops' Conference *National Centre for Religious Studies*. New materials are continually being uploaded. Explore!

Mission and Live in Retreat

Divine Retreat Centre NZ, an Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is organizing a Mission and Live in retreat in Auckland led by Fr Augustine and his team from **29th September to 7th October** in various parishes around Auckland.

29th Sept 1.30-7.30pm: St Therese Church Three Kings
30th Sept 7-9pm: Christ the King Church, Mt. Roskill
1st Oct 7-9pm: St. Mark's Church, Pakuranga
2nd Oct 7-9pm: St. Joseph's Church, Takapuna
3rd Oct 7-9pm: St. Dominic's Church, Blockhouse Bay
Live in Retreat : Carey Park Christian Camp, Henderson from 5.00pm Friday 4th October till 2pm Sunday 6th October.

For more info, visit www.drcnewzealand.org

Email: drcnz@hotmail.com or contact Brian: 0210309144; Jacinta: 0224311644; Cynthia: 0210642157

Catholic Diocese of Auckland Library

All parishioners are welcome to avail of the facilities at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Library. Based at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Saint Marys Bay, parking is available on the grounds. Open **Tues-Thurs, 9:30am to 2:30pm**, or by appointment if these times are not suitable. CDA Library has a range of resources for anyone seeking to explore their faith development, as well as resources for those wishing to undertake research or who are studying religion and theology. Our collection can be browsed online at: <http://aucklandcatholiclibrary.org.nz>. For further information call Lynette Harris (09) 360 3050 or email library@cda.org.nz.

"Everyone who raises himself up will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be raised up."

LUKE 14:11