

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: 1st September 2019

	<u>5.30pm</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
COMMENTATORS:	Finbarr O'Carroll	Gary Hays	Anne Bannatyne

READERS:	Peyton Jacinto	Argyl Serrano	Stephen Piggan
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MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:	Teresa Chow Annette Wilson	Patrick Hallis Muna Hallis	John Long Stephen Piggan
	Lynette Duncan Pam Braganza Ashlyn Braganza	Ian Law Leonard Lee Chris Naughton	Peter Prosee Amile Salian Deffi Rambaud

OFFERTORY:	Fullerton Family	Steadman Family	Barakat-Devine Family
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COLLECTORS:	Lana Lon Lynn Murphy	Miriam Hipolito Olive Maumalanga	Maria Carbonilla Julianna Extross
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ALTAR SERVERS: (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)	Lourdes Trindade Niclas, Max and Vicki Koenig	Eugene Odiaz Michaela Shin	Bruno, Peulo, Sinai and Carolyn Fangupo
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COUNTERS: Fiona McLean Raewyn Sun Keesha Sun	ALTAR CARE: Bo Rio	FLOWERS Delilah Basabas Olivia Orias	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Kenneth Reganit Sharon Tonkin
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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)

Mass Intentions: 5.30pm 8am Kitty McKewan 10am Sheila Armenio

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



Readings for Next Week:

1. Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29
 2. Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24
 Gospel Luke 14:7-14

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

25th August 2019 - Sunday Readings Year C 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.

Maori Pastoral Care Collection

The annual collection to assist with funds for initiatives, schools and projects of the Auckland Diocesan Maori community takes place at this time. If you would like to contribute, please use the specially marked envelope for this purpose amongst your planned giving envelopes, or you may use any envelope, mark it "**Maori Pastoral Care**" and return via the collection basket next weekend. *Thank you.*

Parish Office Phone

We are currently experiencing issues with our phone line and in the process of resolving them. Please bear with us. You may still contact us by email at epsomparish@xtra.co.nz. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 26th August 9-9.30am	Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 26th August 7.00pm	Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Mon. 26th August 11.00am	Funeral: Peter Williams
Tues. 27th August 11.00am	Funeral: Mary Frances Knight

In Our Church

Youth Group

A reminder that we will meet this **Sunday, 25th August, 5-6:30pm** in the Community Room. Please bring \$2 donation for pizzas.

New Altar Servers Training

A reminder that the new altar servers training sessions will commence on **Friday, 30th August, at 3.15pm** in the Church. Registrations can still be made for all children who have received their 1st Holy Communion, regularly attend Mass in our church and interested to be Altar Servers. To register, please contact Chatty in the parish office on 630-3956 or email epsomparish@xtra.co.nz.

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.

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 or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

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.

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.

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.

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. This evening is for anyone who wants to know about the Mapuches' (indigenous people in Chile) and Chilean culture / religion, music and dance and also, anyone who appreciates history and culture (music, dance, costumes and landscape will be shown).

♦**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

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.

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, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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 and the hours of operation are: **Tuesday to Thursday, 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.

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!

Go! Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!