

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: 22nd September 2019

5.30pm

COMMENTATORS: Anne Bannatyne

READERS: Lucy Powell

**MINISTERS
of HOLY
COMMUNION:** Trevor Arland
Grant Barnett
Pam Braganza

Ashlyn Braganza
Suchi Lewis

OFFERTORY: O'Carroll Family

COLLECTORS: Ashlyn Braganza
Walter Lobo

ALTAR SERVERS: Niclas Koenig
(Please remember to
arrive 10 minutes early) Max Koenig
Vicki Koenig

8.00am

Anitha Louis

Nicholas Ansley

Patrick Hallis
Muna Hallis
Ian Law
Leonard Lee
Josie Mijares

Vincent George
and Family

Kevin Maloney
and Son

Matthew Hawkins
Zoe Culpán

10.00am

Sarah Crawford

Margaret Wong

John Long
Stephen Piggin
Peter Prosee
Deffi Rambaud
Margaret Wong

John Long
and Family

Sarita Pais
Richard Rambaud

Bruno, Peulo,
Sinai and Carolyn
Fangupo

COUNTERS:

Carmel Webb
Anthony Porter
Anne Jonas

ALTAR CARE:

Patsy McCahill

FLOWERS

Liza Johnson
Joanna Johnson

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Melissa Koot

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: Bernard Radford, 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 Lougheed, Maria Yau Au, Francis Peter D'Souza

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

Anniversaries: 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), Hanipale Henry Brown (Sept 11), Mons. Pat Ward (Sept 12), Bro. John Paul Wilson (Sept 23)

Mass Intentions: 5.30pm 8am Conrado Basilio 10am Celso Snr Abrau

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



Readings for Next Week:

1. Amos 8:4-7
2. 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

Father Robert O'Brien

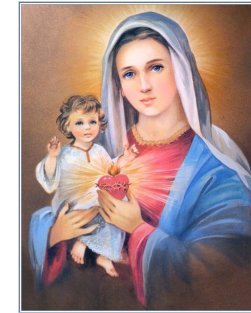
Fr Ruatamaki Ambo
Fr Bonny Borges
Deacon John Hawkins

PARISH SECRETARY

Chatty Pornela

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Principal - Mrs Mini Joseph

15th September 2019 - Sunday Readings Year C

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Abortion Bill Update - Thank You!

Thank you for the submissions which you have been sending to Parliament. They close this Thursday 19 September, so if you want assistance with submissions, or if you have questions, help is available in the foyer after Mass today.

The Process

When submissions have closed, the Abortion Legislation Committee will consider them and start to hear oral submissions. We would expect that oral submitters will be advised of a date, time and place for this. Advice on presenting orally will be made available. Once oral submissions have been heard, the Committee will write its Report on the Bill and present the Report to Parliament, including any recommendations. It is then up to Parliament as to how to proceed. It may move on to a Second Reading with a clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill and then Third Reading where it is considered as a whole. If it passes that, it is sent to the Governor-General for signing and then becomes law. Whereas the Euthanasia Bill (the so-called End of Life Choice Bill) is a Private Members Bill and has only a limited time allocated to it, the Abortion Bill is a Government Bill and can be speeded through the procedures quite quickly if the Government wishes.

More information on the Abortion bill can be found inside this newsletter. Please take the time to read through them and keep informed. 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.

Youth Group

See you this **Sunday, 15th September, 5-6:30pm** in the Community Room. Please remember \$2 coin donation for pizzas.

Over 50's Next Meeting

Wednesday, 18th September, 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. 16th Sept. 9-9.30am Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 16th Sept. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Wed. 18th Sept. 10-11.30am Over 50's Coffee Group meet in Community Room. Please bring a plate.

In Our Church

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.

NZ Catholic

The Sept 8-21 issue of NZ Catholic *is out now*. Some headlines are: Fr Matthew Gibson ordained in Hamilton. NZ co-hosts safeguarding conference in Rome. Bishops urge parishioners to stand for life. Visiting Deaf priest stresses need for sign language training. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on Sept. 22. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to any of our priests, Deacon John or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Parish Rosters

The new roster for the period 22 Sept to 19 January, 2020 have been sent out mostly by email and a few by post. Please check your inbox (or it may also have gone to your spam folder). An enlarged copy is posted on our notice board and also available by request from the parish office. Thank you for your continued support to the various ministries in our parish.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The new sets of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection from the Church foyer. Please remember to uplift yours today.

Death Anniversaries

We remember our dearly departed, especially Mons. Pat Ward and Bro. John Paul Wilson fms, whose anniversaries occur at this time. Mons. Pat and Bro. JP spent many years in our parish as Parish Priest and Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

♦**Dreamwork 202 Workshops: A series of Skill-Development Groups** with MARGARET BOWATER. **Fri 20 Sept, 9.30am-12.30pm.** \$40. Open to those who have previously attended an Introductory workshop, and seek to improve their skills.

♦**MEDITATION: Retreat day** with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. **Sat 21 Sept, 9.30am-3.30pm.** \$35. BYO lunch. This is for those who are experienced in Christian Meditation as part of their daily prayer. A Day of Silence, prayer, input, and times for meditation.

♦**WEEKEND WORKSHOP Rediscovering Fire:**

Exploring the Spirituality of Teilhard de Chardin with KEVIN GALLAGHER. **Fri 27 Sept, 7-9pm & Sat 28 Sept, 9.30am-4pm.** \$95 incl. lunch. \$145 also incl. accommodation Fri night. This seminar will explore some key concepts of Teilhard's spirituality and vision and offer opportunities to taste and experience Christ at the heart of all things.

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

The Abortion Bill - What More Can We Do?

We can pray:

Prayer vigils & Eucharistic Adoration at:

- ♦ *Mount St Mary, Titirangi 24/7;*
- ♦ *Divine Mercy Refuge 24/7;*
- ♦ *Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Herne Bay evenings.*
- ♦ *A Pilgrimage for Life, which began at Cape Reinga on 1st September and visits many parishes on the way south to conclude at Island Bay, Wellington, on 18th September. A similar journey started simultaneously at Bluff, also to conclude at Island Bay - details at: fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life/*
- ♦ *Rosary prayer in families/groups.*
- ♦ *Ecumenical prayer, such as 'Standing in the Gap' - details available on request.*

We can visit Members of Parliament to express our concern

MPs place great value on personal visits, since they might not have time to personally read all their emails, although the number of emails for or against may be counted. If you phone or email their office, you can arrange with a staff member a time and location that suits you to meet the MP. As you know, these visits need to be respectful and courteous. You can express concern and listen to them attentively if they talk about the issue (or anything else), and, before leaving, give them something, such as a copy of your submission. It is a good idea to send a thank-you message afterwards.

We can keep informed so that we are well-equipped and confident when the topic arises in conversation. A good resource is the Voice For Life website (www.voiceforlife.org.nz) where you can ask to receive their newsletter.

Mayoral Election Forum

This is your chance to ask all the Mayoral candidates where they stand on issues important to the Catholic community. 7-9pm at St Columba Centre 40 Vermont Street Ponsonby on **Wednesday 25th September.** All welcome. Supper provided.

Annual Catholic Men's Retreat Auckland

18-20 October. For registrations and more information: Greg Sullivan Ph:021437747 or email greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y2sa9ujn>

Logo Competition

The Auckland Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations is mandated by the Bishop of Auckland. It is looking for a logo, and seeks for your artistic and design skills. The logo design requirements is to capture the statement "Unity in Diversity". For further information about the competition, visit our website at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/mission-evangelisation/ecumenism/>. Submit design by email to ecumenicalandinterfaith@cda.org.nz, and if you have any questions. Entries close on Monday 14th October, 2019.

Forming Intentional Disciples with Sherry Weddell

Sat, 21 Sept. 10am-4pm at St. Michael's Road, Remuera. 9.30am registration. Lunch \$5. To register, email frchrisd@gmail.com

Monte Cecilia Catholic School fundraiser

Joins us to watch the first All Blacks game of the tournament live. Rugby trivia, bar service, food and entertainment - adult only fundraiser. **21st Sept. from 8pm** till late at St John Vianney's Hall, 317 Hillsborough Road. Email monte.cecilia.pta@gmail.com for tickets or buy online at www.montececilia.school.nz/product/cup-kick-off

Diocesan Youth Mass

All welcome on **Sunday, 29 Sept 7pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Hosted by our Vinnies whānau. The theme is 'We Give Thanks To You Oh God.'

Cathedral Pasifika Dinner-Dance

An evening of dinner & dancing - celebrating contributions of Pasifika culture. Bring family and friends. **21 Sept 2019, 7-11pm**, 89 Galway St, Onehunga. Tickets \$50 includes food & entertainment at eventbrite.com. Free for children under 13 years old.