

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: 15th September 2019

	<u>5.30pm</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
COMMENTATORS:	Roy Albuquerque	Ian Law	Mark Brimble
READERS:	Paula Kenrick	Osmitta Francis	Louisa Rani
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:	Lisette Albuquerque Sushila Fernandes Grant Barnett Paula Kenrick Teresa Chow	Bernadette Collins Paul Foong Rose Foong Helen Filbry Immaculata C-Williams	Carolyn Brooks Peter Brooks Anisiasio Fangupo John Hawkins Pixie Hawkins
OFFERTORY:	Lynn Murphy Lana Lon	Almeida Family	Walter Lobo Ray Salian
COLLECTORS:	Stanley Saw Trevor Arland	Corbett Madden Gary Hays	John Larnar Walter Lobo
ALTAR SERVERS: (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)	Preston Lee Jaden D'Souza	Madeline Khuang Zack Darling	Joshua Stewart Raffiel Santiago Shane Bankien Caitlin Pornela

COUNTERS: Carmel Webb Anthony Porter Anne Jonas	ALTAR CARE: Pat Thomson Sue Lamont	FLOWERS Eileena Stoddart Mary Van Wijk	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Theresa Szeto
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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: 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, Claire & Phil Jew, Leo Cassin, Margaret Anne Hobson, Theresa Way, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones, Corazon M. Abulencia

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 Severiano O. Orias 8am Corazon M. Abulencia 10am

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



Readings for Next Week:
 1. Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
 2. 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Gospel Luke 15:1-32

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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8th September 2019 - Sunday Readings Year C **23rd 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 lovethemboth.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.

Cathedral Appeal

Today is the annual Cathedral Appeal to support long-term maintenance of our Mother Church - The Cathedral of St Patrick's and St Joseph. 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 our collection baskets. Thank you and God bless.

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 9th September 9-9.30am
Mon. 9th 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

Fr Bonny Borges

We warmly welcome Fr Bonny Borges to the parish. Fr Bonny is on sabbatical leave from India and will be with us over the coming months.

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 if 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.

Parish Rosters

Our current roster will finish on the 15th of September and the new roster will be completed soon. Please expect your copy of the new roster by email in the coming week. If we don't have your email address on our database, a copy of the roster will be posted to your address also within the week. Thank you for your continued support to the various ministries in our parish.

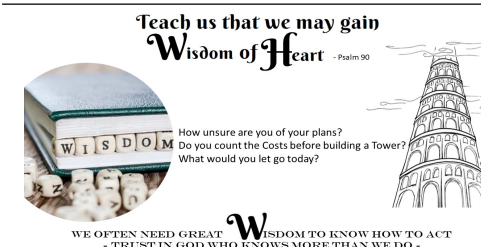
NZ Catholic

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.*

Bereavements

Our condolences and sympathies to the family of Bernard Radford: Rose, Claire, Chris and Mark. Bernie joined our Creator last Sunday, 1st of September. He was an active and well-loved member of our parish, having served as a member of our Parish Pastoral Council and organised our monthly parish refreshments and get-togethers, among many others he did for our parish. Bernie will be fondly remembered and surely missed.

Eternal rest grant unto Bernard, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Social Justice Week – 8th-14th September

Social Justice Week was established by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference in 1997 as an ongoing commitment in the Catholic calendar for the week beginning the second Sunday of September. This is a time to consider, reflect and take action on a particular current social justice issue in the light of Catholic social teaching. Social Justice Week falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time in which the liturgical readings teach us about discipleship. This year the Social Justice Week theme is: **Fairness**. We are encouraged to reflect on what is unfair in the world around us and take action to make our world a better and fairer place. One positive change can make a huge difference! Please take a copy of the leaflet prepared by Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand for Social Justice Week 2019 available in the church foyer or visit www.caritas.org.nz for more information.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

♦**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: Love is all around us in disguise** with Fr MARK CHAMBERLAIN. **Tues 10 Sept, 7-9pm.** \$20. A time to consider the presence of God in our lives, with reference to aspects of Ignatian Spirituality.

♦**CELEBRATING: Celebrating the Month of Mercy Sun 15 Sept, 11.30am-3.30pm.** Shared potluck lunch. A gathering to give thanks and to celebrate the Mercy values that continue to be relevant for us today. The programme includes a potluck lunch, interactive presentation and is followed by afternoon tea.

MEDITATION: Retreat day with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. **Sat 21 Sept, 9.30am -3.30pm.** \$35. BYO lunch. This Retreat Day is for those who are experienced in Christian Meditation as part of their daily prayer. This will be a Day of Silence, contemplative prayer, input, and times for meditation. **Bookings essential** - Ph: 638-6238 or Email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Season of Creation

We are in the "Season of Creation", an ecumenical initiative dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles. It runs until 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Copies of the pamphlet "23 green tips – small steps towards a sustainable life" from the Justice and Peace Commission are available now in the Church foyer and also online at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>. Simple practical ways to make a difference.

Reflection Day "TAIZE"

Friday, 13 Sept, 7-8pm at the Mary McKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay. A meditative, candlelit service which will include singing of chants, listening to the Word of God, intercessory prayer and ample time for a quiet prayer in an atmosphere of silence and peace. Light supper served at conclusion. To register, please email Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au

Choral Mass for the Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday 14 September at 7.30pm. We celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross with a Choral Mass with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes, the Assistant Director of Music. Validated parking available. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

Feast of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5pm on Monday, 16 September.** Bishop Denis Browne will be the main celebrant.

Cathedral Pasifika Dinner-Dance

You're invited! Join us for 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, available at eventbrite.com. Tickets not required for children under 13 years old.