

**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 December 2019

**5.30pm**

**COMMENTATORS:** Roy Albuquerque

**READERS:** Carmel Webb

**MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:** Grant Barnett  
Pam Braganza  
Ashlyn Braganza  
Lisette Albuquerque  
Bernadette Collins

**OFFERTORY:** Albuquerque Family

**COLLECTORS:** Alfred Fernandes  
Sushila Fernandes

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Eamon O'Carroll  
(Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)

**COUNTERS:** Peter & Carolyn Brooks  
Dexter Britto

**ALTAR CARE:** Pat Thomson  
Sue Lamont

**8.00am**

Bernard Hollewand

Kevin Maloney

Josie Mijares  
Chris Naughton  
Sr Rita Vessey rsm  
Josephine Yang  
Estelle Arts

Paul Grace and Family  
Chris Naughton  
Mark Almeida

Eugene Odiaz  
Michaela Shin

**FLOWERS**  
No Flowers in Advent

**10.00am**

Regina Thayalakal

Lucy Powell

Amile Salian  
Annette Wilson  
Nellie Wulf  
Dan Young  
**Volunteer Please**

Fangupo Family  
Paulo and Bruno  
Fangupo

Harley & Keegan Fong  
Jordan Ria D'Mello  
Toby Gordon

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
Kenneth Reganit  
Sharon Tonkin

**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:** Phillip Jew, Patricia Jayalath, Alec Messer, Antonietta Lopez, Victoria Ho Au, Felix Lopez Snr., Belle Waggoner, John Sinclair, John Henry, 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

**Sick:** Lucy Lee, Rita Kelly, D.E.Mijares, Sue Wong, Kathryn Badrick, Millie Pacheco, Leo Cassin, Margaret Anne Hobson, Theresa Way, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones, Corazon Abulencia, Joe Geor, Elsie Matulich, Wim Wouts

**Anniversaries:** George Wong and Reginald Wilton (Nov 5), Raymond Rogers McGreal (Nov 9), Marie Anderson (Nov 14), Eileen Williams (Nov 14), Amaradasa De Silva (Nov 15), Marie Anderson (Nov 16), Gary Ness (Nov 19), Carolyn Hulme (Nov 25), Mary Chow (Dec 3)

**Mass Intentions:** 5.30pm 8am 10am *Celso Snr Abrau*

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



**Readings for Next Week:**  
1. Isaiah 11:1-10  
2. Romans 15:4-9  
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

## PARISH PRIEST

**Father Robert O'Brien**

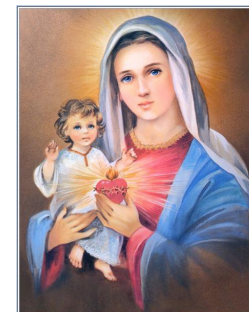
Fr Bonny Borges  
Deacon John Hawkins

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## 1st December 2019 - Sunday Readings Year A

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Advent - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1)

Wednesday December 4th, 11th, 18th: 7pm - 8pm (in Reconciliation Room).

#### Senior Citizens' Outing - Sunday 8th December

Our Senior Citizens annual outing will take place on **8th December**. We are seeking your support to help make our wonderful Senior Citizens Outing a great success. We need your assistance in the following areas:

**DRIVING:** which involves reporting to the Community Room at 1.15pm to be allocated a rest home, collecting passengers and taking them for a drive for about one hour then back to the parish hall for afternoon tea. At that time you are free to join the activities at the hall or do what you will until approx. 3.30pm when our guests will require transport back to their rest homes.

**HOSTING:** being at the hall by 2.15pm to assist with the smooth running of the afternoon teas, assisting our guests to and from their cars and generally enjoying a chat and a laugh with them.

**FOOD:** providing a plate of savouries, sandwiches or small cakes (*of course you can do all three, if you like!*).

**FLOWERS:** If you have any roses or small flowers suitable for tables, please leave with food in the community room on the day.

For those not familiar with this day, please be assured that it is truly rewarding for all involved. **A clipboard is provided in the church foyer and we welcome your name and contact details on this if you can help.** All enquiries to Linda and John Ryan Ph: 625-4022.

#### First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020

Registration forms for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for next year are now available. Please see details inside this newsletter.

#### Rosary for Life and Faith

Please join our parish community in praying the Rosary in conjunction with the Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith. **Saturday, 7th December at 3pm in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Epsom.**



## Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 2nd Dec. 9-9.30am	Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 2nd Dec. 7.00pm	Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Wed. 4th Dec. 7-8.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1) in the Reconciliation Room.
Sat. 7th Dec. 3.00pm	Rosary for Life and Faith in the church. All welcome.
Sat. 7th Dec. 1.30-4pm	Altar Servers and Youth Group Christmas Party in the hall.
Sun. 8th Dec. 1-4pm	Senior Citizen's Outing.

## IN OUR PARISH

### Available from the parish office:

2020 Columban Calendars at \$12 each.  
St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards at \$2.50/pack of 5.

### Christmas gifts for children in need

We would like to offer gifts and a food hamper to each of the families in the Parish food programme. If you would like to purchase a gift, please see one of us at the back of Church after each Mass this weekend. We would also appreciate donations to purchase food items for the hampers. Any queries, please phone Mary-Ann 021 2882850, or Brenda 027 6415615.

### Return of Library Books

We have been fortunate to have a number of new books added to the library. To enable everyone to benefit from the new selection, please return all outstanding library books to the cupboards below the library or hand to Chatty in the office. We will then be able to determine what new books to purchase for next year. Many thanks and we welcome new book suggestions!

### Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Pro-Life Group

The Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Pro-Life Group has been formed in Epsom Parish, with the approval of Fr Rob & the Parish Pastoral Council. Core Team members are: Richard Harward (Ph 021 059 0617, Email: [richardharward2@gmail.com](mailto:richardharward2@gmail.com)), Deborah Railey (Ph 021 268 9429 Email: [raileydeborah@gmail.com](mailto:raileydeborah@gmail.com)), Sarah Cozens (0278 777560). The Oversight Team is Fr Rob, Deacon John and Mary-Ann Todd. We invite interest from those who wish to be in the Support Team even for a short period of time, to offer their experience, knowledge and skills.

### NZ Catholic

The Dec. 1-14 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Church fronts at royal commission. Dame Kiri visits old school. People have say on Chch plan. Details awaited on Tomorrow's Schools reset. Cost: \$4 - please hand to any of our priests or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

## Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

◆ **MUFFIN MEETING** *Nativity Scenes* with BEATE MATTHIES. **Thurs 5 Dec, 10.30am-12.30pm.** Koha/Donation. An opportunity to learn more about an ancient Catholic tradition that has spread to many countries in the world, each time adapting with special local characteristics.

◆ **REFLECTION DAY** *Mandala Reflection Day* with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. **Sat 7 Dec, 9.30am-3.30pm.** \$60 including art materials, lunch & tea/coffee. This day will be a time of input, drawing our own mandala, ritual and prayer.

◆ **REFLECTION / RETREAT DAY** *Be still and know that I am God Prayer in the spirit of Advent* with MARY CATHERWOOD rsm. **Wed 11 Dec, 10.30am-2.30pm.** \$25. BYO lunch. Participants will be invited to deepen their awareness of God's presence in their lives. Facilitation using scripture, music and images will support periods of reflection and silent prayer.

**Bookings essential** - Ph: 638-6238 or  
Email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

## Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

**Friday 6 December 7pm.** 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.

## G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass

**Sunday 8th December 4pm** at Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. An invitation to all Catholics with disabilities, their families and support workers. A light meal is provided after Mass in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All welcome. Ph: 629 0445.

## Taizé evening of meditative prayer

At the Mary Mackillop Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. **Tues. 10 Dec. 7-8pm.**

## Sacred Heart School Dunedin 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

All Ex-pupils and former Teachers are advised that at Labour Weekend 2020, the School will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley. Everyone interested to attend the celebrations, please email: [reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz](mailto:reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

### First Holy Communion 2020

First Holy Communion will take place next year on **Sunday, 24th May 2020.** Registration is open to children in Year 4 or above, of families who regularly attend Mass at our Church and who consider themselves to be parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. Please complete the registration form and hand it in to the Parish Office **by the 21st February 2020.** See our parish website for details of meeting dates.

### Confirmation 2020

Do you wish to be confirmed in the year 2020? Are you, or will you be in "School Year 7" or above? Bishop Patrick Dunn will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on **Sunday 28 June 2019** at 10am. The 5 formation sessions in the year 2020 will be held on Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00. Session dates are 27 May; 3 June; 10 June; 17 June; and 24 June (godparents to attend this final session please). Please enrol **by the 13th May 2020.**

### Adult Formation:

**If you are an adult** and have not received the Sacrament; are considering becoming a Catholic; or are interested in learning more about what it is to be Catholic, we will be running an RCIA course starting early October 2020.

**\*Registration forms** are available in the church foyer, on our website <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/> or from the parish office.

## CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24th December

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Carols from 5.00pm)  
Evening Mass at 9.00pm (Carols from 8.30pm)

### Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25th December

Morning Mass at 9.00am ONLY



For a complete list of Christmas and New Year Holiday dates, please uplift a copy of the Timetable which is available in the church foyer for you to take home for reference.

**Christmas Roster** - If you are available to help, please add your name to the blank roster available in the church foyer. Thank you.