

**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 December 2019

**5.30pm**

**COMMENTATORS:** Valentyn Santhara

**READERS:** Lucy Powell

**MINISTERS  
of HOLY  
COMMUNION:** Marlene Parejas  
John Ryan  
Annette Wilson  
Trevor Arland  
Teresa Chow

**OFFERTORY:** O'Carroll  
Family

**COLLECTORS:** Shee, Bradley  
and Alyssa Chow

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Niclas, Max  
(Please remember to and Vicki Koenig  
arrive 10 minutes early) Lourdes Trindade

**8.00am**

Gary Hays

Anitha Louis

Paul Foong  
Rose Foong  
Patrick Hallis  
Muna Hallis  
Leonard Lee

Vincent George  
and Family

Michael Marinovich  
Olive Maumalanga

Nathan Culpán  
Zoe Culpán

**10.00am**

Sarah Crawford

Stephen Piggin

John Long  
Stephen Piggin  
Peter Prosee  
Deborah Railey  
Deffi Rambaud

Gazelle and Ivan  
Extross

Anisiasio Fangupo  
Leanne Kirton

Bruno, Peulo, Sinai  
and Carolyn Fangupo

**COUNTERS:**

Carmel Webb  
Anthony Porter

**ALTAR CARE:**

Kathryn Long

**FLOWERS**

No Flowers  
in Advent

**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:** 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

**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)

**Mass Intentions:** 5.30pm Amaradasa De Silva 8am Holy Souls 10am Evelin Magret Perera

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



**Readings for Next Week:**

1. Isaiah 2:1-5  
2. Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

**PARISH PRIEST**

**Father Robert O'Brien**

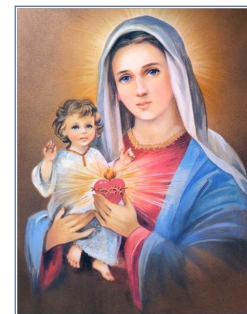
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Fr Bonny Borges  
Deacon John Hawkins

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## 24th November 2019 - Sunday Readings Year C

### THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

#### 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.

#### School Christmas Market

An invitation to join the school and local community at the 2019 Christmas Market this **Sunday 24th November 11am-3pm**. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever before with gourmet food, activities and games for kids, beautiful Christmas crafts and an opportunity to pick up those 'hard to buy for' gifts. All proceeds from the market will go towards new IT resources. All welcome.

#### 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. 25th Nov. 9-9.30am Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.  
Mon. 25th Nov. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.

## In Our Parish

### Over 50s Coffee Group

Last Wednesday, the 20th November, the Over 50s Coffee Group held their last meeting for this year. They're a lovely group of people from our parish who meet up once a month (usually on the third Wednesday) for tea, coffee and a chat—a great way to get to know each other. All welcome to come along to the next coffee group meeting in the new year, the date of which will be announced closer to the time via this newsletter.



### Altar Servers and Youth Group Christmas Celebration

We want to thank you for your help with altar serving this year! All altar servers in our parish are invited to come and celebrate a successful year with us on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30-4pm** in the Community Room. You would have received an email from Claudia about this with the details. Please RSVP by 29th November to [claudia@koenighome.de](mailto:claudia@koenighome.de)

### Christmas gifts for children in need

As in previous years, 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 and next. We would also appreciate donations to purchase food items for the hampers. Any queries, please phone Mary-Ann 021 2882850, or Brenda 027 6415615.

## NZ Catholic

*The Nov. 17 - 30 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:* NZ Bishops meet Pope Francis. Holy Souls help with statue recovery. Deceased clergy remembered. Editor considers future of women in Church. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on December 1. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to any of our priests, Deacon John or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

## Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

♦**An Ignatian Contemplation for Advent** with Laetitia Puthenpadath. **Sat 30 Nov, 1.45-4pm.** \$20. A 2hr Prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Contemplation to enter meaningfully into the mystery of the Annunciation to arrive at a grateful appreciation of the cosmic significance of the Annunciation and to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

♦**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)

## 2020 Columban Art Calendars

We have some more calendars available from the parish office at \$12 each.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

Last call to please uplift your set of planned giving envelopes from the church foyer if you have not already done so. Thank you.

## Pro-Life Updates

### Euthanasia

Parliament passed the Euthanasia Bill Third Reading, by 69 to 51, on 13 November. Once signed into law by the Governor-General, it becomes the End of Life Choice Act 2017. However it does not come into force straightaway, as it contains a requirement for a referendum with the next General Election, which is expected in late 2020. If voted 'Yes' to coming into force, that will happen 12 months after the result of the referendum is declared.

### New Law Even Worse than Some Elsewhere

This euthanasia and assisted suicide Act lacks important safeguards. For example, unlike the laws in Victoria, Canada and Oregon, this Act does not require independent witnesses to be involved in any part of the assisted death process. The Bill does not require a significant cooling off period. The majority in Parliament rejected proposed amendments to include such safeguards, without even debating them. Hon Maggie Barry proposed the inclusion of a cooling off period of one week; Simeon Brown proposed that an independent witness should be present at a person's death.

### Confusion About Euthanasia

A Curia Poll released just over 10 days ago, demonstrates that the majority of New Zealanders are confused about what the End of Life Choice Act seeks to legalise - even though this measure has been the subject of public debates and media attention for four years. 75% of respondents thought the Act would legalise people choosing to have machines turned off that are keeping them alive, where in fact, this choice is already legal.

You can read the Act or download a copy of the Act at

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL\\_74307/end-of-life-choice-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_74307/end-of-life-choice-bill)

### Abortion Legislation Bill

This is a Government Bill to greatly liberalise abortion. It has passed its First Reading and gone to the Abortion Legislation Committee to consider submissions, of which there were many thousands. A huge majority opposed the Bill. At its Second Reading, the Bill can be amended. The Bill can be read or downloaded in its First Reading Form at:

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL\\_89814/abortion-legislation-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill)

*Let us pray for MPs, especially for those who strive to safeguard the value of life, that they be strengthened and encouraged, and that all MPs be guided and enlightened by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations.*

## Reflection Day: Mary's Advent

*Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect on the role of Mary leading up to the Birth of Christ. On this day we will connect with the Story of Mary's Annunciation and her visit to Elizabeth and how these stories relate to our lives today.* Facilitated by Lyndall Brown rsj. **Tuesday, 3 December, 10am-2pm.** Mary MacKillop Centre, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay. Cost: Koha. Please bring own lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. Register via [Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au](mailto:Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au) or call Julian Langton rsj – phone 09 5281801 by Monday, 25 Nov.

## 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.

## Oceania Catholic Young Leaders Summit

A weekend full of teaching, empowering and equipping youth leaders with skills and tools to evangelise and accompany our young people. **6-8 December** at Sacred Heart College, Auckland. Live out \$120, live in \$200. An awesome opportunity for youth and for parish communities to develop their leaders. Email [oceaniacatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:oceaniacatholicyouth@gmail.com) for more information.

## Advent Carol and Vespers

A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. **Saturday, 30 Nov. at 7.30pm.** With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes. All welcome to share this tradition as we journey through Advent. Entry FREE but there will be a retiring collection.