

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 December 2019

	<u>5.30pm</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
COMMENTATORS:	Marina Tu'inukuafu	Anitha Louis	Margaret Wong
READERS:	Anne Bannatyne	Argyl Serrano	Louisa Rani
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:	Suchi Lewis Josie Mijares John Mills Marlene Parejas John Ryan	Patrick Hallis Muna Hallis Leonard Lee Chris Naughton Sr Rita Vessey rsm	John Long Stephen Piggin Peter Prosee Deborah Railey Deffi Rambaud
OFFERTORY:	Lana Lon Mary Jackson	Peter Leathley and Family Paul Foong	Mary Overend Pat Thomson
COLLECTORS:	Stanley Saw Lynn Murphy	Vincent George	John Larnier Johnney Leslie
ALTAR SERVERS: (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please

COUNTERS: Raewyn & Keesha Sun Fiona McLean	ALTAR CARE: Mary Jackson Rosemary Trevenen	FLOWERS No Flowers in Advent	CHILDREN'S LITURGY No Children's Liturgy School Holidays
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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: 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, Theresa Way, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones, Corazon Abulencia, Joe Geor, Elsie Matulich, Wim Wouts, Maurice Aldridge

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

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



Readings for Next Week:

1. Isaiah 7:10-14
 2. Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

Father Robert O'Brien

Fr Bonny Borges
 Deacon John Hawkins

PARISH SECRETARY

Chatty Pornela

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Mon.- Fri. 9am - 3pm



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Principal - Mrs Mini Joseph



15th December 2019 - Sunday Readings Year A 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas 2019 Mass Times

Christmas Eve - **Tuesday, 24th December**

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Carols from 5.00pm)

Night Mass at 9.00pm (Carols from 8.30pm)

Christmas Day - **Wednesday, 25th December**

Morning Mass at 9.00am ONLY

Complete timetable available in the church foyer for your reference.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday **18th December** 7-8pm.

Parish Rosters



If you are available to help with the various ministries during **Christmas and the New Year**, please add your name to the sign-up roster sheets available in the church foyer.

Also, the new roster for the period from **25th January to 17th May 2020 (excluding Holy Week)** will be prepared early next year. If you know that you will be unavailable during the rostered period or you wish to make changes to your Mass time preference, please advise Chatty *by email to epsomparish@xtra.co.nz no later than Friday 10th January* so this can be taken into account. We are also seeking for more volunteers for Altar Care, Flowers and Children's Liturgy. Please let Chatty know if you'd be happy to be included in these ministries for the next roster. Training will be provided.

Senior Citizens' Outing - Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to making last Sunday afternoon a success. The drive gave many homebound elderly a much needed outing. The afternoon tea was truly appreciated. Special thanks to the organizers and to Peyton Jacinto for his wonderful musical talents. It was great to see a smile on so many faces. The positive feedback from some of the rest homes has been very heartwarming. The spirit of the occasion was felt by all and again, thank you so much to all who gave so generously of their time and talents on the day.

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 16th Dec. 9-9.30am Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
 Mon. 16th Dec. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
 Wed. 18th Dec. 7-8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1) in the Reconciliation Room.

IN OUR PARISH

Parish Food Programme Christmas Hamper

Thank you for your offering to buy gifts for the children in our Parish food programme. All the children have been matched with a donor now. If you would still like to contribute, we would appreciate donations to make up food hampers. Please contact Mary-Ann 021 2882850 or Brenda 027 6415615 if you would like more information.



Church Library News

Return of Library Books

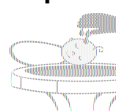
Please return all outstanding library books to the cupboards below the library or hand to Chatty in the office.



New Children's Books

Calling all school age kids who want to learn more about their faith! Several new & exciting books on the lives of the saints, the Mass & Sacraments have been recently added to the new Children's Section of the library.

Baptisms



This weekend we welcome **Sofia Ashley Lima Tang**, daughter of Lilian (nee Lima) and Laurence Tang. God bless Sofia.

NZ Catholic

The Dec.15 – Jan. 25 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: \$126m Catholic precinct in Chch. Legal action looms over school funding. Moving abortion story at March for Life. Tongan Catholics clean up close to home. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on January 26. Cost: \$4 - please hand to any of our priests or in to the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed from 21st December and will re-open on Monday 13th January 2020.



Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom

♦**DREAMWORK 202 WORKSHOPS Practising Dream-work Skills** with MARGARET BOWATER. **Fri 31 Jan, 10am-1pm.** \$45 per session. Open to people who have previously attended an introductory dream workshop and seek to improve their skills.

♦**RETREAT DAY Reconfigured: Transformed by Reality** with SARAH COOPER. **Sat 15 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm.** \$65 incl. lunch. Explore how we can encounter life's unpredictable unfoldings with our loving presence: learning to let go and enter fully in. As we allow reality to reconfigure us, we will discover new space opening up, where we are able to meet the world in compassion and love. Life is being made new.

♦**MUFFIN MEETING The Mystics of Helfta** with ELIZABETH SNEDDEN rscj. **Fri 21 Feb, 10.30am-12.30pm.** \$15 incl. morning tea. We often think that popular devotion to the Sacred Heart began in Paray-le-Monial in the 17th Century, with Margaret Mary Alacoque. However, there were three visionaries living together in the 13th Century who wrote beautifully of the Heart of Christ. The youngest and greatest of these was Gertrude the Great. Meet and pray with her and the two Mechtilds at the monastery of Helfta where they flourished, an oasis for women in the misogynistic Middle Ages

♦**Who is my Neighbour?** with BRIDGET CRISP rsm. **Tues 25 Feb, 10am – 5pm.** \$35 incl. lunch. Based on Laudato Si and care of the Environment, especially the challenges faced by many Pacific Island nations.

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

Vacancy: Learning Assistant



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School is looking for a learning assistant, to work part-time during term time. Please contact Admin@olsh.school.nz for more information.

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.

Carmelite Monastery Christmas Masses, 636 Mt Albert Road



Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December: Vigil Mass 9:00 pm, preceded by Carols 8:30 pm.

Christmas Day, and all other days, 7:30 am Mass as usual.



St. Vincent de Paul Shop

Thank you to all the parishioners who have supported St. Vincent de Paul with donations this year. The shop will be closed from 24th December until 13th January. **Please do not leave any donations between 21st December 2019 and 13th January 2020** as they will be unable to be delivered to the Shop as it will be closed. Have a very Happy Christmas and New Year from the Manager and all the volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Gifts for Monte Cecilia Housing Trust



*** CHRISTMAS GIFTS ***

You are invited to leave wrapped and labeled (age and Boy or Girl) Christmas gifts in the basket on the altar for distribution. **These will be collected by the trust by Wednesday, 18th December.** After this you may deliver your gifts in person to 30 Windrush Close, Mangere. Contact person there is Elaine Ph: 275-6661.