

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 December 2019

5.30pm **8.00am** **10.00am**
COMMENTATORS: Anne Bannatyne Ian Law Louisa Rani

READERS: Coralie Fennell Tad Piggan Margaret Wong

MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION: Lynette Duncan Mark Almeida Carolyn Brooks
 Sushila Fernandes Eleonore Almeida Peter Brooks
 Sandra Jacinto Paul Foong Anisiasio Fangupo
 Peyton Jacinto Rose Foong John Hawkins
 Annette Wilson Ian Law Pixie Hawkins

OFFERTORY: Paula McNamara Sue Lamont John Long
 and Family Anitha Louis and Family
COLLECTORS: Marilyn Kamath Steve Brown Tanya & Desmond
 Vijay Kamath John Eccleton Fong

ALTAR SERVERS: Jaden D'Souza Matthew Hawkins Xavier Leota
 (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early) Preston Lee Zack Darling Raffiel Santiago
 Shane Bankien

COUNTERS: John & Pixie Hawkins **ALTAR CARE:** Patsy McCahill **FLOWERS:** No Flowers in Advent **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** No Children's Liturgy School Holidays
 Peter Leathley

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

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 L.C. Beeda Perera 8am Finbar O'Carroll 10am Conrad Fernando

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



Readings for Next Week:
 1. Isaiah 35:1-6,10
 2. James 5:7-10
 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST
Father Robert O'Brien
 Fr Bonny Borges
 Deacon John Hawkins

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8th December 2019 - Sunday Readings Year A 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1)

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

Senior Citizens' Outing - This Sunday 8th December

Thank you for your wonderful response to help this weekend with driving, hosting and provision of afternoon tea. We greatly appreciate your help and the rest home managers tell us that for many of these senior citizens this could be their only outing this year.

DRIVERS: Please come to the Community Room at **1.15pm** for instructions. You will need to return to the hall at approximately **3.15-3.30pm** to provide the return journey.

HOSTS: Please be at the hall at **2.00pm**.

FOOD: Suitable for the afternoon tea: plates of savouries, sandwiches or small cakes. Please leave in the parish hall anytime after 9.00am on Sunday morning.

FLOWERS: Please leave small flowers suitable for tables in hall kitchen sink before 11am on Sunday.

Please direct all enquiries to Linda and John Ryan Ph: 625-4022.

Christmas Gifts for Monte Cecilia Housing Trust



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. The contact person there is Elaine Ph: 275-6661.

Christmas and New Year 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. Thank you.

WE **VOLUNTEERS**

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 9th Dec. 9-9.30am Rosary Group meet in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 9th Dec. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Wed. 11th Dec. 7-8.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1) in the Reconciliation Room.

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

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

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!

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.

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 (richardharward2@gmail.com, Ph:021-0590617), Deborah Railey (Ph:021-2689429, 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

◆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.

◆EVENING EVENT *Nativity Scenes* with BEATE MATTHIES. Fri 13 Dec, 7-9pm. 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.

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

Taizé evening of meditative prayer

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

Sacred Heart School Dunedin 125th 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

Formation Day

On **15 February 2020**, the Liturgy Centre will be hosting a formation day for musicians, choirs, cantors, liturgy committees and all people with an interest in music in the Mass. Presenters: Michael Mangan, a composer of music from Brisbane, Fr John O'Connor, Director of the National liturgy Office. Venue: Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Onehunga. Please bring your own lunch.

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 and New Year Rosters - If you are available to help, please add your name to the sign-up roster sheets available in the church foyer. Thank you.