

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

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1st September 2024 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Timetable

Tuesday: 8am at the Mercy Centre Chapel (104 The Drive)

Wednesday & Thursday: 8am

Friday: 12.05pm (Adoration from 11am)

Saturday: 9am

Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45-5.15pm

The Rosary is prayed in the Church every Monday morning during school term at 9.15-9.45am.

RCIA Programme

The RCIA Programme in our parish will be starting soon in late September. This programme is for adults who have not been baptised and are wanting to become Catholic. Please contact the parish office asap to register your interest in joining this programme.

AV Operators Needed If you could assist with operating the laptop and projector for the Mass slides for either the 5.30pm Vigil or the 9am Sunday mass, we need your help as we have very few people currently rostered for this ministry. Please let Chatty know by email to epsomparish@xtra.co.nz or call 630-3956.

New Parish Ministries Roster

The current roster will finish at the end of September and so we will be preparing the new roster for the period of 6th October 2024 to 26th January 2025. If you will be unavailable during this period or would like to make changes to your ministry, please contact Chatty by email to epsomparish@xtra.co.nz. Please also advise if your circumstances have changed and would like to be removed from the rosters. **Please send all requests or changes by 8th September 2024.** Thank you.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 and above

The programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation are for those in Year 6 or above who have already received their First Holy Communion.

Session dates

Sundays:

20/10 (full day retreat at the parish 10:15am - 4:30pm)

3/11 (after the 9am mass)

10/11 (after the 9am mass)

Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday, 16th November 2024 at 5:30pm.

Register [here](#).

Or <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/confirmation/>

Registrations close Friday, 20th September 2024.

Meetings and Events in Our Parish

Mondays 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the community room. New members welcome.

Mondays 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Wednesdays 7-8pm OLSH Music Group practice in the church.

Thursdays 10.30-11.15am Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

FLOURISH Youth

Our youth group runs every second Saturday (fortnightly) during the school term, and they start at 7 PM in the parish hall.

If you are a teen from Years 7 to 10, we invite you to join us in Epsom Parish on this exhilarating journey of faith, friendship, and flourishing!

FLOURISH youth stands for Faith, Love, Obedience, and Unity Rooted In the Sacred Heart. Our Vision at FLOURISH is to bring young teens closer to Christ. Our name says it all: it's about growing, blooming, and flourishing in our journey of faith, rooted deeply in Jesus' most Sacred Heart.

Following the LifeTeen model, each 'Life Night' is filled with deep talks, fun games, and, of course, plenty of food!

We also run plenty of social nights including bonfire nights, movie nights, and even slime-making nights so the youth can just hang out and unwind!

Please see poster in the church noticeboard for more information on meeting dates and to register or scan the QR code.

Shine TV broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201.

St Vincent de Paul Food Bank

As part of our outreach to the wider community, we are collecting food for the St Vincent de Paul foodbank. Your donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. There is a basket in the church foyer for your donations. Thank you.

Praying for those in our sacramental program

We still need a few more parishioners to "adopt" a child (or more than one if you want) to pray for between now and 15 September as these children prepare to receive the sacraments of confirmation and first holy communion. *All you need to do is simply e-mail the parish office (epsomparish@xtra.co.nz) and you will be given the name/s of a child/children to pray for.* We suggest one Hail Mary each day (or more if you like), asking our Blessed Mother to help these children in their journey of faith.

Children's Liturgy Leaders. We are **urgently** looking for volunteer catechists, or leaders, or teachers to lead our children's liturgy ministry. If you have the passion to teach our younger children about the Word of God at their level during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, during school terms, we will be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the parish for more details.



SCAN ME

G.I.F.T. a very warm welcome to all intellectually disabled people, their whānau and support worker for our first session at the Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby on Saturday 7th September from 1pm to 4pm. Come and see our fabulous new home! Please come to the back of the building, park near the tennis courts and come to the cafeteria/ back door.

Cans for Christmas is a Charity that has run for 10 years now - We coordinate Catholic Primary Schools and Colleges to collect canned food items for St Vincent de Paul. During the last 9 years we have collected 160,000 cans and \$10,000 for St Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need. Please join us by donating to our page - This money goes directly to St Vincent de Paul.

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland promotes for a strong and inclusive communities for missionary discipleship. Come to the **Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival** to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September | at the Malaeola Samoan Catholic Community Centre |16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there.

Divine Retreat Centre - New Zealand (DRCNZ)
DRCNZ is organising a Live In Retreat at Sonshine Ranch, 223 Creighton's Road, Clevedon from Friday 4th Oct 5pm to Sunday 6th October. 12pm. Please email drcnz@hotmail.com for registration or call Brian 0210309144 for more details.

Daily evening retreats from Mon 7th -Thurs 10th Oct; 6.30 - 9.00pm at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Rd Mt Roskill.

Weekend retreat on Saturday 12th October, 11am to 5pm; Sunday 13th October 2pm - 8pm at same venue.


Refreshments will be provided. No registration required. All are welcome with friends and family.

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Reflection Day
Lyndall Brown rsj will lead a two session reflection day on Zoom entitled: *A Day with Hildegard of Bingen* on Thursday 12 September. The first session will be 10am and the second session at 4pm. The day will open participants to the richness of Hildegard's wisdom and a deepening appreciation of her writings, her music and art — all reflective of her spirituality. There will be a morning and afternoon session and an accompanying handout for reflection. Please register your interest with Lyndall - lyndallb19@gmail.com ph 021 185 6750.

Card Crafting Workshop
Saturday 28th September with Meg Hills rsj who is very skilled and gives excellent guidance on how to create your own personalised cards. The workshop is for those who have a small degree of experience in card-making. It provides an opportunity to design and create a variety of handcrafted all-occasion cards that recipients will treasure. All materials are supplied. A maximum of eight people can attend this workshop. Please see the flyer in the church foyer for more information.

Live in Retreat
Beginning Friday October 4 at 7pm and finishing on Sunday 6 October at 4pm. This will be facilitated by Eamon Butler. The retreat is entitled *Homecoming* and will explore the parable of the Prodigal Son using Rembrandt's painting of the son's homecoming and insights from Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. There are limited spaces left for this retreat so please register soon if you wish to participate. All details are on the flyer in the church foyer.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th September 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 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.

 **The area in front of the church is a No Parking Zone. Please ensure it is always kept clear. Thank you.**

Safeguarding at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

For Volunteers/All Personnel:
 ❖ Have consultation with the parish priest first.
 ❖ Complete police vetting documentation.
 ❖ Attend safeguarding training.
 ❖ Sign code of conduct form.
 ❖ Sign volunteer agreement form.
 All Parishioners:
 ❖ Know the safeguarding contacts in the parish to report a concern or complaint against anyone in the parish or Catholic church.
 Contact our Safeguarding Coordinator Louisa Rani by email at epsomsafeguarding@gmail.com . You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662 or the police 111.

MASS INTENTIONS
A gentle reminder that mass intentions need to be sent to the parish office at least 48 hours before the day on which mass is to be offered. If the intention is particularly important please make sure to mention this at the time the request is made. As a general rule, Sunday mass is offered for the people of the parish although some exceptions are possible. Please note that if a mass cannot be offered on the desired date, it will be offered on the next available date.

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Brian McGrath, Ron Patterson, Kevin Wiles-Pickard, Glorita Bahan, John Ulrich, Romeo Gorayeb, Felina Fernandez, Paul Marinovich, Raymond Almeida

Sick: Millie Pacheco, Carol Rogers, Corazon Abulencia, Nicholas Geor, Evelyn Totanes, Stephen Wheoki, Noel Mijares, Arielle Beatriz Bautista, Peggy Dance, Adrian Judson, Joseph Cave, William Wong, Lima Sio Kame, Celia Codoy, Mary Knaggs, Margaret Connolly

Anniversaries Alice Boffey (Aug 1), Nena Dizon (Aug 2), Joseph Chow (Aug 2), Joseph Pinto (Aug 7), Benedict Navarro (Aug 25), Brenda Coup (Sep 10), Maurice Aldridge (Sep 28)

Parish Ministries
A gentle reminder to volunteers in the various church ministries: We appreciate and rely on your service especially during our Sunday Masses. Please ensure you are present on your rostered date. A reminder is put out on our weekly newsletters for the coming week. If you are unable to serve during your roster, please arrange a swap or contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Roster for next weekend: 8th Sept.		
	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Joy Daria	Sr Cathryn
Reader	Margaret Wong	Steve Brown
Offertory	Christine & Paul Greaney	Shalini & Sasanka Thewarapperuma
Eucharistic Ministers	Teresa Chow Lynette Duncan Reena Fernandes	Priscilla Sevele Louise Valladares Annette Wilson
Altar Servers	Kristen Dizon Kenan Trenwith Amber Challis	Clara Ubod Charlie Pihera Serena Raposo
Collectors	Shee, Bradley, & Alyssia Chow	Michael & Jan Marinovich
A/V Operator	Mark Daria	Jomy Mathews
Music	Susan Aldridge	Judith Fullerton
Children's Liturgy		Volunteers Please
Counters	Julia Finnigan Desmond & Tanya Fong	
Altar Care	Kathy Long	
Flowers	Josephine Yang	

Readings for next week
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1. Isaiah 35:4-7
 2. James 2:1-5
 Gospel Mark 7:31-37



Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)
 Ki te ingoa
 O te Matua, O te Tamaiti,
 O te Wairua Tapu
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Our parish bank account details are as follows:
Account Name: Epsom Parish
Account Number: 02-0108-0707091-000