

20th August 2017 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings this Week

Is 56:1, 6-7
Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Readings Next Week

Is 22:19-23
Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 84: 9-14)

Response: *O God, let all the nations praise You!*

Communion Reflection

God of Israel, through covenant obedience,
Your chosen people approached Your holy mountain.

God of all nations, through faith in Jesus,
a Gentile woman found welcome
at the table of Your children.

Let people of every race, language and way of life
find our assembly to be a house of prayer for all peoples,
where foreigners are welcomed as friends,
where strangers are called sisters and brothers.

Stir up within us the longing for unity
that filled the hearts of Jesus Your Son,
and let our every word and deed
serve Your design of universal salvation,
until all are gathered into Your one family
to be perfectly one in Your covenant of love.

(Prayers for Sundays and Seasons – Year A)

RCIA PROGRAMME: The RCIA programme will recommence shortly. If you have a friend or family member who is interested learning more about what Catholic's believe, and perhaps coming into the faith, please contact the Parish Office 838-1558 (Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm).

Training for the new Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharistic will be on **31 August (Thursday), 7pm** in the church. Please ensure that you attend. Thank you.

Diaconate Ordination: Holy Cross Seminary and the Catholic Diocese of Auckland joyfully announce the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons of **Anthony Trenwith** and **Tony King-Archer** at **Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby**, on **30 Sept** at **11am**. All invited!

St Vincent de Paul's collection is to be taken up after all Masses this weekend

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

GARAGE SALE: Come and support **Nora's garage** on **Saturday mornings at 37A James Laurie St.** There is clothing shoes, kitchen ware linen bric a brac and much more for sale. All proceeds go to the Church Rebuilding Fund.

ADORATION & PRO-LIFE ROSARY is CHANGED to **every 3rd Sunday of the month** in the church, starting from **this Sunday, 20th August.** Adoration starts at 2pm followed by pro-life Rosary.

Divine Mercy Prayer and Worship meeting from **2pm** at the church back foyer every **4th Sunday of the month.** Everyone is invited.

Abundant Gifts Piety Stall will be outside the Church after all Masses next weekend. They have a range of religious items for sale. You can also contact Diane on 834-3933.

Christian Life Program: Starts Sunday 27th Aug 2017 3pm onwards at Holy Cross Henderson, Church. Couples for Christ invites all couples and singles over the age of 21 to join us for a free course to learn more about their faith. Everyone is welcome. Please come for a good feed spiritually, physically and mentally. *'Come to the water you who are thirsty. Thou you have nothing I bid you come.'* For more info, please call Michael and Maribel Eade 022-0266920.

North Shore Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship invites all men to its August meeting. Date: **Wed 30 Aug (7.30pm - 9.30pm).** Venue: 1 Fred Thomas Drive, St Josephs Centre Takapuna. For more info please contact Basil 4435755 or 0272612585 or Russell 0220345678. **Looking forward to your presence.** www.joshua.org.nz

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass In Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from **29th Aug to 8th Sept 2017 at 6.30pm** at St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale. Reconciliation available at 6.00pm. For more details please call Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798.

Vocations Festival: You Are Called. Be courageous! Be bold! Be Christ in the world! "What is your place in the world today?" Starting at **2pm on SUNDAY, 20th Aug** at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka. The afternoon will feature amazing testimonies from single and married people, religious and Bishop Pat, each will share how they live out their faith through their vocation 24/7. Don't miss out on this amazing festival! For more information, contact Shana at shanal@cda.org.nz. Free admission.

Fun Day for Special Children: The Fun Day for Special Needs / Differently Abled Children is a free event with lots of fun activities for special needs children and their families. **11am - 3pm in the North Shore Events Centre on Sunday 3 Sep.** More details at fundayout.co.nz and church noticeboard.

Vacancy (Pompallier Diocesan Centre) - Property Portfolio & Development Manager: A broad functional Senior Executive Role for an experienced Property Professional to lead the Property function of the Diocese, including responsibility for delivering the strategy, growth and investment performance of the property portfolio. More info, visit Sheffield Search, www.sheffield.co.nz for full position details.

ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? **The Beginning Experience** is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. **Date: Friday evening 8-10 Sept 2017.** Cost \$245 or early bird price of \$195 if paid by **27 Aug.** Incl accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol evenings (09)428-4445 or leave message on (09)360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Current of Grace' Conference: "Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand", **22 - 24 Sept** (Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North). Presenters: Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. More info / register: www.ccrnz.org/register2017. Contact Val Morrison (07) 542 5537.

The Auckland Diocese in conjunction with **the Justice and Peace Commission** is encouraging you to exercise your civic duty and vote in the forthcoming election. To encourage you to do this a short video of just 4 minutes has been created to prepare you to vote. The video is also available in a variety of languages in social media and DVD form. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IJXDr_muPs&index=1&list=PLRlLK26oRtk8YxbzyYknQRcWTmd0pCY

It's Time to Have Your Say. All Parishioners and their families are encouraged to enrol for the forthcoming election. The written roll closes on Wednesday 23 August which enables you to receive the Easy Vote card. The electoral commission contact is 0800 367 656 or www.elections.org.nz

Bishops' Statement on 2017 General Election: Our bishops have provided a statement which outlines principles and topics to consider when you are deciding how to vote in the upcoming election. You are encouraged to take one with you after Mass today. It is available in the church foyer, or online at www.catholic.org.nz under 'Bishops Statements'. *"We urge you all to pray, reflect, discuss and debate about what kind of society New Zealand can be in the eyes of God. Faith has a vital role in the public forum. Stand up, uphold the common good of our nation, choose wisely, and your vote will be blessing for our nation."*

Cleaning Roster
26th August – Fiji Community
Children Liturgy Roster
27th August
9am – S. McKernan
10.30am – C. Arenas

Reconciliation Schedule
Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm,
6pm – 6.30pm
Wed: 6.30 - 7.00pm
Also by appointment
Phone Friary - 838 8663

Holy Cross Mass Schedule
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 9am
Wed - 9am & 7.30pm
Sat - 8am
Sat Vigil Mass: 7pm
Sun Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.30am & 7pm

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 19th/20th AUGUST 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M Del Rosario	A Gupta	A & K D'Souza	Evelyn Pereira
Sun 7am	B Barclay	F Ah Ken	F Ah Ken, W Veikoso	
Sun 9am	A Swann	T Tuala	M Seufutu, C Seiuli, S & M Lesatele, M Ishak, P Tanginoa, E Tanginoa, X Tanginoa	Lesatele Family
Sun 10.30am	T Tevaga	M Tuala	F Borsos, J Pineda	Couples for Christ
Sun 7pm	F Fa'apoi	L Ahio	A Bulatiko, M Belleza	Goldwyn Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 26th/27th AUGUST 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M Del Rosario	S Moodley	A & C Crasto	Indian Community
Sun 7am	M Garvey	P Turnwald	M & V Pua	
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A McGrath	L Buckley, T Malone, M Seufatu, O Tuuhetoka, J Thomsen, B Oliver, N & L Lockington	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY			
Sun 7pm		U Taaiti	M & A McKeown	Christine Bosen & Group

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 4

Monday: *St Pius X, pope*
Judg 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Judg 6:11-24; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: *St Bartholomew, apostle*
Judg 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: *St Bartholomew, apostle*
Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Pope Francis wants to hear from young people: "to listen to your voice, your sensitivities, and your faith - even your doubts and criticism." All those aged 16-29 are encouraged to complete an online survey. There is also a survey for those in youth-related leadership roles. Surveys close on **27 August.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TZT3W8> (youth survey)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFYNG8N> (leadership survey)

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 15-17 Sept at Allenby Park Hotel Manukau** – BOOK NOW! – Phone (0800 362 686) or Christine & David Sloan, Phone 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

Pro-Life Facts: The Green party and ACT have signalled their intention to push for the decriminalisation of abortion in New Zealand. Labour leader, Jacinda Adern, favours removing abortion from the Crimes Act and reviewing current legislation, while National and New Zealand First are likely to retain the status quo. The Conservative Party would retain the present abortion law, but with pro-life amendments benefitting mother and child. **For prolife info, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.**

"Jesus' mission did not guarantee the disciples success, nor did it shield them from failure or suffering," Pope Francis said (June 27, 2017). The same is true for us today. We should expect suffering and even persecution if we follow in the path of the crucified Christ, but at the same time, we can take comfort in knowing that "God does not abandon his children during the storm." Don't let a setback discourage you – keep on mission!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed 6.30 - 7.30am in the Friary Chapel. For vocations to the Capuchin Order. Concludes with the Morning Prayer of the Church.

Thurs 9.30am - 2pm in the Friary Chapel. All parishioners are invited to share in these hours of prayer and adoration for their own needs, those of their family and for all the needs of our parish.

ROSARY
Monday to Friday - 8.40am
Saturday - 7.40am
PROLIFE ROSARY & ADORATION
2nd Sunday of each month – 2pm
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Rosary – 6.45pm followed by
Adoration & Holy Mass
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Tuesday – 8.25am
NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Wednesday - 7.10pm
20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday - After 9.00am Mass

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap – Parish Priest
Fr. Matthew Clerkin OFM Cap – Asst. Parish Priest
Fr. Albertus Suprpto OFM Cap – Asst. Priest
Fr. Boniface Kujur OFM Cap – Asst. Priest
Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFM Cap – Asst. Priest

On the Church Noticeboard

- Bedroom for Rent
- Choral Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Organ Recitals 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral
- Walk by Faith Programme
- Indonesian Catholic Community (KKIA) Indonesia's Independence Day Celebration
- Waihi Voice for Life Essay Competition
- Current of Grace Conference 2017
- Fun Day for Special Children

Legion of Mary

Senior Legion - Tue 7pm
Junior Legion (8 - 18 years) - Mon 6.30pm
Meets in the Church Meeting Room
Come & Enrich Your Spiritual Life!