

10th Sept 2017 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings this Week

Ezek 33:7-9
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Readings Next Week

Eccl 27:30 – 28:7
Ps 102:1-4, 9-12
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9)

Response: *O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.*

Communion Reflection

Harden Not Your Heart

'O that today you would listen to His voice.
Harden not your hearts.'

From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart
is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone.
To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love.

A hard heart can't experience joy.

A hard heart is a closed heart. A hard heart is a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously happy.

Softened by the rain of God's grace,

and warmed by the sun of His love,

the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.

(New Sundays & Holy Day Liturgies)

HOLY CROSS PARISH HENDERSON **FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

It's next weekend - **16th** and **17th Sept 2017!**
Come and be part of the celebration, in honour
of *the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
(14 Sept)! There will be **International Food
Fair on 16 Sept (Sat) at 12pm** and **Cultural
Night on the same evening (after the 7pm
Vigil Mass)** in the Parish Hall. Please bring a
plate for the Cultural Night function. The **Feast
Day Mass** will be celebrated on **17 Sept (Sun)**
at **10.30am Mass**. For more info, contact: Holy
Cross Parish Office 838 1558 (Mon to Fri, 9am
to 1pm).

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

RCIA PROGRAMME: The RCIA programme will commence on the evening of **Monday 18th September (7.30pm)** at Friary Meeting room (14 Lavelle Road, Henderson). Contact: Parish Office 838-1558 (Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm).

THE HOLY CROSS PARISH would like to thank the Samoan Community and Vaka'uta Family for helping us with the Vailankanni Mass in St Mary's Parish, Avondale on 5th Sept. God bless you all for your time and support!

HOLY CROSS CARING COMMUNITY: A big THANK YOU from Holy Cross Caring Community to our Bakers Helpers and Supporters for last Sunday's Bake Sale. **\$700** was raised towards Room 11 School Trip. God Bless you all for your amazing contributions!

The **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** is on the **15th September (Friday) at 11am**, followed by a light lunch. A plate to share would be appreciated.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS: 7 Decade Rosary will be prayed on **Friday 15th September** at 8.30am.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS are meeting **this Sunday 10th Sept at 2:15pm** in the meeting room at Holy Cross Church, Henderson, visitors always welcome. For more information please contact Lyndon 021 851 713.

MARIAN MOTHERS GROUP: Meet next Monday **18th Sept 7.30pm**. For more information, contact Frances Henderx 8188606.

ADORATION AND PRO-LIFE ROSARY next Sunday, **17 Sept** at the church. Adoration starts at **2pm** followed by Pro-life Rosary. All are welcome!

THE INDIAN MUSIC GROUP OF HOLY CROSS PARISH would like a dedicated pianist / keyboard player / violinist to join them in praising the Lord on the **fourth Saturday 7pm Mass**. Please contact: Carlyle Fernandes on 021-187 6758.

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 9th/10th SEPTEMBER 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	S McKernan	L Ahio	A & K D' Souza	Youth for Christ
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	M Webb	F Ah Ken, W Veikoso	
Sun 9am	V Coakley	C Mendes	P Coakley, E & E Heynen, B Boyd-Bell, J Baptist, B Baptist, S Smith, T Malone	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	SAMOAN COMMUNITY			
Sun 7pm	S Rainbow	D Dominguez	G Dominguez, D Dominguez	Betham Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 16th/17th SEPTEMBER 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M del Rosario	S Moodley	J Gawler-Lata, N Nau	Evelyn Pereira
Sun 7am	M Garvey	S Veatupu	A & K D'Souza	
Sun 9am	A Swann	M Smith	A & C Crasto, N Suvalko, R Ventura, P Bakker, P Tomas, L Swann, A Gultom	Lesatele Family
Sun 10.30am (Parish Feast Day Mass)	F Fa'apoi	J Buen C Ouano	O Tuuhetoka, J Pineda, P Tanginoa, F Skinner, A Fatialofa, B Oliver	Couples for Christ
Sun 7pm	FIJI COMMUNITY			

NZ Catholic Sept. 10 - 23 issue is out now. Some headlines are: *General Election party policies regarding bishops' key points. 2000 respond to bishops' youth survey. Smartphones and distracted parenting. Building a bridge: our gay brothers and sisters.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **Sept 24**.

All men in our Parish are invited to attend our **2017 RETREAT** to be held at **The Franciscan Retreat Centre, Hillsborough** scheduled for **28 and 29 Oct**. Theme: *Growing in My Catholic Faith*. For more info & registration, please contact George Schuster (0212080447) or Anil Baptist (8351396 / 0223649306).

Justice and Peace Commission, Auckland Diocese: Vote for Fairer Society (Electoral Forum): Listen and question representatives from all major parties. 7-9pm **Thursday 14 Sept** St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St Ponsonby. Leaflets on 'Housing Issues & the 2017 General Election' and 'Your Vote Counts (on poverty, just wages & family violence)' are available in the church foyer.

St Dominic's Catholic College at Henderson are celebrating their **50th Jubilee on 15th & 16th Sept**. Registrations are now open on their Facebook page: St Dominic's College at Henderson - 50th Jubilee OR on their website, www.stdoms.ac.nz OR contact the Principal's PA Tina Allingham at tina@stdoms.ac.nz

Current of Grace' Conference: "Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand", **Friday 22 – Sunday 24 Sept** (Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North). Guest presenters: Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all! More info and to register on-line visit www.ccrnz.org/register2017. Contact Val Morrison Tel: 07 542 5537

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

Mercy Spirituality Centre (104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential): 1) **A female Figure in the Bible** with Sr ALICE SINNOTT rsm. Thurs 14 Sept. 7-9pm. \$15. 2) **RETREAT Day with Joy Cowley – 'From Head to Heart'** Sat 23 Sept. 9.30am-4pm. \$65 limited places available. 3) **Ignatian RETREAT in Daily Life** with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Thurs 7-9pm (6-week course) starting 28 Sept. \$118 incl. book. See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Social Justice Week: 10th – 16th Sept 2017 Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours

"I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people... are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome." (Pope Francis). Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference promotes Social Justice Week. During this week we apply Catholic social teaching to one particular issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme for parishes is *Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours*. Pope Francis highlights that many of the social issues we face today reflect a decline in social connectedness. This Social Justice Week, we invite everyone to take up the challenge to creatively reach out and weave deeper bonds of belonging in our whānau, our parish, and our wider community. Reflection brochures: *Sitting with Pope Francis – Praying with Laudato Si'* are available in the church foyer. Please take a copy home.

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 3

Monday: Col 1:24 – 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: *St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the church*
 Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: *THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*
 Num 21:4-9; Ps 77:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: *Our Lady of Sorrows*
 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27
Saturday: *St Cornelius, pope & martyr and St Cyprian, bishop & martyr*
 1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Engagement Manager, Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC): We are looking for a creative and innovative person to help take the message and mission of the Catholic Church into the digital continent! CEC are moving from a reliance on print and television advertising to a focus on digital and social forms of media and we need someone to lead us through the implementation of a new strategy. The Engagement Manager will work closely with the NZCBC Communications Adviser and will require expertise in digital media and communications, project management skills, and the ability to build relationships, influence others and champion change. For more details on the role, or to apply, contact Amanda Gregan at agregan@nzcbc.org.nz or (021) 611 052. **Applications close Monday, 18 September.**

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Cross** with the seminary staff and students. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street, Ponsonby, **Monday 18 Sept (5pm)**. Celebrant: Bishop Emeritus Denis Browne.

Pro-Life Facts: In early July Australian politician Dr Rachel Carling- Jenkins visited New Zealand and addressed a large gathering at an event hosted by Focus on the Family. She shared a cautionary tale of the reform of abortion laws in the Victoria, warning it is very hard to turn back the tide once abortion is decriminalised. Now in Victoria there is abortion up to birth for any reason and viable babies born alive are left to die. **For more pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

"That our parishes animated by a missionary spirit may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen"
Pope Francis' prayer intention for September
Is our parish/community animated by a missionary spirit? Or are we internally focussed?

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

- Organ Recitals 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral
- Current of Grace Conference 2017
- St Patrick's Cathedral Annual Appeal
- Justice & Peace Commission (Electoral Forum)
- Danks Davis Dyslexia

Cleaning Roster
 16th Sept – Parish Youth Group
Children Liturgy Roster
 17th Sept
 9am – S McKernan
 10.30am – P Lao

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

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.

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!