

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Readings this Week

Jer 20:7-9  
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

### Readings Next Week

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

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-6, 8-9)

**Response:** *My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.*

### Communion Reflection

#### Gaining and Losing

There is a way of losing by gaining.  
You can win an argument but lose a friend.  
Though competition and promotion,  
I may advance in my profession,  
but in term of relationships I am impoverished.  
My energies are so focused on efficiency and success  
that I haven't time to grow emotionally  
and to develop my capacity for relationships.  
In one's drive to attain power,  
a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty,  
so much so that one ends up alone.  
Lord, let me never forget Your haunting words:  
'What good will it do you to gain the whole world  
if you lose your soul?'

*(New Sundays & Holy Day Liturgies)*

**8<sup>th</sup> September** is the ***Feast Day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***. Masses will be at **9am** and **7.30pm**.

**Holy Cross Parish Henderson** will be celebrating its **Feast Day** on **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017**, 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**. Do come along and be part of this joyous occasion! For more info, contact: Holy Cross Parish Office 838 1558 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 1pm).

**Fr. Raymond's collection is to be taken up after all Masses this weekend**

## HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** A kind reminder for the Parish Pastoral Council members that the upcoming September Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> September), 7.30pm in the Friary meeting room.

**LITURGY ROSTER & ALTAR SERVER ROSTER for September - October 2017** is available now in the church foyer. For those involved, please take a copy home.

**CONFIRMATION / COMMUNION PHOTOS:** If you have ordered a photo and not collected it as yet, they can be picked up from the parish office between 9am – 12pm. If you have any queries, please ring Marie on 8381558 between these hours.

**CCD (PARISH PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION): Every Sunday (during school term), 11.30am – 12.30pm** at Holy Cross Parish, Henderson, taught by The Missionaries of Charity Sisters. Children aged 7-12 years are welcome to attend to learn more about their Catholic faith.

**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).

**HOLY CROSS CARING COMMUNITY Bake Sale** this Sunday after all morning Masses (8am -12pm). All proceeds to Holy Cross Room 11 school trip. Your support is appreciated!

The **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** is on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY** through Novena, Rosary and Mass In Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni at St Mary's Parish, Avondale. On 5<sup>th</sup> Sept (6.30pm), our Parish will be organising the Mass and Liturgy. The Samoan Community will be doing the Rosary, Bible Procession and the Prayers of the Faithful. The Vaka'uta Family will be singing for the Mass. All are invited to attend.

**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).

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women West Auckland: "Prayer with Faith with Mary Ebyarimpa"** at St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church - 425 Great North Road, Henderson on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7:30pm**. Fellowship to follow the meeting. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

**Catholic Discipleship College (CDC) Retreat Day:** *'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'*. An all-day discernment retreat with Sr Clare of the Beatitudes Community (**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9am-4:30pm**). Talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided. Early bird (register & pay by Sept 6<sup>th</sup>): Single \$30, couple \$50; On the door: single \$40, couples \$70. Eftpos available. Email [cheryl@cdc.ac.nz](mailto:cheryl@cdc.ac.nz) to register. 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. [www.cdc.ac.nz](http://www.cdc.ac.nz)

**CDC Night School** *'Be transformed by the renewal of your mind' (Rom 12:2)*. Every Wednesday until 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. Evening classes of Catholic formation in philosophy, theology and Scripture. **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Gospel of Matthew; Sept 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Theology of the Body; Sept 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Living the Beatitudes.** \$15 on the door. Eftpos available. Light supper provided. 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. [www.cdc.ac.nz](http://www.cdc.ac.nz)

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 Incl accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol evenings 428-4445 or leave message on 360-3054. Visit [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

**Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group (ABUNDANCE - A Life in the Spirit Seminar):** Enjoy a weekend of Praise & Worship, Inspiration Talks, Confession & Mass and Fellowship Activities. **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017, 9am to 4.30pm** at Fr. David Nolan Hall, St Joseph's School (2 Taharoto Road, Takapuna). Cost: \$15. Register online at <http://tiny.cc/LISS2017> OR email us at [admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz](mailto:admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz) OR contact Goretti on 021 025 63164 or Teresa on 021 242 7400.

**Social Justice Week: 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Cleaning Roster**  
 9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Legion of Mary  
**Children Liturgy Roster**  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sept  
 9am – L Maagdenberg  
 10.30am – A Gupta

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

| Mass        | Leader           | Reader      | Communion Ministers  | Music Ministry |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|--|----------------|
| Sat 7pm     | G Mascarenhas    | S Lea       | D & L Cowan  | Goldwyn Family |
| Sun 7am     | B Barclay        | P Turnwald  | M & V Pua  |                |
| Sun 9am     | R Lesatele       | T Tuala     | M Seufatu, C Seiuli, S & M Lesatele, M Ishak, P Tanginoa, X Tanginoa, E Tanginoa | Tuala Family   |
| Sun 10.30am | TONGAN COMMUNITY |             |  |                |
| Sun 7pm     | F Tufts          | S Ivceovich | M & A McKeown  | Betham Family  |

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> 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 | Voce Christi     |
| Sun 10.30am | SAMOAN COMMUNITY |             |   |                  |
| Sun 7pm     | S Rainbow        | D Dominguez | G Dominguez, D Dominguez  | Betham Family    |

### Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 2

**Monday:** 1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30  
**Tuesday:** *St Teresa of Kolkata*  
 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 Mic 5: 1-4; Ps 12:6-7; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

**Justice and Peace Commission, Auckland Diocese: 1) Knowing our Neighbours:** A Social Justice Week workshop featuring presentations from Del Soti, St Vincent de Paul Auckland and Cathy Bi-Riley from Caritas on how we can rebuild community and be a more caring people. 7-9pm **Wednesday 6 Sept** St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St Ponsonby.  
**2) 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.

**Cathedral Annual Appeal 9-10 Sept:** St Patrick's Cathedral is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre. Donations can be made via your planned giving envelope or a direct credit can be made to [St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05](http://St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05) with contact details emailed to [kevin@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:kevin@stpatricks.org.nz) for tax purposes.

**Catholic Caring Foundation gives \$650,000 in Community Grants for 2017:** Thanks to the loyal support of Catholics throughout the diocese, over 45 social agencies have received grants of a combined \$650,000 to care and support the most vulnerable in our community. These grants would not be possible without the support of caring and compassionate donors in parishes, schools and communities throughout the Auckland diocese. Please join us to continue to provide care and support for our most vulnerable. To donate and learn more, please visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**"A Christian can sow bitterness, can sow perplexity, and this is not Christian," Pope Francis said, adding: "whoever does this is not a good Christian. Sow hope: sow the oil of hope, sow the fragrance of hope, and not the vinegar of bitterness and hopelessness." (May 31) How can you sow hope? Where?**

**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!**

**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 OFMCap – Parish Priest  
 Fr. Matthew Clerkin OFMCap – Asst. Parish Priest  
 Fr. Albertus Suprpto OFMCap – Asst. Priest  
 Fr. Boniface Kujur OFMCap – Asst. Priest  
 Fr. Ranjit Ekka OFMCap – Asst. Priest

### On the Church Noticeboard

- Organ Recitals 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral
- Current of Grace Conference 2017
- Catholic Discipleship College (CDC) Retreat Day
- St Patrick's Cathedral Annual Appeal
- Justice & Peace Commission (Electoral Forum)