

## 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Readings This Week

Wis 6: 12-16

Ps 62: 2-8

1 Thess 4:13-18

Mt 25: 1-13

### Readings Next Week

Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20

Ps 127:4-5

1 Thess 5: 1-6

Mt 25: 14-30

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2 )

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

### Communion Reflection

#### Waiting for His Coming

The foolish have no oil in their lamps.

They burn themselves out through a life of self-seeking and dedication to worldly cares and vanities.

They do not even think of the Lord,  
much less wait for his coming.

The wise, on the other hand, have oil in their lamps.

They are detached from themselves and from the cares of the world, and are full of charity.  
They are waiting for the Lord, and desire nothing else but his coming.

Let us keep our minds alight with faith, our souls alight with hope, and our hearts alight with love.

As we wait in joyful hope for the coming  
Of our Saviour Jesus Christ

St Vincent de Paul Collection for the Needy will be taken up after all Masses NEXT weekend

## HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

**CCD (PARISH PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION):** Every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass (during school term), 11.30am – 12.30pm at Holy Cross Parish, Henderson, taught by The Missionaries of Charity Sisters. More children aged 7 to 12 years are welcome to join the group to learn more about their Catholic faith.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Norah will be selling her Christmas raffle this weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> November. The draw will be done on 27<sup>th</sup> November. \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.

**THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS (OFS)** are meeting this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2:15pm in the meeting room at Holy Cross Church, Henderson; visitors always welcome. For more information please contact Lyndon 021 851 713

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will not be held on the third Friday in November and December as it will be held in conjunction with the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December in the Hall at 11am with entertainment and lunch to follow. It will resume Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 at 11 am in the Church.

**ADORATION AND PRO-LIFE ROSARY** on next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, in the church. Adoration starts at 2pm followed by Pro-Life Rosary.

**MARIAN MOTHERS GROUP** next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm. For more information: contact Frances on 818-8606. All mothers welcome!

**MEETING of ALL MUSIC GROUPS/ CHOIRS.** ALL leaders (or a representative) are asked to attend a meeting with Fr. Sebastian, to be held in the church, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. All are asked to be there, if you are still available to be involved in this ministry for the parish. so that the rosters for the New Year can be finalised.

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M de Hoog	R Carrucan	J Cueva, G Cueva	Youth for Christ
Sun 7am	D Wong	M Webb	A & K D'Souza	
Sun 9am	V Coakley	C Mendes	P Coakley, S & M Lesatele, N Suvalko E Kennedy, E & A Jariel, R Ventura	Voca Christi
Sun 10.30am	<b>SAMOAN COMMUNITY</b>			
Sun 7pm	F Fa'apoi	M Yap	F Borsos, J D'Souza	Betham Family

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	T Mati	J Mati	A & K D'Souza	Evelyn Pereira
Sun 7am	D Dominguez	S Veatupu	K Veatupu, G Dominguez	
Sun 9am	A Swann	M Smith	S Smith, P Coakley, E & E Heynen B Boyd-Bell, C & S Orquejo, L Swann	Lesatele Family
Sun 10.30am	T Tevaga	M. Tuala	M Sagat, J Martinez	Couples for Christ
Sun 7pm	<b>FIJI COMMUNITY</b>			
				Fiji Community

### Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 4

<b>Monday:</b>	Wis 1: 1-7, Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Wis 2 :23 – 3:9, Lk 17: 7-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>St Albert the Great, bishop &amp; doctor of the church</i> Wis 6: 1-11, Lk 17: 11-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Wis 7: 22 – 8:1, Lk 17: 20-
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious</i> Wis 13:1-9, Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Wis 18:14-16, 19: 6-9. Lk 18:1-8

*"It is the duty of the human family to help free every single person from poverty and hunger"*

**Pope Francis – October 18, 2017**

How can we assist?

Maybe by: ....bringing items for the SVDP food bin ....volunteering to help.....  
Supporting initiatives to alleviate hunger and poverty.

When does human life begin? Does it happen at fertilisation when sperm and egg combine, or sometimes later in pregnancy? It's a crucial question because if someone thinks that an embryo or foetus becomes human later at some point in a pregnancy, then abortion is no big deal. The debate is ongoing on the Facebook section of Voice for Life's website as viewers react to various stories and reports. For example, some viewers claim that the baby isn't human until he or she is born, or after 20 weeks, or even later. Professor of Human Embryology, Maureen Condic, states that the scientific data concludes that a new human organism comes into existence at the moment of sperm-egg fusion. "It is important to base conclusions and judgements about human embryos on sound scientific reasoning and on the best available scientific evidence."

**For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).**

**Advertisement.** Have your property tidy and well maintained. Pruning, trimming, weeding, mowing, clean ups. For all your gardening requirements.  
Phone **Mike McDaid** on 09-836-8321 or text 021-0274-9825 to arrange a quote.

### 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**  
3rd 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

- University Bursaries to study Theology –applications close this week Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- Christian Meditation Retreat – 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017
- Director, National Liturgy Office. Seeking applications. Closing Date 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017
- Inter-faith Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2.30pm. Church of Christ the King.
- Advent Retreat. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

**NZ CATHOLIC** newspaper \$4, 2018 Columban Calendars \$12 available for sale this weekend. See Diane on the Piety Stall this weekend. Also from the Parish Office during the week.

**BULLETIN SPONSORS:** Inviting anyone interested in placing paid advertisements in the parish bulletin. We are considering "one offs" or "short term" placements, along with the regular "annual" subscriptions, with a price to suit your marketing budget. We are hoping to get the print run done before the Christmas rush, so don't delay, please contact Brian Oliver at the Parish Office.

**Christian Meditation Retreat.** A retreat delving into the life and teaching of Thomas Merton, led by Fr. Raymond Schmack. St. Francis Retreat House. 17-19 November 2017. For more information ring Charmaine Tolich 09-266-7651 or email [ctolich@me.com](mailto:ctolich@me.com)

**Inter-Faith Meeting.** Bishop Patrick Dunn, and members of the St. Mother Teresa Interfaith Committee invite you to hear T P Sreenivasan, retired Diplomat with the Indian Foreign Service and past Governor for India at the International Atomic Energy Agency. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm at Christ the King Church, Mt. Roskill. For further details, contact Arthy Devadoss on 022-319-3621 or email [motherteresais@gmail.com](mailto:motherteresais@gmail.com)

**Mercy Spirituality Centre** 104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

- **REFORMATION Series: The Cathedral of St Peter in Bautzen** with BEATE MATTHIES Thurs 30 Nov 10am-12pm. \$15
- **GOD Speaks to Me in MĀORI** with Deacon DANNY KARATEA-GODDARD Wed 15 Nov 7-9pm. The story of the Word through Māori eyes. Koha/Donation. See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**Expressions of Interest.** The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference is seeking applications for the position of Director of the National Liturgy Office. For enquiries or for a job description, contact James van Schie, Executive Officer, NZCBC – [jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz). Applications close next week on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Advent Retreat: Sunday 3 Dec - Friday 8 Dec 2017.** St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill, Auckland). Bookings: email: [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz). Pho: (09) 6256651. Led by Friar Anthoni Selvaraj ofm. More details, please refer to church noticeboard.

**Holy Cross Catholic School:** Do you have children who are due to start school? We provide quality Catholic education for Boys (Years 1 to 6) and Girls (Years 1 to 8). For more information and enrolment forms contact the school office at 8 Lavelle Road, Henderson. Spaces are still available for preference students. We look forward to meeting you - **Janice Borsos (Principal)**. Office hours are 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday or phone 838 8802; Email: [admin@holycross.school.nz](mailto:admin@holycross.school.nz)

**Young Vinnies.** The St Vincent de Paul groups from Liston and St. Dominic's Colleges seek your financial help with their Prison Visits ministry. They will be collecting donations to enable them to buy Christmas cards for prisoners so that the prisoners can send them to their families and relatives at Christmas time. They will be at the 9am and 10.30 am masses this weekend.

### Cleaning Roster

18th Nov – Parish Youth Group

### Children Liturgy Roster

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017  
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

### 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!**