

## 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



### Readings This Week

Deut 18:15-20  
Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9  
1 Cor 7: 32-35  
Mk 1: 21-28

### Readings Next Week

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7  
Ps 146: 1-6  
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1: 29-39

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94: 9)

**Response:** *If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*

### Communion Reflection

#### *Speaking with Authority*

*Ideally words should always be preceded by deeds.*

*When people, who have done something by their action begin to speak, people listen.*

*Their words carry enormous weight.*

*They have real authority.*

*The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact that they are not preceded, or accompanied, or even followed up with actions.*

*At the root of innumerable wrongs in the world is the discrepancy between word and deed.*

*It is the weakness of churches, politicians, and individuals. It gives people and institutions split personalities.*

*Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, may we believe with our hearts, and practice with throughout our lives.*

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

**Father Raymond's collection for the Capuchin Missions overseas will be taken up after weekend masses NEXT weekend.**

## HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

**FAREWELL TO FR ALBERTUS.** Fr Valerian (from the Glen Eden community, and Fr Albertus have been asked to take on the pastoral care of **THAMES** Parish on the Coromandel. We wish them well in this new mission. In thanking Fr Albertus for his five years of service to our parish, **you are all invited to join with the Friars in a farewell function, after the 10.30 am mass NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB in the Hall.** We would appreciate it if families could help with refreshments by bringing a plate of "finger food" to share at the function.

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES.** Remember **NEXT WEEK, from 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> FEB 2018**, the Saturday Vigil Mass changes from **7pm to 6pm**, and the Sunday evening mass from **7pm to 6pm**.

**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT.** From next **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEB 2018**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held weekly **on Thursdays in the CHURCH, not the Friary Chapel; after the 9am mass until 12 midday.** You are all encouraged to make a short personal visit during these times.

**CCD (PARISH PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION):** Classes will re commence next Sunday after the 10.30 Mass, run by the Missionary Sisters of Charity. **11.30am – 12.30pm** in church meeting room. Suitable for children (aged 7 to 12)

**1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY** – Rosary, and Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus recommence next **Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** from 9.45pm

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.** The Novena and Mass will recommence on **Wed evening 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK.** The next mass for Sacrament of the Sick will be on **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: 11am in the church.**

**The Jan. 28 – Feb. 10 issue of NZ Catholic is out now.** Some headlines are: Young Christchurch priest killed in road accident. Jim Anderton a man of principle. MP criticises End of Life Choice Bill. Invercargill priest dodges flames. The next issue of **NZ Catholic** will be published on Feb. 11.

**The Majellan.** The Jan to March 2018 copy available at masses this weekend, or from the parish office Mon to Fri 9-1pm.

**Secular Franciscan Order – O.F.S.** The West Auckland O.F.S will next meet in the church meeting room on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 2.15pm. Visitors are always welcome to join. Contact Lyndon on 021-851-713

**Lenten Message** "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12), His Holiness calls us to "take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm". **Ash Wednesday** is not too far away – 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Catholic Disciple College.** Invitation to Mass, new House Blessing and lunch. Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am to 2pm St.Patrick's Church, Pukekohe. Copies of their Southern Sun Summer bulletin available from the church foyer.

**Marcellin College, Royal Oak Auckland– 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – 23-25 March 2018.** Register now at [www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

**Mercy Spirituality Centre** 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

- **Pondering St John's Gospel:**
  - Five weekly presentations during Lent with FR STUART SELLAR, first session Thurs 22 Feb 7-9pm. \$15 (\$60 all 5 sessions)
- **Introduction to Dreamwork 101** with MARGARET BOWATER Fri 23/Sat 24 Feb. \$130
- **The Healing Power of Singing** with TRIO A DUE at St Mary's Historic Chapel, Sat 24 Feb. \$60 (\$110 for 2 persons)
- **Reconnecting Broken Connections:** Using one Te Ao Māori approach of Whakawhanaungatanga and Hohourongo with RANGI DAVIS, Tues 27 Feb. 7-9pm \$15

See our website [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) for more details.

**HELP:** Initial indications show that the parish accounts at the end of the financial year (31 Dec) are "in deficit" again. While we endeavour to keep a tight reign over unnecessary expenditure, unfortunately our planned giving income, which is our main source of funds, is not sufficient to meet the needs of the parish and Friars. The accounts will be presented at the next AGM in March, but in the meantime, we are keen to "sign on" **more** parishioners to commit to supporting us financially, either through use of the dual planned giving envelopes, or by a regular automatic payment directly to the parish bank account.

**The End of Life Choice Bill.** Parliament's Justice Committee is asking for people's views on the End of Life Choice Bill by **20 February**. This Bill seeks to legalise 'assisted dying', which is a euphemism for assisted suicide and euthanasia by administering deadly drugs. A worldwide trend against euthanasia and assisted suicide suggests that it is by no means inevitable that these practices will be legalised in NZ. Of approximately 196 countries in the world and 50 US states, only 14 have legalised some form of 'assisted dying', while during the last three years 30 jurisdictions saw bills defeated or stalled due to lack of support. **For more information about euthanasia & the proposed Bill, phone Euthanasia-Free NZ on 0800 42 76 42 or visit [euthanasiafree.org.nz](http://euthanasiafree.org.nz).**

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	E Cueva	L Ahio	J Cueva, G Cueva	Indian Community
Sun 7am	M Garvey	A Gupta	V Gupta, W Veikoso	
Sun 9am	A Swann	T Turagbeci	L Buckley, C Connolly, T Malone, O Tuuhetoka N & L Lockington, P van Rotterdam, B Boyd Bell	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY			Filipino Community
Sun 7pm	F Tufts	M Tuala	M & A McKeown	Betham Family

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader/s	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	M del Rosario	S Moodley	T Purcell, M Comacho	Christine Bosen
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	A Gupta	V Gupta, Francis Ah Ken	
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A Aalbers	C Aalbers, T Malone, T Muti Muti, F Borsos, P Bakker, A Bulatiko, E Kennedy, J Thomsen	DRCNZ
Sun 10.30am	Tongan Community			Tongan Community
Sun 6pm	M de Hoog	P Finau	M Belleza, J D'Soiuza	Betham Family

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

**Monday:** 2 Sam 15: 13-14, 30. 16: 5-13, Ps 3:2-8, Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sam 18: 9-10. 14. 24-25, 30-19:3 Ps 85: 1-6, Mk 5: 21-43  
**Wednesday:** St John Bosco, priest  
 2 Sam 24: 2. 9-17, Ps 31: 1-2, 5-7, Mk 6: 1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12 Cantic 1Chr 29: 10-12, Mk 6: 7-13  
**Friday:** **The Presentation of the Lord.**  
 Mal 3: 1-4, Ps 23: 7-10, Heb 2: 14-18, Lk 2: 22-40  
**Saturday:** 1 Kings 3: 4-13, Ps 118: 9-14, Mk 6: 30-34

### Prayer for Life

*Loving God, inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human dignity of every person.*  
**Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the vulnerable, for those with disabilities, for those who are sick, lonely or depressed. Help us to value the elderly. Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live their lives to the full. Support and empower all those working to protect life, especially against euthanasia and assisted suicide. We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance, compassion and love. Amen.**

### Holy Cross Men's Fellowship

Following on from the Men's retreat in October last year, and with the blessing of our Parish Priest Fr Sebastian, a Men's Fellowship has been formed in the parish. Our inaugural activity will be a walk at Cornwallis Park on **SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> February** starting at 10am and finishing by 1pm.  
 We invite all men in the parish to join us for a time of fellowship.  
 BYO lunch, water, and sun screen.  
 For more details, contact  
**George Schuster – 021-208-0447**  
 Or  
**Anil Baptist 835-1396 or 022-364-9306**

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wed 6.30 - 7.30am** in the Friary Chapel. Prayers for vocations to the Capuchin Order. Concludes with the Morning Prayer of the Church  
**Thurs 9.30am - 12pm** in the church. 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

### On the Church Noticeboard

- Letter from NZ Bishops Conference
- Marriage preparation run by the Diocese: 2018 dates.
  - Lifewise Family Services: Term 1 Parenting Courses.
  - St Valentine's: celebrating marriage & family life. Mass at the Cathedral – 5.30pm Sat.17<sup>th</sup> Feb
  - Theology of the Body: Six week course from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. at Little Sisters, Ponsonby.

### Cleaning Roster

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018: Tongan Community  
 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Legion of Mary

**Children Liturgy Roster**  
 In recess

### 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: 6pm  
 Sun Masses: 7am 9am 10.30am & 6pm

### 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!**