

18th February 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings

This Week

Gen 9: 8-15
Ps 24: 4-9
1 Pet 3: 18-22
Mk 1: 12-15

Readings

Next Week

Gen 22: 1-2.9-13.15-18
Ps 115: 10. 15-19
Rom 8: 31-34
Mk 9: 2-10

Response to Psalm: Psalm 24: v.10

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant

Communion Reflection

Lent: Springtime of the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves,

And in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is in the springtime of the spirit.

Lord

Help us not to be afraid to let go of our old habits,

And to face our spiritual poverty,

In order that you may renew us, and so at Easter

We will feel young again as your disciples.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

St Vincent de Paul Collection for the needy will be taken up after masses this weekend

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8.40am, and also Wednesday evening at 6.45 pm during Lent, instead of the Rosary.

Marian Mothers' Group: Their monthly meeting is this Monday evening (19th Feb) 7.30pm. Contact: Frances Hendrickx on (09) 818-8606

NZ Catholic (Feb 11 to Feb 24) issue. *Some headlines are:* What NZ's young people want from Church. New Maori leaders needed. Bishop Browne returns home to Auckland. Hearts Aflame fosters deepening of faith. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on Feb. 25.

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The parish would like to thank our parishioners: Michael Eade, Royce & his brothers Timothy & Raija for the time and effort that went into producing our new wall painting, to provide us with a wonderful visual reflection for Lent, of Our Lord's Agony in the Garden. The sewing work was done by Helene of Mt Roskill.

Holy Cross Legion of Mary. Congratulations are extended to Eleanor Jacobs as their new President, and Bonifacio Sanches as Vice President. We take this opportunity to thank the retiring Leaders: Anna Manoharan and Brenda D'Souza for their dedication and loyalty to the Legion during their term of office.

Parish Bible Study Group: an invitation to all to meet Jesus in the **Gospel of St John** – a biblical study by Edward Sri. An 8 week programme on Monday evenings, 7 pm in the church meeting room, each session approx. 1-1.5 hrs. If interested, please register with the Parish Office by emailing your name and a contact telephone number. Due to commence **after Easter**, dates yet to be finalized.

David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill. The deadline for written submissions to the **Justice Select Committee** has been extended to **Tues 6th March**. If you work as a health professional, have you thought what your job will be like, should this become law? Have you emailed your *Electorate MP* to voice your opposition to the purpose of the bill? See the Parliamentary website: www.parliament.nz

Catholic Schools – Open Days / Evenings

St Peter's College, Grafton. Open Day for Year 7 enrolments for 2019. (Limited enrolments at other levels) Tuesday 27th Feb at 9.30am or 1pm in the College Hall.

St. Paul's College, 183 Richmond, Ponsonby. Open Day on Thursday 8th March. Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9 Sessions: 9.30am, and 1.45pm. Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school.

St. Mary's College, Ponsonby. Open Day on Thursday 8th March. 2.30pm & 6.30pm in the Paul Keane Gymnasium.

Baradene College - Open Evening will be held on Thursday 8 March, 2018 – 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2019 are presently being accepted and will close on Thursday 22 March, 2018. A limited number of place in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Thursday 22 March, 2018.

St Dominic's College Open Evening – Tuesday 20th March from 6.30 to 9pm. Starts 6.30pm in the Gabriel Gill Gymnasium. Enrolment packs for 2019 will be available.

Retreats and Courses

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or 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.9 hours. \$130 : (1 REMAINING PLACE)
- **Reconnecting Broken Connections:** Using one Te Ao Māori approach of Whakawhanaungatanga and Hohourongo with RANGI DAVIS, Tues 27 Feb. 7-9pm \$15

Healing of the Family Tree: This involves 4 Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Feb 21 and 28, and Mar 7 and 14, 2018. At Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Mark your calendars. Enquiries: Fr Rory phone 376-1737 or Anil 022-364-9306

Divine Retreat Centre -New Zealand (DRC-NZ) an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland is organizing a **Lenten Retreat** on **3rd and 4th March 2018**. The retreat is being conducted by Rev Fr Joby George from Divine Retreat Centre, Sydney. Details: Sat 3rd March from 7pm to 9 pm at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Glen Eden, and Sun 4th March** from 1 pm to 7pm at **St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough.** Contact: **Leila: 0210447337/ Arthy: 0223193621/ Vanessa: 0211433703** Email: drcnz@hotmail.com Website: drcnewzealand.org

Lenten Inner Healing Retreat - a time for renewing and reviving **Saturdays 17th and 24th March**. At Holy Cross Parish Church, Henderson; starting with Mass. 9 am to 5 pm. BYO Bible and notebook. No registration necessary. Koha / love offering accepted. All welcome to attend. Conducted by Betsy and Reggis Rego for the Jesus My Light Inner Healing Ministry

Eucharistic Convocation 2018: Fri 6th to Sun 8th April. Venue: Netball North Harbour Centre, 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna. For more information see www.auckland.eucharist.nz

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Location, location, location Refurbished two bedroom unit on Waitaki Street (off James Laurie Street), Henderson. It is close to shops, bus stop, Sunnyvale kindergarten, Holy Cross Primary and Church. Available from the end of February 2018. For more information contact Jude on 021-0244-8996

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER 17th & 18th Feb 2018

| Mass | Leader | Reader | Communion Ministers | Music Ministry |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---|--------------------|
| Sat 6pm | T Mati | J Mati | N Nau, J Gawler-Lata | Goldwyn Family |
| Sun 7am | B Barclay | S Lea | G Dominguez, W Veikoso | |
| Sun 9am | J Brodie | A Baptist | M Seufatu, C Seiuli, J Baptist, P & E Tanginoa, F Skinner, B Oliver | Lesatele Family |
| Sun 10.30am | A Swann | M Tuala | L Swann, J Martinez | Couples for Christ |
| Sun 6pm | F Tuffs | U Taatiti | M & A McKeown | Samoan Youth |

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 24th & 25th Feb 2018

| Mass | Leader | Reader/s | Communion Ministers | Music Ministry |
|--|---------------------------|------------|--|--------------------|
| Sat 6pm | D.Wong | M de Melo | L de Melo, T Purcell | Indian Community |
| Sun 7am | J Cama | S Veatupu | L Fakasiieiki, K Veatupu | |
| Sun 9am | S McKernan | S M Fonoti | P Coakley, E & E Heynen, B Boyd Bell S Smith, C & A Crasto, A Gultom | Vaka'uta Family |
| Sun 10.30am | FILIPINO COMMUNITY | | | Filipino Community |
| Sun 6pm | K Tanginoa | L Ahio | P & E Tanginoa | |
| Cleaning Roster: Feb 24 th : Fiji Community | | | Children's Lit: 25 th Feb 9am: L Maagdenberg. 10.30: C.Tevaga | |

Scripture Readings: Psalter Week 1

Monday: Lev 19: 1-2.11-18 Ps 18: 8-10. 15 Mt 25: 31-46
Tuesday: Isa: 55:10-11 Ps 33:4-7. 16-19, Mt 6: 7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10 Ps 50: 3-4. 12-13. 18-19 Lk 11: 29-32
Thursday: **The Chair of St Peter the Apostle** 1 Pet 5: 1-4 Ps 22 Mt 16: 13-19
Friday: Ekek 18: 1-9 Ps 129 Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday: Deut 26: 16-19 Ps 118: 1-8. Mt 5: 43-48

Holy Cross Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 9am Wed - 9am & 7.30pm
Sat - 8am Sat Vigil Mass: 6 pm
Sun Masses: 7am 9am 10.30am & 6 pm

Reconciliation Schedule

Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm, Sat: 5pm – 5.30pm
Wed: 6.30 - 7.00pm
Also by appointment
Phone Friary - 838 8663

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Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** - departing 29 April, and **Medjugorje** - departing June and October.

All pilgrimages accompanied by a chaplain.

For **Holy Land itinerary**, contact Pukekohe Travel

P: 09 237 0013; toll free: 0800 785 386.

E: tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz.

Medjugorje pilgrimages contact Mir Pilgrimages on 0274 219 064;

E: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz; Website: www.pilgrimage.nz

Jesus teaches us :
 Go out. Go out and
 share your testimony.
 Go out and interact
 with your brothers
 and sisters.

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 UP and
 GO