

25th February 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings This Week

Gen 22: 1-2. 9-13. 15-18
Ps 115: 10. 15-19
Rom 8: 31-34
Mk 9: 2-10

Readings Next Week

Ex 2-: 1-17
Ps 18: 8-11
1 Cor 1: 22 - 25
Jn 2: 13-25

Response to Psalm: Psalm 114: v.9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Communion Reflection

Mountains

*Jesus often went into the hills to pray.
He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.
He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, died on Mount Calvary,
And ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.
It seems that he loved hills and mountains.
Why was this?
Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?
Or was it because heights enlarge our vision
And cause our spirit to soar?
Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.
And when the valley closes us in,
Help us to remember the view from the hilltop.*

New Sunday & Holy Liturgies

Fr Raymond's Collection for the Capuchin Missions overseas will be taken up NEXT 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.

Divine Mercy Group: Meeting **this Sunday** after 2 to 4 pm in the church meeting room. All welcome.

1st Friday (2nd March) -starting at **6.45 pm:** **Stations of the Cross**, followed by **Novena prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, then evening **Mass at 7.30 pm**.

Parish Finance Committee meet this **Tuesday 27th**, and the **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** on **Thursday 1st March**, 7.30pm in the Friary Meeting Room.

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.

NZ Catholic (Feb 25 to Mar 10) issue is out now *Some headlines are:* National priests' assembly returns south. Discipleship College gets a new home. Tongan to help advise the Pope. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on Mar 11.

Fit for Mission 2018: Ready.Set.Go: Go out and share. Go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit. Fit for Mission Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

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**. Have you emailed *your Electorate M P* to voice your opposition to the purpose of the bill? See the Parliamentary website: www.parliament.nz. For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.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 – 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 places 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

Mission and Ministry (PM503) – 18 hour course Fri 2 Mar 6-9pm, Sat 3 Mar 9am to 4pm, Fri 4 May 6-9pm, Sat 5 May 9am to 4pm, *you must attend all sessions.* NZ Cert.in Christian Studies. The Catholic Institute of NZ. www.tci.ac.nz

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **Pondering St John's Gospel:** Lenten Series with Fr.Stuart Sellar: Thurs 1, 8, 15, & 22 March 7 to 9pm \$15 each.
- **Reconnecting Broken Connections:** Using one Te Ao Māori approach of Whakawhanaungatanga and Hohourongo with Rangī Davis, Tues 27 Feb. 7 to 9pm \$15
- **Rembrandt's Painting:** Return of the Prodigal Son with Eamon Butler Fri 2 Mar. 10am-12 noon \$15 incl. morning tea.
- **Discerning the Threads of Connectedness** with Elizabeth Snedden rscj Wed 7 Mar. 10am-12 noon \$15 incl. morning tea

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; 9 am to 5 pm. BYO Bible and notebook. Koha / love offering accepted. All welcome to attend. Conducted by Betsy and Reggis Rego for the Jesus My Light Inner Healing Ministry – contact **Betsy 09-826-3937, 021-165-3856** for more details.

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

Advertisement:

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 24th& 25th Feb 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	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	F I L I P I N O C O M M U N I T Y			Filipino Community
Sun 6pm	K Tanginoa	L Ahio	P & E Tanginoa	Christine Bosen

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 3rd & 4th Mar 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader/s	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	M del Rosario	I D'Silva	C & A Crasto	Christine Bosen
Sun 7am	D Dominguez	F Ah Ken	F Ah Ken, G Dominguez	
Sun 9am	V Coakley	C Mendes	P Coakley, E & E Heynen, J Baptist B Boyd-Bell, T Malone, N Suvalko, M Ishak	DRCNZ
Sun 10.30am	T O N G A N C O M M U N I T Y			Tongan Community
Sun 6pm	S Rainbow	S Ivceovich	J D'Souza, M Belleza	Betham Family
Cleaning: Mar 3 : Tongan Group Mar 10: Legion of Mary			Children's Lit: Mar 4th 9am: P Couto 10.30: C.Arenas	

Scripture Readings: Psalter Week 2

Monday: Dan 9: 4-10 Ps 78: 8-9, 11.13, Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday: Is 1: 10. 16-20 Ps 30: 5-6, Mt 23: 1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18: 18-20 Ps 30: 5-6, 14-16
 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17: 5-10 Ps 1: 4. 6 Lk 16: 19-31
Friday: Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13ff Ps 104: 16-21
 Mt 21: 33-43. 45-46
Saturday: Mic 7: 14-15. 18-20 Ps 102: 1-4. 9-12
 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Mass of the First Scrutiny – RCIA (9 am)

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

Joshua Fellowship North Shore

invites all men to the next monthly meeting

Wed 28 Feb 2018 - 7.30pm-9.30pm

at St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

Guest speaker: Fr George Carlos (a Salesian priest from St Patrick's Cathedral)

Topic: 'Be a man of Prayer'

There will be time for praise, worship, prayer and fellowship. Want to know more?

Contact **Russell 022 034 5678**

or **Basil 027 261 2585** or www.joshua.org.nz

Pro Life Facts

The Dutch Health and Justice Ministers have told their Parliament that a new law is needed for elderly people who are tired of living. The proposed legislation would permit all elderly adults (no age requirement) who believe that their life is "complete", to request government assisted suicide. Ending lives would be put in the hands of "specialist terminal carers". According to the proponents this would take a complex and responsible task away from family doctors. The proposal has the full support of Dutch MPs and polls reveal that it is also supported by 60% of the Dutch population. The proposal from the Netherlands provides clear evidence of the "slippery slope" whereby the safeguards and restrictions that are initially in place when euthanasia is introduced, gradually become loosened.

Is this what we want for NZ too?

Rosary

Monday to Friday – 8.40am Saturday – 7.40am

20 Decade Rosary

Wednesday – After 9.00am Holy Mass

Prolife Rosary and Adoration

3rd Sunday of each month – 2pm

First Friday of the Month

Rosary at 6.45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass

Divine Mercy

Chaplet: Tuesday 8.25am. Meeting 4th Sunday 2-4pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday – 7.10 pm

Sacrament of the Sick

3rd Friday of the month – 11.00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday – 6.30-7.30am at Friary Chapel

Thursday – 9.30am to Noon in the Church

Secular Franciscans

2nd Sunday of the month – 2.15pm

Marian Mothers

Meet on 3rd Monday of the month

Legion of Mary

Senior: Tuesday – 7pm Junior: Monday – 6.30 pm