

18th March 2018 – 5th Sunday of Lent

<u>Readings</u>	for 9am only	<u>Readings</u>
<u>This Week</u>	Third Scrutiny	<u>Next Week</u>
Jer 31: 31-34	Ezek 37:12-14	Isa 50: 4-7
Ps 50: 3-4. 12-15	Ps 129	Ps 21: 8-9. 17-20. 23-24
Heb 5: 7-9	Rom 8: 8-11	Phil 2: 6-11
Jn 12: 20-33	Jn 11: 1-45	Mk 14: 1 – 15:47

Response to Psalm: Ps 50 v.12 - Create a clean heart in me, O God

3rd Scrutiny: With the Lord there is mercy & fullness of redemption. Ps 129 v7

Communion Reflection

A grain of wheat must die.

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.
Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love. This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride. Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice. Every act of kindness involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image,

Is born and nurtured. It is by giving that we receive

It is by forgiving that we are forgiven

It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

New Sunday & Holy Liturgies

Scripture Readings: Psalter Week 1

Monday:	St Joseph , sponse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sam 7: 4-5 12-14. 16 Ps 88: 2-5. 27. 29 Rom 4: 13. 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24 or Lk 2: 41-51
Tuesday:	Num 21: 4-9 Ps 101: 2-3. 16-21 Jn 8: 21-30
Wednesday:	Dan 3: 14-20. 24-25. 28 Cantic Daniel 3: 52-56 Jn 8: 31-42
Thursday:	Gen 17: 3-9 Ps 104: 4-9 Jn 8: 51-59
Friday:	Jer 20: 10-13 Ps 17: 2-7 Jn 10: 31-42
Saturday:	Ezek 31: 21-28 Cantic Jeremiah 31: 10-13. Jn 11: 45-56

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Caritas Appeal: 4th Sunday of Lent: \$358.80 (previous week: 3rd Sunday of Lent: \$306. **Total to date: \$2,240.70**)

Donation: The Friars would like to thank the Divine Mercy Group for their \$170 donation for the needs of the Friars.

Divine Mercy Group: Their meeting is next Sunday (25th March) 2 to 4pm in the church meeting room. All welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. In preparation for Easter, please remember the following are the extended times for individual confessions. **Wednesdays** 21st & 28th March: 5.30 to 6.30pm, and **Saturdays** 24th & 31st March: 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. There are **NO** confessions available on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or on the evening of Holy Saturday.**

Sacramental /RCIC Programme: Still time to enrol. Forms available in the church foyer. Please bring the completed form & a copy of the child's baptism certificate with you to the **Parents' Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday 3rd April - 7pm in the Parish Hall.** Dates for the programme & the celebrations will be given out at that meeting.

Parish Scripture Study Group: Enrolments are still being taken to study the **Gospel of St John** – a biblical study by Edward Sri. An 8 session programme, 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.

Easter Raffle: tickets on sale this weekend, and next. Drawn on Monday 26th March. Contact: Nora Lane.

Holy Cross Parish Mens' Fellowship: All men of the parish are invited to attend on **Thurs 22nd March, from 7pm** in the church meeting room. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for fellowship following the meeting. For more details call **George Schuster** on 021-208-0447 or **Anil Baptist** on 022-364-9306.

25th Years of Religious Profession: Fr Sebastian will be celebrating his **25th Jubilee** next month. You are invited to join with the Friars in a parish celebration, including a shared meal in the Parish Hall, after the 10.30 am mass on **Sunday 15th April.** *The communities might like to organize a traditional ethnic dish to bring to the meal?*

Catholic Schools Information

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

Liston College Open Evening – 67 Rathgar Road, Henderson on **Wed 28th March: 7 – 9pm.** Invitation to all interested parents and sons wishing to visit, view the facilities and displays, and learn what is offered to young men from Year 7 to 13. The evening starts with a presentation by the Principal at 7pm in the Gymnasium. Flyers in the church foyer.

St Peter's College, Grafton. Applications for enrolling in Year 7 for 2019 **close on Fri 6th April.** Limited spaces available at Years 8 to 13. Contact Lisa Duffy: Enrolment Office 524-8108 X 7323. See the website: www.st-peters.school.nz

St Mary's College, Ponsonby. Enrolments for **Year 7 for 2019 close this Wed 21st March 2018.** Limited places for girls at other levels. St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions. For more information see the school website www.stmaryak.school.nz

Retreats, Courses & Other Events

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

Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a 4th or 5th year Medical Student in 2018, undertaking your medical study in New Zealand and are a practicing Catholic you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Scholarship. For more information contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland phone: 360 3057 or email lindam@cda.org.nz

Planned Giving Programme

The fiscal/taxation year ends on **31 March** 2018. For those using envelopes, the weekend of 24th – 25th March will be the last opportunity to get your donations included in your annual gifting total to claim your tax rebate from Inland Revenue. Any donations for the Friars (1st), the Parish (2nd), special collections and the Church Building Fund that you want included in this total, must be received at the Parish Office, **no later than Friday morning 30th March** to be banked before the cut-off. Those on direct credits, the donations on the parish bank statement up until the 30th March will be included.

Donations for 31st March & 1st April will be included in next year's figures, as they won't be banked until April.

New sets of **planned giving envelopes** will be available for collection at the weekend masses from the **7th & 8th April** and following weekends during April. If you have **changed** addresses, please email the details to the Parish Secretary, as tax receipts will be mailed out, *hopefully* by the end of April.

Gifting Sunday – (Palm Sunday).

Next weekend: (24th - 25th March) Can you please bring a small gift for Easter for the elderly, sick and house bound.

PLEASE NOTE. The Easter Vigil Service on Saturday 31st is at **7pm** for liturgical reasons. Before & after Easter, the Saturday evening mass continues to be at **6PM** each weekend.

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	G Mascarenhas	S Moodley	J Cueva, G Cueva	Goldwyn Family
Sun 7am	D Wong	A Fakasiieiki	L & K Fakasiieiki	
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A Aalbers	C Aalbers, O Tuuhetoka, F Skinner C & S Orquejo, E Tanginoa, C Seulli	Lesatele Family
Sun 10.30am	F Fa'apoi	P Finau	M Sagat, J Martinez	Couples for Christ
Sun 6pm	FIJI COMMUNITY		E Kennedy, F Borsos	Fiji Community

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – PALM SUNDAY: 24th & 25th Mar 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader/s	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	E Cueva	M de Melo. A Gupta (Passion)	L de Melo, V Gupta	Indian Community
Sun 7am	D Dominguez	D Dominguez, M Briones (P)	A & K D'Souza	
Sun 9am	J Brodie	A McGrath, C Mendes (Passion)	C Connolly, L Buckley, E & E Heynen, J Thomsen, P van R.	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY			Filipono Community
Sun 6pm	J Borsos	U Talatiti, M Yap (Passion)	F Borsos, P Bakker	Christine Bosen
Cleaning: Mar 23 : Fiji Community Mar 31 : Tongan Community			Children's Lit: Mar 25. 9am: P Couto. 10.30am: C Arenas Apr 1: 9am: Easter: No separate Liturgy.	

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of the Palms – before each Mass
Procession around the grounds : at 10.30am mass.
Reading of the Passion from St Mark

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30 pm

The Washing of the Feet
The Liturgy of the Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross – 11 am

School Grounds – weather permitting. (alt.Hall)
The Passion of the Lord – 3 pm
School Grounds – weather permitting. (alt. Church)

Liturgy of the Word

Adoration of the Cross

Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

Reconciliations: 11.30 to 12.30 (all the Friars)

Easter Vigil – 7pm in the church

Blessing of the Fire
Preparation of the Pascal Candle
Procession into the darkened church
The Exsultet
Liturgy of the Word
Baptismal Liturgy
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday

Masses at 7am, 9am, 10.30am and 6pm

He is Risen – Alleluia!

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

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