

25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

Readings

This Week

Isa 50: 4-7
Ps 21: 8-9. 17-24
6-11
Mk 14:1 -15:47

Blessing of Palms

or
Procession
Mk 11: 1-10
or Jn 12: 12-16

Readings

Next Week

Acts 10: 34. 37-43
Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23
Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6-8
Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7

Phil 2:

Response to Psalm 21: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Communion Reflection

Death of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.'
Jesus did not have to suffer and die.

He had a choice.

He chose to suffer and die because He cared about the flock God had entrusted to Him

What Jesus wants from us is not our suffering,

But a life of love and service.

Such a life will inevitably bring suffering.

But Jesus supports all those who follow Him down the road of faithful love

And generous service.

New Sunday & Holy Liturgies

Scripture Readings: Psalter Week 2

Monday: Isa 42: 1-7 Ps 26: 1-3. 13-14 Jn 12: 1-11
Tuesday: Isa 49: 1-6 Ps 70: 1-6. 15.17. Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38
Wednesday: Isa 50: 4-9 Ps 68: 8-10. 21-22. 31. 33-34 Mt 26: 14-25
Holy Thursday: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14 Ps 115: 12-13. 15-18 1Cor 11: 23-26 Jn 13: 1-15
Good Friday: Isa 52: 13-53 – 53: 12 Ps 30: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25 Heb 4: 14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18: 1 – 19:42

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Caritas Appeal: 5th Sunday of Lent: \$1,014 (previous week: 4th Sunday of Lent: \$358.80 **Total to date: \$3,254.70**)

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

Reconciliation. Please remember the following are the remaining times for individual confessions. **Wednesday** 28th March: 5.30 to 6.30pm (only extended to prepare for Easter) and **Saturday** 31st March: 11.30 am to 12.30 pm (as per the normal times) 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: Gospel of St John – a biblical study by Edward Sri. Enrolments **close 12noon Thurs 29th March** with the Parish Office. The 8 week course will start May, when the study books arrive from the USA. Payment of \$20 is now payable at the Parish Office to confirm your place. Thanks to Fr. Sebastian for agreeing to subsidise the cost of the material.

Easter Raffle: Final weekend to get your tickets. Drawn on Monday 26th March. Contact: Nora Lane.

NZ Catholic. *The March 25 – April 7 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:* Church tributes to Stephen Hawking. Easter Sunday Mass celebrated in Lent for broadcast. NZ bishops make submission on End of Life Choice Bill. Three in Holy Cross Seminary first year. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on April 8.

Rosters. The April Liturgy Roster, and the April to June Music roster are available from the church foyer, & the parish website.

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.*

Liston College Open Evening – 67 Rathgar Road, Henderson **this Wednesday 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

Retreats, Courses & Other Events

Radio Broadcast: *Pre recorded Easter Mass* from St. Patrick's Cathedral. 11.05am & 11.05 pm Easter Day 1 April – Radio NZ National.

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

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

- **Christian MEDITATION 101: Introduction to Christian Meditation** with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm Sat 7 April 9.30am-3.30pm. \$35 (*date has changed from previously advertised in booklet*)
- **ECOLOGY Series:**
 - **Exploring Ecology and Eco-Spirituality** with Dr Mary Betz. Tues 10 Apr 10am-12noon. \$15. incl. morning tea. This session will remind us of the connectedness of all creation, and our role as kaitiaki (guardians). We will reflect on our own spiritualities in light of the thought of spiritual writers, eco-theologians and *Laudato Si!*
 - **Who is my Neighbour?** with Sr Bridget Crisp rsm Thurs 12 Apr 10am-12 noon. \$15 incl. morning tea. The crisis facing the Pacific through the lens of *Laudato Si...* What are the challenges that humanity is facing from climate change and how can we support our neighbours in the Pacific? Bridget has been following the impact of climate change in the Pacific and will be sharing some of her experiences

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 Wednesday 28th** 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.

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – PALM SUNDAY- 24th & 25th March 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	E Cueva	M de Melo. A Gupta	L de Melo, V Gupta	Indian Community
Sun 7am	D Dominguez	(Passion) 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 Rotterdam, B Oliver.	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY			Filipono Community
Sun 6pm	J Borsos	U Talatiti, M Yap (P)	F Borsos, P Bakker	Betham Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – EASTER SUNDAY: 31st Mar & 1st April 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader/s	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm		C.Mendes – 1 F Ah Ken – 2 S.Lea – 3 P.Turnwald – 4 N.T. J Soniega	Ministers M & A McKeown, X & E Tanginoa, M Veatupu, M & S Lesatele J.Thomsen	Filipono Choir
Sun 7am	B Barclay	S Moodley	A & K D'Souza	
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A Aalbers	B.Boyd-Bell, T Malone, T MutiMuti E & E Heynen, C & A Crasto	DRCNZ
Sun 10.30am	TONGAN COMMUNITY			Tongan Choir
Sun 6pm	F Tufts	S Ivceovich	J D'Souza M Belleza	Betham Family

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 Exultet
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