

24th June 2018 – Nativity of St John the Baptist

Readings

This Week

Isaiah 49: 1-6
Ps 138: 1-3. 13-15
Acts 13: 22-26
Lk 1: 57-66. 80.

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Next Week

Wis 1: 13-15. 2: 23-24
Ps 29: 2. 4-6. 11-13
2 Cor 8: 7. 9. 13-15
Mk 5: 21-43

Response to Psalm 138 vs 14

I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

Communion Reflection

*John the Baptist challenges us Christians
to the fundamental attitude of Christianity –
Total dependence on the Father, in Christ.
Except for the Mother of God,
no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation.
Yet the least in the kingdom,
Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives.
The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John,
His fierce courage in denouncing evil,
All stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life with the will of God.*

(Franciscan Media, www.franciscanmedia.org)

Fr Raymond's collection for the Capuchin Missions will be taken up NEXT weekend.

Pope Francis urges us to have patience:

*"Patience: carries with it a sense of responsibility, since it signifies "bearing with suffering, rather than letting it go"
It is to be a suffering borne with joy and gladness, despite the circumstances.
Patience means "bearing with, not entrusting problems to others to bear the difficulty"*

*How patient am I?
How patient are we as a community with each other?*

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Thank You: Holy Cross Caring Community would like to thank all the Helpers and Bakers that made the recent **Mid-Winter Christmas luncheon** such a successful occasion. A special note of thanks to the Teachers and Students from **Rooms 16 & 17** for entertaining the parishioners with their wonderful items.

Apologies to those who were kept waiting last Saturday evening wanting to go to Reconciliation. Even Father can be forgetful.

NZ Catholic: The June 17 to 30th issue is available now. Some headlines are: Jesuit ordained in Christchurch. Daughter of modern saint to visit NZ. Child forgoes birthday gifts to help Wellington cathedral. Migrant communities for kids in secular NZ. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on July 1st.

Parish Social: the Social Committee are organizing a Disco in the Hall on **Sat 30th June**. \$20 a ticket which includes supper. Doors open 6pm -7pm start. Get out your dancing shoes and bring your friends for an enjoyable night out. Spot prizes and a prize for the Best Dressed. Tickets on sale this weekend, or from the Parish Office during the week.

Planned Giving: Want to make a difference? **Your parish needs your financial support.** We are after new donors to assist in meeting the needs of the parish. Play your part in sharing this responsibility. Please ring Brian at the Parish Office, about either direct crediting or envelope options. By making a *regular but affordable* donation you can help us address the noticeable decline in the level of active participation in the programme.

Parking: Reminder: again!! Please do NOT block other cars in, while your car is unattended in the carparks. You have been warned; you will be towed away next time!

Retreats, Courses & Other Events

DRC NZ – Mission: Br.Fritz Mascarenhas, preacher from Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India, and now based in Wellington, will be conducting a one day mission in Auckland followed by Holy Mass and Adoration. This Sunday 24th June from 1pm to 6pm at St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough. Please bring your family & friends along. No registration required. See the flyer on the church noticeboard.

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

- **INTERFAITH Event: ABRAHAM – A Connecting Ancestor in Faith** with the Interfaith Community. **Tues 26 June, 7-9pm.** Koha/Donation. Key note speakers will be Fr Kevin Waldie SM (Christian), Imaam Mohamed Shaakir (Muslim) and Paul Wilton (Jewish). The main focus will be on connecting with each other and becoming neighbours.
- **Living our Christian Faith through SOCIAL JUSTICE:** Thursday's 10-12 noon 28 June – 19 July. \$15 each or 4 sessions for \$50 incl. Morning tea. **28th June:** People who make a difference, by Mary Betz. **5th July:** The Paris Agreement, by Bridget Crisp rsm. **12th July:** Catholic Social Teaching, by Lyn Smith. **19th July:** The Treaty Relationship, by Susan Healy.
- **Dreamwork 201: Resolving Nightmares,** with Margaret Bowater, **Sat 30th June, 9.30am to 4pm.** \$95. **BYO Lunch.**
See our website for more details. Bookings essential.

Joshua North Shore: An invitation to all men to their next meeting: **Wed 27th June**, 7.30 pm at St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. A video presentation. Holiness is our Goal by Fr Gerald Langsch. For more information contact Basil on 027-261-2585

Dove West Auckland: "Sorrow will turn into joy" with Sonja Sciarone on **Tuesday 3rd July** at 7:30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 021-117-8977.

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND –**13-15 July** at Mt Richmond Hotel Mt Wellington BOOK NOW! – Ph: 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

WYDAK18 - Regional YOUTH Event. Saturday, 15 July 2018. World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2018 is the biggest youth event on our diocesan calendar. All youth and young adults are welcome to attend a Youth Regional Day as part of the weekend activities.

WHAT: North Shore - West - City - Central: Youth Regional Day (For College: Years 9 & Up)

WHEN: Saturday 14th July 2018 2pm - 9:30pm

WHERE: Day Activities: St Joseph's Parish, Takapuna. Evening Activities: Rosmini College Auditorium.

REGISTER/CONTACT: Manu Bennett - nscatholicyouth@gmail.com

FOLLOWED BY Diocesan event Sunday 15 July 2018

Meet at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby at 1pm for procession to Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St, Freeman's Bay for event to start 3pm.

Wedding Anniversary Workshop: Sunday 5 Aug, 1 pm to 4.30pm. Pompallier Centre. Cost \$20 per couple

For couples married 1-5 years: An opportunity to take time out from the busyness of life to nurture your marriage and revisit key areas of relationship - *Intimacy, Communication & Conflict*

Course Leaders: Loretta & John Carroll. To register, please email Sandra Armstrong, Marriage Programmes CoOrdinator.

SEE THE NOTICEBOARD

Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph Organ Series 2018 - Saturdays @ 6

Our first Concert for the 2018 series is Wellington Organist Nicholas Sutcliffe. Saturday June 30 at 6 pm. The concert is **FREE** with a retiring collection. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane (\$2) and Hobson Street (\$4). Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 23rd & 24th June

Mass	Leader	Reader/s	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil 6 pm Sat	D Wong	S Moodley	L & D Cowan	Indian Community
Sun 7 am	J Cama	P Turnwald	F Ah Ken, W Veikoso	
Sun 9 am	V Coakley	T Tuala-Alefosio	P Coakley, E & E Heynen, J Baptist B Boyd Bell, S Smith, A Gultom T Malone	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30 am	F I L I P I N O C O M M U N I T Y			Filipino Choir
Sun 6 pm	K. Tanginoa	S Ivceovich	P Tanginoa & E Tanginoa	Betham Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 30th June & 1st July

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil 6 pm Sat	M de Rosario	I D'Silva	C & A Crasto	
Sun 7 am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	W Veikoso, V Gupta	
Sun 9 am	V Coakley	C Mendes	P Coakley, E & E Heynen, J Baptist B Boyd-Bell, S Smith. N & L Lockington	
Sun 10.30 am	T O N G A N C O M M U N I T Y			Tongan Choir
Sun 6 pm	T Tevaga	U Taatiti	X Tanginoa & E Tanginoa	

Childrens' Liturgy: Sun 24th June: 9am: P Couto **10.30:** C Arenas **1st July: 9am** L Maagdenberg. **10.30:** C Tevaga
Cleaning: 30th June: Tongan Community. 7 July: Legion of Mary.

Psalter: Week 4. Green Twelve Week Ordinary Time.

Mon: 2 Kings 17: 5-8.13-15.18 Ps 59: 3-5.12-13 Mt 7:1-5
Tues: 2 Kings 19: 9-11, 14-21 31-36 Ps 47:2-4. 10-11. Mt 7:6.12-14
Wed: 2Kings 22: 8-13. 23: 1-3. Ps 118: 33-37.40. Mt 7:15-20
Thu: 2 Kings 24: 8-17. Ps 78: 1-5. 8-9 Mt 7: 21-29
Fri: **Saints Peter & Paul, apostles.**
Acts 12: 1-11 Ps 33: 2-9. 2Tim 4: 6-8. 17-18 Mt 16: 13-1
Sat: Lam 2: 2. 10-14. 18-19. Ps 73: 1-7. 20-21 Mt 8: 5-17

Pro Life. The abortion statistics for the year ended Dec 2017 reveal that the lives of 13,285 unborn children have been lost in that time period, while over the last 40 years, the annual abortion numbers add up collectively to over 500,000 lost children in New Zealand. Voice for Life National President Jacqui de Ruiter has commented on these figures, reminding New Zealanders that, **"Abortion involves not just the killing of an unborn child, but also a significant loss to us all. We as whanau, community, and a nation have lost a part of our future."** Abortion is frequently presented as a simple solution to the problems that can accompany pregnancy, e.g. financial difficulties, lack of support from families, or stress on a relationship. However, it is important to move beyond the rhetoric about abortion as a solution and honestly examine key issues such as the need for fully informed consent, the availability of crisis pregnancy support, the option of open adoption, the risk of suffering post-abortion trauma and psychological harm after an abortion, and the reality of partner violence and coercion experienced by some women who have abortions. **The focus should primarily be on providing authentic counselling and compassionate & responsive support for women so they can make a real choice, separate from the conveyor belt towards abortion, and find a way forward for themselves & their baby. For more pro-life information, visit www.righttolife.org.nz.**

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