

26th August 2018 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings this Week

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
Ps 33:2-3, 16-23
Eph 5:21-32
Jn 6:60-69

Readings Next Week

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 14:2-5
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33: 2-3, 16-23)

Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Communion Reflection

Will You Also Leave Me?

When many of His disciples were leaving Him,
Jesus turned to the Apostles and said,
'Will you also leave me?'

These words are addressed to us too.
It's not the Lord who leaves us,
but we who may leave Him.

But why would we want to leave the Lord,
who alone has the words of eternal life?

We need to make our own Peter's profession of faith.

Every Sunday we get a chance to do so.

We need the Lord to strengthen our faith.

We also need to confirm one another.

Lord, confirm our decision to stay with You.

Draw us closer to You in bonds of trust,
so that we may follow You in love and freedom.

(New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)



"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others."

*(Pope Francis
Aug 20, 2018)*

DISABILITY PARKING

Please respect the reserved spaces for the disabled and elderly in front of the church & in the 1 Lavelle Rd carpark. Only those with disability difficulties should be using the designated parks. Please display your card on the dash.

Fr. Raymond's collection for the Missions is to be taken up after all Masses next weekend

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

RCIA PROGRAMME. The next season of the RCIA programme will commence shortly. If you, or a friend, or family member wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith, or become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office. The meetings will be commencing soon, to be held in the Friary, 14 Lavelle Road on Monday evenings.

CCD (CATECHISM CLASS). Every Sunday (during term time) **11.30 am to 12.30pm** in the church meeting room after the 10.30 mass. Taught by the Missionary Sisters of Charity, all children aged 7-12 years are welcome to join the group to learn more about their Catholic faith.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. The parish seeks the services of an honorary Auditor to review the December year end accounts. Please send your CV & personal details to the Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee, P O Box 21-082, Henderson 0605.

MARY IN THE SCRIPTURES. 12 week course on Monday evenings from **3rd Sept. 7pm to 8.30pm** in the school. Enrolments being taken now. See noticeboard for the topics, names on the clip board in the foyer, or contact the Parish Office during the week.

HOLY CROSS FILIPINO PARISHIONERS. There will be a meeting this **Sunday, 26th August 2018**, in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass, to update you all on our participation in the different activities of the parish. You are all invited to attend. For more information, please contact Celino Orquejo on 021-02615274.

All parishioners are also reminded of the weekly **Rosary & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** every **Wednesday** evening.

REMINDERS: PARISH AGM. After the 10.30am Mass, **Sunday 9th September**, and the **PARISH FEAST DAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR, Saturday 15th September**, from 12 noon; both events in the Parish Hall.

ABUNDANT GIFTS PIETY STALL will be outside the Church after all Masses (except Sun 7pm) this weekend. They have a range of religious items for sale. You can also contact Diane on 834-3933.

NZ CATHOLIC 26 Aug – 8 Sept issue is out now. Some headlines are: *NZ bishops to meet Pope. Celebrity chef priest coming to NZ. New qualification on leadership and Catholic culture. Naming the next generation of Catholics.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **September 9.**

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

August Diocesan Youth Mass | Hosted by West Regions: Theme for this month's Diocesan Youth Mass is *'I Choose God Always'*. The Mass is on **Sunday, 26 August at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.** \$4 parking is available at Wilson Parking on Hobson Street and \$2 parking is available at Wilson Parking on Durham Lane.

Celebrations in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from **29th Aug to 8th Sept 2018 at 6.30pm.** St Mary's Church, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale.

Dove West Auckland: *"The True Vine"* with Linda Fisher on **Tuesday 4th Sept at 7:30pm** at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

Youth for Christ West Central Youth Camp: CFC-YFC Youth Ministry of Couples for Christ would like to invite all the youth for **"This is Him" Entry Camp.** It will be a fun filled activities to know more about Jesus Christ and build Christian fellowship with other youths. **Date: 28 - 30 Sept 2018. Venue: Sir Peter Blake Marine Education & Recreation Centre (1045 Beach Rd, Long Bay, Auckland).** More info, please contact: Lootsie & Bong Albao (YFC Coordinator) 021-2163916 / 021-2163912.

LIFEFEST 2018: Attention young people and youth groups! A one day hands-on event providing young people, *13 to 19 years*, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. **Thursday 4th Oct: 9 am to 9 pm. Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland.** ALSO: cheap accommodation available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation email: clare.fli@xtra.co.nz txt: 021 2317954 ph: 04 2378343 or Michael on 021 825 955.

'Living the Splendour of Truth' International pro-life, pro-family conference: This amazing weekend conference will help you rediscover the newness of the faith and its power to enlighten and transform our communities. This is also once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the daughter of St Gianna Beretta Molla – the daughter she gave her life for. Experience beautiful liturgies, pray and learn how we can live of Christ and allow Him to encounter our culture – *a culture that is in desperate need of His Love and Mercy.* **5-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School.** Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.

House to Rent: Can you help house a Family with five children? Do you have a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent to a young family in the Mt Roskill, Hillsborough, Blockhouse Bay or Balmoral areas? A good couple with 4 children and one on the way is looking for long term accommodation in or around these areas. If you are able to assist, please contact **Michael at Family Life International on 021 825 955.**

SEE THE NOTICEBOARD

Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to Play. A Social Justice Week workshop providing an opportunity to listen to the stories and challenges of people with disabilities will be held 7-9pm **Tuesday 4th Sept** St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Come and see how you can help your Parish become more an even more welcoming and caring community. All welcome.

MAX18NZ – a National Catholic Event for Men, **28-30 Sept 2018**, Kings College, Auckland. Great line up of international speakers, single room accommodation, excellent food, not to be missed. Details available at www.max18nz.info or by email enquiry@max18nz.info or phone Jim Gribble on 027 249 5378.

St Dominic's Catholic College: Open Morning: Wed 5th Sept, 9 am. 29 Rathgar Road, Henderson. Come along, meet the staff, and view the College and its facilities.

Job Vacancy: Pastoral Care Team Member at Mercy Parklands. Permanent position 16 hours per week. You will be responsible for providing spiritual and pastoral care to our residents and their whanau/families, and to our staff through one-to-one visits, liturgical and non-liturgical prayer in the Chapel, creation of rituals and ceremonies for special occasions, and occasional group work which may arise in response to a particular need. Some rostered Sunday work. Suitable applicants will have relevant qualifications, training in theology and/or ministry and appropriate experience. Clinical pastoral education is desired. **Applications close Friday 7 Sept 2018.** Please contact: Sarah Smith Pastoral Care Coordinator, Email: pastor@mercyarklands.co.nz, Phone: (09) 579 7241 ext 811.

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 25th/26th AUGUST 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil Sat 6pm	D Wong	I D'Silva	C & A Castro	Indian Community
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	A Gupta	V Gupta, A D'Souza	
Sun 9am	A Swann	S M Fonoti	L Swann, A Gultom, L Buckley, B Oliver, M Seufatu, C Connolly, P van Rotterdam, J Thomsen	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY			
Sun 6pm	F Tufts	L Ahio	J D'Souza, M Belleza	Betham Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 1st/2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil Sat 6pm	M del Rosario	I D'Silva	C & A Castro	Christine Bosen
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	W Veikoso, V Gupta	
Sun 9am	V Coakley	C Mendes	P Coakley, E & E Heynen, J Baptist, B Boyd Bell, S Smith, N & L Lockington	DRCNZ
Sun 10.30am	TONGAN COMMUNITY			
Sun 6pm	T Tevaga	U Taatiti	X Tanginoa, E Tanginoa	Betham Family

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 26th Aug: 9am ONLY – P Couto **2nd Sept:** 9am – L Maagdenberg; 10.30am – C Tevaga
CLEANING: 1st Sept: Tongan Community **8th Sept:** Legion of Mary **15th Sept:** Volunteers

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 1 (Green)

Monday: *St Monica (White)*
2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 95:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: *St Augustine, bishop & doctor of the church (White)*
2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Ps 95: 10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: *The Passion of St John the Baptist (Red)*
2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 127:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 144:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 32:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Pro-Life Facts: The President of the Law Commission, Sir Douglas White, has advised Right to Life on 14 August, that a total of 3,419 submissions on the review of the abortion laws in New Zealand have been received from the community. Right to Life learned that a total of 73.5 per cent of submissions which addressed the issue opposed the decriminalisation of abortion and only 26.5 per cent of submissions which addressed the issue supported the decriminalisation of abortion. Right to Life earnestly requests that the government recognise and acknowledge that on the basis of the submissions to the Law Commission, the government has no mandate from the people of New Zealand to decriminalise abortion. *For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.righttolife.org*



ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning
Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening 5-7 October Sunday afternoon. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 2nd September. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol 022-089-0458 or leave message on (09)360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

PLANNED GIVING (2ND COLLECTION)

Gifting last Weekend (18 th - 19 th Aug)	\$2,089.00
Total – month to date (3 weeks)	\$6,467.00
Target – for month of August	\$10,000.00

If you able to join the Planned Giving Programme, *Envelope or Direct Crediting* options are available. Please contact Brian Oliver at the Parish Office for the set-up forms. **Reminder: The Building Fund Account for your Direct Credits is now in a separate account number 02-0184-0181634-06. Please amend your automatic payment details to this account where applicable.**

HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 9am
Wed - 9am & 7.30pm, Sat - 8am
Weekend: Sat Vigil Mass - 6pm
Sun Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm
RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm & 5pm – 5.30pm
Wed: 6.30pm - 7pm
Also by appointment Phone Friary - 838 8663

ROSARY
Monday to Friday - 8.40am
Saturday - 7.40am
20 DECADE ROSARY
Wednesday - After 9.00am Mass
PROLIFE ROSARY & ADORATION
3rd Sunday of the month – 2pm
DIVINE MERCY
Chaplet: Tuesday – 8.25am;
Meeting: 4th Sunday of the month – 2pm
NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Wednesday - 7.10pm
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Rosary – 6.45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
3rd Friday of the month – 11am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday – 6.30am to 7.30am at Friary Chapel
Thursday – 9.30am to 12pm in the Church
SECULAR FRANCISCANS
2nd Sunday of the month – 2.15pm
MARIAN MOTHERS
3rd Monday of the month
HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
3rd Thursday of the month – 7pm
LEGION OF MARY
SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm
JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm