

29th July 2018 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings this Week

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ps 144:10-11, 15-18
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15

Readings Next Week

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54
Eph 4:17, 20-24
Jn 6:24-35

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18)

Response: *The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.*

Communion Reflection

Discovering One's Own Riches

I lived on the shady side of the road
and watched my neighbours' gardens across the way
reveling in the sunshine.

I felt I was poor
and from door to door went in my hunger.
The more they gave me from their careless abundance
the more I became aware of my beggar's bowl.

Till one morning I awoke from my sleep
at the sudden opening of my door
and you came and asked for alms.

In despair I broke open the lid of my chest
and was startled into finding my own wealth.

-Rabindranath Tagore-
(New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

God is eternal newness and impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond. God takes us to where humanity is most wounded, when men and women continue to seek an answer to the question of life's meaning. Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. (Pope Francis G & E 135 & 139)
Where shall you set out today?

MEDITATION GROUP: All welcome to join the Meditation Group at the Friary every Friday morning 9.45am-10.45am.

"The important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, everything we are."
(John Main)

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

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. A kind reminder for the Parish Pastoral Council members, that the upcoming Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday (2nd August), 7.30pm in the Friary meeting room.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME. There will be **NO** class this Sunday (29th July) as the children are involved in the 10.30am School/Parish Mass.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. **Reminder:** Final practice for Confirmation & First Holy Communion this **Thursday (2nd August) 7pm** in the church. **72 children** will be making their **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** next Sunday (5th July) at **2pm.** Let us continue to support them and their parents in our prayers.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS on 3rd August at 7.30pm in the church. Adoration starts at 7pm.

NEW MINISTERS. Those wishing to be Leaders, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, a training session will be held on **Tuesday 14th August, 7pm** in the church. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours, or Mary Turnwald on 837-0497 or maryturnwald@hotmail.com.

ST JOHN FIRST AID COURSE. Regretfully the First Aid course has been **cancelled** due to insufficient enrolments to justify the cost of providing the training.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. If you, or you know of anyone that is in need of any assistance, please contact **David** at **027-4678956.**

NZ CATHOLIC. 29 July – 11 Aug issue is out now. Some headlines are: *Quake safety risk sees Wellington cathedral closed. Number of marriages declared null in NZ doubles. What is Western Civilisation anyway? Vocations feature.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **August 12.**

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

Caring Sunday Collection this Sunday. The annual appeal for the Bishop's charity – The Catholic Caring Foundation. Your donation helps families in need of emergency housing, counselling, nutritious food, youth support, and the special needs of the elderly and victims of domestic violence. **Online banking: Catholic Caring Foundation account 02-0100-0242648-00.** Email the details of your remittance and contact details to info@caringsunday.org.nz, if you require a receipt. Otherwise **mark an envelope: Caring Foundation Donation** and put it in the collection basket at this weekend's mass.

Wedding Anniversary Workshop: Sunday 5th 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.

Dove West Auckland: "The Work of the Spirit" with Christine Kernot on **Tuesday 7th Aug at 7:30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church,** 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

St Dominic's College Netball Team Fundraising. There will be Cake Stall on Sunday 12th Aug after 9am & 10.30am Masses outside the church. Please support the girls in their premier tournament fundraising.

Society of Mary Priests & Brothers: Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother, there is an information and prayer weekend on **24-26 August.** Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists or email Fr Pat Breeze SM on vocations@smnz.org.nz.

Diocesan Job Vacancies. 1) Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre: This full time role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Revenue Manager for the collection of attendance dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Key Tasks include: Collection of compulsory school attendance dues; contact with school parents via outbound phone calls; follow up of unpaid accounts and Debtor ledger management. Applications close: **13 Aug 2018.**

2) Accounting Assistant - Pompallier Centre: The full time role is to provide accounting support to the Senior Financial Accountant and Finance team. Key Tasks include Cash receipting; Banking; Bank Reconciliations; Accounts Payable, Debtors ledger processing; Prompt invoice payment processing; General Ledger reconciliations. Applications close: **17 Aug 2018.**

To view the full position descriptions for the above roles, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Quicklinks and staff vacancies.

Mercy Spirituality Centre (104 The Drive, Epsom). - Bookings essential.

- **Spirituality of ST IGNATIUS of Loyola** with Fr MARK CHAMBERLAIN. **Contemplative in Action** Tues 14 Aug 10am-12noon. \$15 & **Finding God in All Things** Wed 15 Aug 7-9pm. \$15. Each of these talks will focus on aspects of the spirituality of St Ignatius Loyola and how we allow conversations between our spirituality and our daily life experiences.
- **Introduction to DREAMWORK 101** with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 24 Aug, 6-9pm & Sat 25 Aug, 9.30am-4pm. \$130
- **Retreat Day with Pip Nicholls: Wisdom needs no scapegoat** with PIP NICHOLLS. Sun 9 Sept, 10am-4pm. \$60

See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

SEE THE NOTICEBOARD

Dove Women's Retreat Weekend: 27- 29 July Come and join us for a weekend to be "Refreshed Renewed Restored". The theme for 2018 is "Harvest" with guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens.

Venue: Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland. To register or for further information visit our website www.dove.org.nz or phone Shona Williams 07-543 0101 email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

Come And See – Priesthood vocations afternoon with Bishop Patrick Dunn, **Saturday 18 Aug at 1.00 pm** at Pompallier Diocesan Centre. Refer noticeboard for further details or email aucklandpriests@gmail.com or Facebook aucklandpriests.

The Breakthrough Concert is back. Theme – 'The Battle Rages On, But The War's Already Won' **Sat 18th August 7pm -9.30pm.** Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna. Tickets are on sale now \$25, online at Ticketmaster, or contact Jonathan on 022 170 6189 or email admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz. All ages welcome. Follow us on Facebook for more info @JTGSPrayerGroup

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 28th/29th JULY 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil Sat 6pm	D Wong	L Ahio	J & G Cueva	DRCNZ
Sun 7am	V Coakley	A Gupta	P Coakley, V Gupta	
Sun 9am	M Warren	I D'Silva	L Buckley, C & S Orquejo, T Malone E Kennedy, C Aalbers, F Skinner J Baptist	Evelyn Pereira
Sun 10.30 am	HOLY CROSS SCHOOL			Evelyn Pereira
Sun 6pm	F Fa'apoi	P Finau	M Belleza	

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 4th/5th AUGUST 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil Sat 6pm	M de Rosario	R Carrucan	D & L Cowan	Christine Bosen
Sun 7am	B Barclay	P Turnwald	W Veikoso, F Ah Ken	
Sun 9am	J Brodie	S Veatupu	M Seufatu, C Seiuli, M Ishak, M & V Pua, P & E Tanginoa	DRCNZ
Sun 10.30am	TONGAN COMMUNITY			
Sun 6pm	M de Hoog	S Ivceovich	E Kennedy	Betham Family

Children's Liturgy: 29th July: 9am – P Couto; 10.30am – C Tevaga **5th Aug:** 9am – L Maagdenberg; 10.30am – C Arena
Cleaning: 4th Aug: Tongan Community **11th Aug:** Legion of Mary **18th Aug:** Volunteers **25th Aug:** Fiji Community

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

Monday: *St Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church (White)*
Jer 13:1-11; Canticle Deut 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: *St Ignatius of Loyola, priest (White)*
Jer 14:17-22; Ps 78:8-8, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: *St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the church (White)*
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 58:2-5, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: *St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, priest (White)*
Jer 18:1-6; Ps 145:2-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: *St Dominic, priest (White)*
Jer 26:1-9; ps 68:5, 8-10; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: *St John Vianney, priest*
Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 68:15-16, 30-31ff; Mt 14:1-12

Pro-Life Facts: In America, abortion-rights advocates are reacting with fury and frustration to President Trump's appointment of a new Justice to the US Supreme Court. Rightly or wrongly, he is seen as a future casting vote in favour of repealing Roe v. Wade and thereby allowing state legislatures to decide and vote on abortion law. In their anger, major abortion providers like Planned Parenthood are claiming that future access to abortion could be limited and this would undermine the freedoms of the Sexual Revolution.

What they are effectively saying is that the Sexual Revolution allows people the freedom to have sex without any moral or ethical restraints. And if as a result, a pregnancy occurs, then freely available abortion solves that problem and enables personal freedom to continue.

For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

House for Rent: Three bed room / two bath room house available for rent in Sturges Road - close to Railway station, Palomino shopping complex close to Western Heights school and Summerland school. Contact Tomy 0210465901.

PLANNED GIVING (2ND COLLECTION)

Target for July (5 weeks)	\$12,500
Collection Total Last Weekend	\$ 2,376
Total Month To Date	\$ 8,285

To make a difference the 2nd collection needs to raise approx. **\$2,500 per week (minimum).**

As the above figures show, we have not been achieving this target. The parish urgently needs your financial support to reverse the short fall in its overall cash position.

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 GROUP

3rd Thursday of the month – 7pm

LEGION OF MARY

SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm

JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm