

9th Sept 2018 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings this Week

Isa 35:4-7
Ps 145:7-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Readings Next Week

Isa 50:5-9
Ps 114:1-6, 8-9
Jas 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145: 7-10)

Response: *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

Communion Reflection

Precious Gift

The gift of hearing is a precious gift.
But it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly.
The cry of a needy person may reach our ears,
but unless it reaches our heart,
we will not feel the person's pain,
and it is unlikely that we will respond.
And the gift of speech is a precious gift.
But again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly.
For our words to ring true, they must come from the heart.
If they come only from the lips,
they will have a hollow sound and will have a little effect.
They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water
but leaves the depths untouched.
But words that come from the heart, enter the heart.
(New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection or betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom." "But with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live out our baptismal calling to become missionary disciples and accept the life-giving words of Christ, even when they are difficult." *Pope Francis, August 2018*

WELCOME

Holy Cross Parish, Henderson would like to extend warm welcome to the new Capuchin Friar, Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap from Indonesia. Please keep Fr Daniel and his ministry here in your prayers.

St Vincent de Paul's collection for the needy is to be taken up after all Masses next weekend

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

PARISH AGM 2018 will be held this **Sunday 9th September**, after the 10.30am Mass in the hall. All parishioners are invited and urged to be present!

LITURGY ROSTER for September - October 2018 is available now in the church foyer.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is on **Thursday, 13th September 2018 at 7pm in the Friary.**

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.

PARISH FEAST DAY. The Parish will be celebrating its Feast Day in honour of the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* on the weekend of **15th & 16th September**. There will be **International Food Fair** on **15th September (Sat)** at **12pm** in the hall. The **Feast Day Mass** will be on **16th September at 10.30am**. All are welcome to be participate!

THE HOLY CROSS PARISH would like to thank the Samoan Community and Vaka'uta Family for helping us with the Vailankanni Mass in St Mary's Parish, Avondale on 4th September. God bless you all for your time and support!

SECULAR FRANCISCANS (WEST AUCKLAND). The **Secular Franciscans** are meeting this **Sunday 9th September at 2:15pm** in the church meeting room. Visitors always welcome. For more information please contact Lyndon 021 851 713.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. The next **Sacrament of the Sick** is on the **21st of September (Friday) at 11am**, followed by a light lunch.

ADORATION & PRO-LIFE ROSARY is next **Sunday, 16 September in the church**. Adoration starts at **2pm** followed by Pro-life Rosary.

HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP is having their annual retreat on **Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th October** at St. Francis Friary in Hillsborough. The topic will be **'Growing in Faith'** and will be facilitated by Fr. Anthony Selvaraj OFM. For details, contact Anil Baptist 0223649306 or George Schuster on 0212080447. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

NZ CATHOLIC 9 – 22 Sept issue is out now. Some headlines are: *Cardinal Dew in Ireland. Forgiveness is essential, Francis tells families. Involving God in our significant life decisions. Catholic 1st XV's take out premierships.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **September 23.**

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY CROSS HENDERSON are having a Sausage sizzle for fundraiser on **Saturday 29 September** to be held at Bunnings, New Lynn from 9am - 4pm. Please support the Vinnies in their fundraising!

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Feast of the Holy Cross Mass. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby, **Monday 17th Sept, 5pm**. Principal celebrant: Bishop Peter Cullinane.

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 OCTOBER: 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.

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 & Bona Albao (YFC Coordinator) 021-2163916 / 021-2163912.

Social Justice Week: 9th – 15th September 2018 (Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to play.)

"Each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer, for building up the Body of Christ in love." – Pope Francis
Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

My achievements and strengths are not those of the individual, but those of the many

Most people with disabilities are living and participating in local communities. **Social Justice Week 2018** challenges the church to become more fully informed, inclusive in attitude and active in making our parishes, communities and society truly welcoming and accessible to people with a disability. Equally challenging is the invitation to people with disability and their families to acknowledge themselves as *tāngata whaikaha*, "people in search of or pursuing strength" to discover their authentic and visible place within the Body of Christ.

Therefore, the theme, "Enabling Communities: Everyone has a part to play," reminds each one of us of our responsibility to change attitudes, remove barriers, make space for each other and mould relationships of respectful equality and interdependence in membership and ministry so we may come to rejoice in our God-given diversity and the uniqueness of each member.

SEE THE NOTICEBOARD

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.

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday 7th Oct at 7pm. Sacred Heart College (250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes). Led By Bishop Patrick Dunn. All are invited.

The Grief Centre are holding a free grief talk on **Tuesday, 11 Sept 2018** (12.30-1.30pm), Rua Front Room, Hub West (27 Corban Ave, Henderson). This talk will enable understanding of how we grieve and provide coping strategies for getting through. They're suitable for people who've experienced any significant loss or who are supporting someone else who has. RSVP events@griefcentre.org.nz

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 8th/9th SEPTEMBER 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil Sat 6pm	D Wong	R Carrucan	T Purcell, A Sue	Divine Mercy Queen of Peace
Sun 7am	B Barclay	J Soniega	A & K D'Souza	
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A Aalbers	C Aalbers, P Bakker, M & A McKeown, L Buckley, B Oliver, C & S Orquejo	Goldwyn Family
Sun 10.30am	SAMOAN COMMUNITY			
Sun 6pm	F Fa'apoi	S Ivceovich	E Kennedy, M Belleza	Evelyn Pereira

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 15th/16th SEPTEMBER 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Vigil Sat 6pm	M de Hoog	S Lea	J Gawler-Lata, M Camacho	Evelyn Pereira
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	F Ah Ken, G Dominguez	
Sun 9am	J Brodie	M Smith	S Smith, E & A Jariel, E & E Heynen, P, E & X Tanginoa	Lesatele Family
Sun 10.30am (Parish Feast Day Mass)	A Swann	M Yap P Finau	L Swann, M Sayat	Couples for Christ
Sun 6pm	FIJI COMMUNITY		E Kennedy, F Borsos	Fiji Community

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 9th Sept: 9am – A Gupta; 10.30am – C Arenas

16th Sept: 10.30am – P Laos

CLEANING: 15th Sept: Volunteers 22nd Sept: Fiji Community 29th Sept: Volunteers

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 3 (Green)

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: *The Most Holy Name of Mary (White)*
1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 44:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: *St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor of the church (White)*
1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Ps 138:1-3, 13-14ff; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: *THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (RED)*
Num 21:4-9; Ps 77:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: *Our Lady of Sorrows (White)*
1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 115:12-13, 17-18; Lk 2:33-35

Pro-Life Facts: The principles of biogenesis state two things: 1) all life comes from pre-existent life; and 2) each being reproduces after its own kind. The zygote is a complete human being with the potential to grow into an adult. While we may not perceive a zygote as "looking" like a human being, the zygote looks exactly like how a human being should look at that particular stage of development. The same comparison can be made between a newborn and a physically mature adult, who differ significantly in appearance. Changes in appearance come about because of growth and development, not because a zygote or embryo turns into a human. The zygote does not have the potential to become a human, but is a human. **For more pro-life info, visit Voice for Life's website at www.voiceforlife.org.nz**

Cathedral Annual Appeal 9-10 Sept: St Patrick's Cathedral is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. Donations can be made via your **planned giving envelope**, or a **plain envelope marked "Cathedral Appeal"** and put in the **second collection**. Alternatively, **go to your app store, download the Pushpay app**, register, in the search button put St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, click and give! Tax-deductible receipts are automatically sent to your email address. More info at the Cathedral website <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/>

Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College: Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship to be known as the *Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College*. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2019. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Email: lindam@cda.org.nz. **The closing date for applications is 15 October 2018.**

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

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