

3rd March 2019 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings this Week

Eccl 27:4-7
Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

Readings Next Week

Deut 26:4-10
Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16)

Response: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.*

Communion Reflection

Where To Start

When I was young and fired with the love of God,
I thought I would convert the whole world.
But soon I discovered that it would be quite enough
to convert the people who lived in my town,
and I tried for a longtime to do that, but did not succeed.
Then I realized that my program was still too ambitious,
so I concentrated on those in my own household.
But I found that I could not convert them either.
Finally, it dawned on me: I must work on myself.
When people complain about what's wrong with the world,
they are usually blaming somebody else.
They should look at themselves first.
That way, they will know they are
making a difference in at least one life.
We can't take anyone farther than we've gone ourselves.
(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)



How can I bear
GOOD Fruit?

Be **FRUITFUL**.
Where there is
God there is
fruitfulness
*(Pope Francis,
Dec 2017, Santa
Marta)*

CCD (CATECHISM CLASS)

Every Sunday (during term time) **11.30 am to 12.30pm** in
the Parish Hall after the 10.30am 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.

DONATION TAX REBATES

With 31 March approaching, donors are reminded that if
they have earned taxable income during the year, IRD
allows a 1/3 rebate on your charitable donations. Have you
considered paying by direct credit?

6th March 2019 ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fast and
abstinence. Masses are: 9am, 12.15pm and 7.30pm.

Fr. Raymond's collection for the Mission is to be taken up after all Masses THIS 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 (7th March), 7.30pm in the Friary meeting room.**

LITURGY ROSTER for March - April 2019 is available now in the parish hall foyer. For those Leaders, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers involved, please take a copy home.

NOTICE FOR THE LEADERS, READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please contact Mary Turnwald, the Coordinator for the Liturgy Roster, at maryturnwald@hotmail.com or 837-0497, if you are going away for holiday during Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter weekend. Your cooperation is appreciated!

THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP (BASIC), will be having a Meet and Greet this **Sunday 3rd March.** So if there are any youth wanting to join, feel free to meet outside the hall after 10:30am Mass this Sunday.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS are meeting on **Sunday 10th March at 2:15pm.** Contact Lyndon 021 851 713 for more information.

Sacramental Celebrations / Services. Due to Church Rebuilding, all Sacramental celebrations or services (such as Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage and Funeral), will be conducted in the Parish Hall, which functions currently as the 'Church'. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours at 09-8381558 or secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz to make arrangement. Thank you and God bless!

Brown Robe. We need new paper for the printing of the newsletter. We have limited space for new sponsors. Please contact Brian in Parish Office urgently, if you are interested. See the bulletin.

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

Catholic Caring Foundation: Please take home a copy of the Caring Foundation's summer newsletter and find out how your gift is supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Want to make a difference to our community? Then please consider gifting to the foundation. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Caring Foundation Annual Grants: The foundation is now receiving grant applications from social service agencies and charities throughout the Auckland diocese who work to support and strengthen families and communities. Applications close on **12 April, 2019.** For more information and to download the application form, please visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

David Parkes Fundraiser Concert – a reminder that this fundraiser concert for World Apostolic Congress on Mercy 2020 takes place on **Friday 1 March at 7.30 pm** at the Malaola Centre in Mangere. Refer noticeboard for details or phone Fr Rory Morrissey at 09-376 1737.

Dove West Auckland: "Preparing to receive the Holy Spirit" with Jane Thomsen, on **Tuesday 5 March at 7:30pm** at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

DRCNZ Lenten Retreat: Fr Roni George from Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India, now based in Sydney, Australia will conduct THREE days Lenten Retreat in Auckland as per the details below: **8 March 2019 – 7pm to 9pm** at St Mary's Church, Kiteui Avenue, Mt Albert; **9 March 2019 – 1.30pm to 7pm** at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Avondale; **10 March 2019 – 1.30pm to 9pm** at St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough. No registration fee. More details, contact: Arthy: 0223193621 Cynthia: 0210642157 Vincy Dias: 02108444654; Email: drcnz@hotmail.com. Website: <http://www.drcnz.org>

Indonesian Catholic Youth Group Auckland (OMK Auckland) are organising **Meet & Greet BBQ on Sunday 10 March, 11:30am,** at Long Bay Regional Park. Anyone within the age of 15-35 can join, no matter what ethnicity they are. Contact: Melinna on 0210759244.

Youth Interfaith organised by Auckland Interfaith Council. Speaker: Michael Hail, Scottish Community Worker, **Tuesday 12 March 2019 7:30-9pm** at Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell – Hobson Room. Light refreshments following. Free of charge and all welcome. Free parking available where spaces are signed "JUBILEE VISITOR PARKING". See noticeboard for details.

For youth groups who are interested in social justice issues, there will be justice initiatives that you would love to be involved with: (1) **Justice & Peace Advocacy workshop** on **Saturday, 9 March 2019** from 9am-12:30pm at Pompallier Diocesan Center, organised by Justice & Peace Catholic Auckland Diocese. RSVP: AucklandJusticeandPeace@gmail.com; (2) **Caritas Challenge Leaders Meeting** on **Sunday, 10 March 2019** from 3pm-5pm at Pompallier Diocesan Center. RSVP to Teresa at teresam@cda.org.nz or 021 649 012.

St Paul's College, Ponsonby: WANTED: Unused woodwind and Brass music instruments. (no strings). St Paul's College, has established an "everyone can play a musical instrument" opportunity for all boys. We need unused Brass or woodwind instruments lying in attics or garages for use by our young men. Contact the College office, Phone: (09) 376 1287. Email: stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz.

Open Day St Paul's College (183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby). **Thursday, 7 March 2019, 9.30am & 1.45pm.** Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour. Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Baradene College Open Evening on Thursday 7 March, 2019 – 6.30pm. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. **Enrolments for Year 7, 2020 and limited place for Year 9.** Applications close on **Friday 15 March, 2019.**

St Mary's College Open Day: Thursday 7 March 2019, 2.30pm & 6.30pm in the Paul Keane Gymnasium. Now enrolling for 2020. Enrolments are open for Year 7 students. For more information, see our website www.stmaryak.school.nz.

St Dominic's College Open Evening: Tuesday 19 March 2019, 6.30pm in Gabriel Gill Gymnasium. Enrolment packs for 2020 will be available. Enrolments close 28 June 2019. Interviews will be in Term 3.

Oranga Tamariki, National Day of Prayer for Children (3 March 2019)

On this day, we pray for our children - for those facing abortion, for children who are neglected and abused, those trafficked for sex and work, and for children living with violence.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you that You take children into Your arms and bless them. May every child know the deep peace and love of being held close to You. We especially ask You to protect all unborn children who are impoverished, neglected, and abused. May we Your people, open our hearts to bring compassion into their lives. Help us to support and encourage families and communities in the love and protection of their children. May children everywhere grow up feeling accepted, safe, and love. Amen.

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 2nd / 3rd March 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	M del Rosario	M de Melo	L de Melo, A Sue	Christine Bosen	K D'Souza
Sun 7am	B Barclay	A Gupta	V Gupta, F Ah Ken		
Sun 9am	J Brodie	A Baptist	M Seufatu, M Ishak, N & L Lockington, C & S Orquejo, F Skinner, J Baptist	DRCNZ	L Smith
Sun 10.30am	TONGAN COMMUNITY				Volunteer
Sun 6pm	T Tevaga	M Tuala	T Tevaga, E Kennedy	Goldwyn Family	J & S Fernando

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 9th / 10th March 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	D Wong	I D'Silva	D & L Cowan	Youth for Christ	T Sue
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	A & K D'Souza		
Sun 9am	A Swann	M Smith	L Swann, L Buckley, P van Rotterdam, S Smith, J Thomsen, P Bakker, A Ridley	Goldwyn Family	D Lesatele, M Cama
Sun 10.30am	SAMOAN COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	M de Hoog	S Ivceovich	M & A McKeown	Evelyn Pereira	J & S Fernando

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We regret that circumstances make it difficult to run the Children's Liturgy programme until the new church facilities become available. Parents are encouraged to bring their young ones to the weekly Catechism classes which will continue in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass (during term time). Thank you and God bless!

Current Henderson Capuchin Friars Community

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap. – Parish Priest
Fr. Matthew Clerkin OFM Cap. – Asst. Parish Priest
Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap. – Asst. Priest

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 4

Monday: *St Casimir, (White)*
Eccl 17:24-29; Ps 31:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:
Eccl 35:1-12; Ps 49:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: *ASH WEDNESDAY (Violet)*
Joel 2:12-18; Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: *Sts Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs (Red)*
Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: *St John of God, religious (White)*
Is 58:1-9; Ps 50:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: *St Francis of Rome, religious (White)*
Is 58:9-14; Ps 85:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

ProLife Facts: Ann Furedi, the head of the United Kingdom's leading abortion provider, the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), recently participated in a radio debate with 40 Days for Life Outreach Director, Sue Thayer. Although Furedi expressed pride in the nearly 70 000 abortions performed every year by her organisation, she made comments that showed she understands the humanity of the unborn child, that it is a human being, that life begins at conception, and abortion is the killing of a human being. Nevertheless, she believes mothers have the right to decide to end the life of their pre-born child. For instance: "I, too, believe that from the time an egg is fertilized that a human life is there...and *that unique life is wonderful and is marvelous...*but the point is...it's really about who makes the decision about how that life is valued...in relation to other things." "[W]omen come to us knowing they are going to have a baby if they don't have an abortion. *That is what is growing inside them.*" View the full debate at: <https://youtu.be/mMcM1pCHUAg>. **For more pro-life information, visit the Voice for Life website www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

Lenten Prayer for Life: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at fli.org.nz/lenenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book. If possible, please, also join the prayerful witness to life across the road from AMAC 283-289 Dominion Rd., Mt Eden on all or any of these **Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm).** To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz.

LOST: Little booklet – "**One Hour with the Sacred Heart**". Left in the Church last year. If found, please leave it in the Parish Office, or ring 836 8504.

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 9am Mass

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 Tuesday of the Month – 11am

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

Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - If you're willing to come against this please email: tonybrenner@hotmail.com for full information and 'Open Letter' to all MPs.