

25th August 2019 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings This Week

Isa 66:18-21
Ps 116:1-2
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

Readings Next Week

Ecc 3:10-20, 28-29
Ps 67:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116: 1-2)

Response: *Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.*

Communion Reflection

The Two Roads

Jesus said that there are two roads we can follow.
The first is wide and easy to travel.
It is downhill most of the way.
It is the way of comfort and ease,
pleasure and self-seeking.
Many are fooled and travel down this road.
But in the long run it leads them nowhere.
They die in the desert.
The second road is narrow and difficult.
It is uphill a lot of the way.
It is the way of struggle and sacrifice.
Few take this road. But they are the lucky ones.
This road leads to the Promised Land.
(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

**I am coming to gather all nations
they shall see my glory - Isaiah 66**

How do you bring your families and
friends to a gathering?

- Do you place a signage, balloons on the road?
- Do you send out FB, Instagram or email invites?
- Or do you visit them in haste to spread the news?



**Go! Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!
Be the Light, the Way and the Life for All!**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

RCIA PROGRAMME

Interested in joining the Catholic Faith? The next RCIA programme will commence shortly. If you have a friend or family member who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming Catholic, ask them to contact the Parish Office at 838-1558 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 1 pm) for details.

The **Parish Annual General Meeting for 2019** is this **Sunday 25th August**, after the 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are urged to attend!

Fr. Raymond's Collection for the Mission will be taken up after all Masses NEXT weekend.

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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 5th September, 7.30pm** in the Friary meeting room.
- FIRST FRIDAY MASS** is on **Friday 6th September** in the Parish Hall. 6.45pm Rosary with Adoration, followed by Mass at 7.30pm.
- CCD CLASS (CATECHISM CLASS)** will be in recess from this Sunday onwards until further notice, as the Missionaries of Charity Sisters are experiencing shortage of sisters to run the classes. Let us pray for the Missionaries of Charity Sisters for their concerns and needs!
- DIVINE MERCY GROUP** will meet from **2pm this Sunday, 25th August 2019** at Friary Meeting Room. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ABUNDANT GIFTS PIETY STALL** (selling religious items) will be in the Parish Hall kitchenette after all Masses (except Sunday 6pm Mass) this weekend.
- NZ CATHOLIC Newspaper 25 August – 7 September** issue is out now. Some headlines are: *Revitalising parishes Monday to Saturday. Fr Martin Wu ordained in Auckland. Bishop Stuart O'Connell was approachable and encouraging. Soup for southern souls – and bodies.* The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on **September 8**.

HOLY CROSS PARISH EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9 DAYS NOVENA

This year the Holy Cross Parish Henderson is celebrating the Parish Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with a Novena beginning on **Friday 6th September 2019** at 7.30pm, and ending on **Saturday 14th September 2019** at 6pm. If the Novena falls on weekdays, the Novena Mass will start at **7.30pm**, with Novena Prayer after the Holy Communion. If the Novena falls on the weekends, it will start with **Mass at 6pm**, followed by Novena Prayer after the Holy Communion.

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

Notice from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference: You will be aware that the current Labour-led Government has proposed an alternative abortion law to our parliament. That Bill, being promoted by the Justice Minister, Andrew Little, has passed its first reading and has now been referred to a Special Select Committee for further consideration and to give the public of New Zealand a chance to comment through the parliamentary submission process. You can find the Bill here:

<http://legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0164/latest/whole.html#LMS237550>
All Catholics are encouraged to have their say. **The Submission process closes on Thursday 19 September:**

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

Dove West Auckland: "Spiritual Journey Testimony" with Jan Cherrington on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7:30pm** at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from 29th August to 8th September 2019 at 6.30pm at St Mary's Parish, Avondale. Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop Denis Browne and also Priests from different Parishes will celebrate Holy Mass each evening. Contact Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland Library: All parishioners are welcome to avail themselves of the facilities at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Library at Pompallier Diocesan Centre (30 New Street, Saint Mary's Bay). Parking available on the grounds. Hours are: **Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30am to 2:30pm**, or by appointment. CDA Library has a range of resources for anyone seeking to explore their faith development, as well as resources for those wishing to undertake research or who are studying religion and theology. Our collection can be browsed online at: <http://aucklandcatholiclibrary.org.nz>. Contact Lynette Harris (09) 360 3050 or email library@cda.org.nz.



ENTER

"Will there only be a few saved?" This is a hard question with a hard answer: "Enter by the narrow door for many will try and will not succeed." The Lord came to save the "nations of every language," each and every one of us, but even the Lord relies on our free response to the offer. So "hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you will tread" when following the lead of our Saviour. There is hope – "those now last will be first." Can you step out onto the way of the Lord?

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LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 24th / 25th August 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	S McKernan	J Soniega	G Pimentel, N Nau	Indian Group	T Sue & D Xavier
Sun 7am	J Cama	A Gupta	V Gupta, F Ah Ken		
Sun 9am	T Mati	T Tuala	B Boyd-Bell, O Tuuhetoka, S Smith, F Borsos, J Thomsen, J Baptist, L Swann, B Oliver	Vaka'uta Family	D & K Lesatele
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	A Wedge	M Yap	J D'Souza, E Kennedy	Christine Bosen & Chris	J, E & C Redfern

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 31st August / 1st September 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	M del Rosario	R Carrucan	A & C Crasto	Christine Bosen & Chris	T Sue
Sun 7am	D Dominguez	D Dominguez	G Dominguez, W Veikoso		
Sun 9am	J Brodie	C Mendes	T Malone, P Tomas, M Ishak, F Skinner, E & E Heynen, J Thomsen, P Bakker	DRCNZ	L Smith
Sun 10.30am	TONGAN COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	M de Hoog	M Yap	M & A McKeown	Betham Family	J & S Fernando

Scripture Readings during the week: Week 2

- Mon:** 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22
Tues: *St Monica (White)*
 1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps 138:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wed: *St Augustine, bishop & doctor of the church (White)*
 1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 138:7-12; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs: *The Passion of St John the Baptist (Red)*
 Jer 1:17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5-6AB, 15AB, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Fri: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Ps 97:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

ProLife Facts: A message from Voice for Life (VFL) president Jacqui de Ruiter has recently been sent out to VFL members nationwide, as part of the annual president's "Fighting Fund" appeal. The possibility of abortion being decriminalised and assisted suicide and euthanasia being introduced led to de Ruiter summing up the last year as "one of the most intense and challenging for the pro-life movement". If Labour succeeds in introducing their proposed abortion law, de Ruiter warns that abortion will be effectively available on demand up to 20 weeks gestation, and the restrictions on abortion after 20 weeks will be greatly diminished, allowing for abortion as long as the doctor/abortionist has "regard" to physical and mental health and wellbeing. de Ruiter fears that this change would almost certainly increase the numbers of late term abortions in NZ. de Ruiter also describes VFL "toiling" to try to raise awareness amongst politicians of the risks of introducing euthanasia and assisted suicide. Overseas experience has shown that if you legalise euthanasia, vulnerable people have their lives ended prematurely and the practice always expands to encompass more categories of people. de Ruiter also highlights the need to have a long term vision with the goal of building a culture of life in New Zealand. "We can't simply be anti-abortion or anti-euthanasia, we must also be proactively living and building a culture of life." More info, visit the *Voice for Life website* at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Faith Journey: The first educators of faith are parents / whanau. <https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/> is a wonderful depository of family-friendly material for the domestic Church. It comes from the Bishops' Conference *National Centre for Religious Studies*. New materials are continually being uploaded. Explore!

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 Sun 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

HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 3rd Thursday of the Month – 7pm

LEGION OF MARY
 SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm
 JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm

MARIAN MOTHERS
 3rd Monday of the Month – 7.30pm

Please see the Noticeboard for other **Retreats, Courses & Events**

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