

**Mass Intentions** For your convenience there are pre-printed envelopes in the foyer for those parishioners who would like Father Pat to offer a Mass for anyone. Kindly complete all details and hand to Fr Pat.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS !!!**  

 As winter is beginning to take hold, we invite members, husbands and friends to join us after 10-30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to a "BINGO" afternoon. Usual raffle ticket combo and excellent Trading Table browsing, then, all the fun and excitement of "Bingo" card games! Good prizes for a line or full house, all for 50c a card. A hot lunch will follow as always ...levy \$15.  
*We would love to see you all on the 26<sup>th</sup>.*

The following message has been received from Sr. Emanuela Betham in Samoa.  
*"Dear Stephanie and the good ladies of the CWL Orakei.... Blessings and Greetings to each of you and your families for your continued "alofa" love and generosity towards us and our ministry here at Savalalo, Samoa.... Faafetai tele - thank you so much!*  
*I would also like to thank St Joseph's Parish for their kind and generous Maundy Thursday collection. Yes, faafetai tele Father and parish !"*

**Thinking about a vocation to the priesthood?** *Come, reflect and explore...*  
 Saturday, 19 August 2017 (10.30am-12nn) St. Francis and All Souls Parish, 2A Albert Rd, Devonport. For more info contact: [aucklandpriests@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandpriests@gmail.com)  
 Fr. Larry will be hosting the meeting and attendees are more than welcome to attend the 9am Mass.

**MASS TIMETABLE**

**Sunday Masses**

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| <b>Saturday</b>                                | <b>5.30 pm Vigil</b>         |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                  | <b>9.30 am &amp; 5pm</b>     |
| <b>Mon. Tues, and Fri.</b>                     | <b>6.00pm</b>                |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                               | <b>9.15am</b>                |
| <i>(10.30am on 4th Wednesday of the month)</i> |                              |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                | <b>9.00am</b>                |
| <b>Public Holidays</b>                         | <b>9.00am</b>                |
| <i>(No Mass on Thursday)</i>                   |                              |
| <b>Adoration</b>                               | <b>5 - 6pm each week day</b> |
| <b>Rosary</b>                                  | <b>5.30pm each week day</b>  |

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 9.30 - 10.00am & 5.00 - 5.20pm** or by appointment

**READINGS:**

**23rd July**  
 Psalm 86 p.91  
 1. Wisdom 12:13,16-19  
 2. Romans 8:26-27  
 Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

**Next Week**  
 Psalm 119P p.133  
 1. 1Kings 3:5,7-12  
 2. Romans 8:28-30  
 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52



*Welcome to St Joseph's*  
**CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI**



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**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**23rd July 2017**

**22 July: The Feast of Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene is an interesting Gospel figure. She is healed of seven devils by Jesus (Luke 8:2), although she is not, as was long thought, the sinful woman anointing Jesus in Luke 7:36-50, or Mary of Bethany in John 11-12. She is present at the foot of the cross and a witness to the Resurrection. In fact it is Mary who tells the disciples about the risen Lord in Mark 16, Matthew 28, Luke 23 and John 20. It is this role, as "Apostle of the Apostles" (as St Thomas Aquinas called her), that led Pope Francis last year to raise her profile by changing her saint's day, July 22, from a *Memorial* to a *Feast*.

The most important days in the Church's calendar are called *Solemnities*, eg Christmas, Pentecost, the Assumption. The next important are *feasts*; the apostles fit into this category. Most saints' days are *memorials*. By changing Mary Magdalene's day from a *memorial* to a *feast* Pope Francis is putting her on a par with the apostles.

When this announcement was made last year, the Vatican's Cardinal Sarah described her as "a paradigm of the ministry of women in the Church".

Reflecting on Mary Magdalene's role in the stories of Jesus' resurrection, Richard McBrien wrote: "These facts do not undermine the authority of Peter in any way, but they do underscore the complementary roles of women, Peter, and the other disciples as witnesses to the Risen Christ. Among the women, Mary Magdalene is clearly portrayed in scripture as having the primary role."

In the Church's commemorations, men far outnumber women in the list of saints. It is good to see fitting recognition finally given to this woman evangelist, reminding us of the importance of women in the ministry of Jesus and of the Church.

God bless you all. Fr Pat



## Adoration

A reminder that here at St Joseph's we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5-6 p.m. **each week day....** *One good way we can show our love for Jesus is to spend time with him in the Blessed Sacrament.*

*"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...." "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)*

## NZ CATHOLIC

The 16th—29th July issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines: Triple ordination; Election Statement from NZ Catholic Bishops; Bishop Patrick Dunn: My biggest worry: the lack of priestly vocations in NZ. Please support our Catholic newspaper. **\$4 per copy** - please hand to Fr Pat.

## Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

• **DREAMWORK 103 Inspirational Dreams and Visions** with Margaret Bowater Sat 29 July. 9.30am-4pm. \$90. Booking essential.

• **Meditation Weekend –Finding God in All Things. An Ignatian Spirituality Seminar** Sat 29 July 10am till Sun 30 July 3.30pm. Residential (incl. Accommodation and all meals) \$170. Non-residential \$95 (incl. all meals).

• **MUFFIN Meeting – Wisdom: A Female Figure in the Bible** with Alice Sinnott rsm Mon 31 July. 10am-12 noon. \$15.

♦ **RETREAT DAY – Exploring Words and Images of God through our Life-Stories** with Dr Mary Betz Sat 5 Aug, 10am-3.30pm. \$35.

See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

**Wheat Bags** (ideal for aches and pains and to warm small fingers and toes on chilly nights!) in a fabulous range of fabrics, will be for sale at \$10 each after all Masses on 29/30 July. ALL PROCEEDS from the sale will go to Caritas to help feed and shelter the people of South Sudan.

## FIT FOR MISSION

*Those who confess Jesus know that they are not simply to offer opinions but to offer their very lives. They know that they are not to believe half-heartedly but to "be on fire" with love.*

*Pope Francis June 2017*

*Which one are you? - half hearted or on fire?*

**Grief Programme** † Weekend course for adults exploring the impact of grief & loss **Sat and Sun August 5th & 6th** Mercy Spirituality Centre, The Drive, Epsom. Contact Delia (360.360.3027 [deliar@cda.org](mailto:deliar@cda.org)) **See notice board for full details**

## Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

invites all women to a day of Refreshment and restoration. Be Strong and Courageous! For the Lord your God is with you. Joshua 1:9 **Date: Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August Time: 9.15 – 9.45** Registration: 10am to 4pm **Speakers:** Fr Michael Gielen, Diane Andrews, Jane Thomsen **Cost:** \$30.00 payable on day or Online: Email; [mjdobbs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:mjdobbs@vodafone.co.nz) with name and address. Account details will follow. **Venue:** St Mark's Church, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. **What to Bring:** A small plate for shared lunch. For more information, contact: Carleen Walshe 534-2578 or Email: Maree: [mjdobbs@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:mjdobbs@vodafone.co.nz)

## Catholic Men's Retreat "Dignity and Sanctity of Men" - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August

**8-8.30am** Registration, **8.30-9am** Welcome (Introduction), **9-10am** Talk 1 'Dignity of Man,' **10-10.30am** Coffee Break, **10.30am-12pm** Talk 2 'Growth in Spiritual Life', **12-1pm** Lunch Break (BYO), **1-2pm** Talk 3 'Men's Mission in Church', **2-2.45pm** Praise and Worship, **2.45-3.35pm** Holy Mass, 3.45-4pm Wrap up (concludes with afternoon tea). **Cost:** \$25 pp **Coffee, tea and snacks** will be served. All men (*aged 18 years and older most welcome*). **Venue:** St Thomas More Catholic Church, Cnr. Glenfield & Wairau Roads, Glenfield. **Speaker:** Fr Dominique Faure. Further information contact: [Facebook.com/catholicmenz](https://www.facebook.com/catholicmenz) or phone Basil on 0276-12585.

## Calling on young New Zealanders to share their voice with the Vatican

Young New Zealanders are being called to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey published today by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops. The Catholic Church is launching a nation-wide survey for all youth. The survey is part of an international effort by Pope Francis to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people around the world, in the lead up to the Synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" in Rome, October 2018.

New Zealanders aged 16 – 29 years old are encouraged to answer the survey and tell their friends about it and share the link with their networks. The survey will go live on 23 July and will run for five weeks, with the closing date for responses midnight on Sunday, 27 August 2017.

**The survey will be found at** <https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ> **and on the home page of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' website:** <http://www.catholic.org.nz/>



## Annual Appeal 2017, Caring Sunday for The Catholic Caring Foundation

Today, July 23rd, is Caring Sunday. Please remember the Bishop's Charity, The Catholic Caring Foundation, which supports the poor and vulnerable in the Auckland diocese. Your generous donations helps families in need of emergency housing, foodbanks, care of our youth, special needs of our elderly, victims of domestic violence, and support of families in our parish. Newsletters are available in the foyer, or go to [www.caringfoundation@org.nz](mailto:www.caringfoundation@org.nz) to donate.

## God Enters our Hearts

They begged him to stay with them John 4:40 and Luke 24:29. Both the women/people of Samaria and the disciples of Emmaus begged Jesus to stay for he listened to what they to say. A day of reflection, listening and telling of Stories where we allow our *Hearts to be touch and our hopes lifted.* **Mary MacKillop Centre 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Facilitator: Jane O'Carroll sm; Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 10.0 a.m. – 3.0 p.m.** **Cost:** \$30 waged. \$20 unwaged; **Tea and Coffee provided.** **Please bring own lunch** **Registrations to** [Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au](mailto:Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au) **or phone 09 528 1801 by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

## The Catholic Discipleship College

invites you to a 10th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner 6pm Saturday 5th August | \$60 Ticket | Includes 3 course meal with a glass of bubbly on arrival | BYO drinks | Live Entertainment and Raffle | To book your ticket email [info@cdc.ac.nz](mailto:info@cdc.ac.nz) or call 09 489 8197 | RSVP by 24th July **See notice board for flyer**

## The latest Catholic Social Services

**newsletter** is now available in the foyer at the back of the Church for you to collect.

## Course on the Reformation

We are shaped by a past we may know nothing about. Find out about the Reformation and why it still matters 500 years on. **When:** Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> July (7-9pm) & Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> July (9-12.30pm). **Cost:** \$35 **Venue:** Columba Centre, Vermont St. Ponsonby. **Speaker:** Tim Cooper. Tim comes back to Auckland from Otago, Dunedin (by popular demand). Many people think History is boring and irrelevant. They could not be more wrong. Come along to this short course to find out how the Reformation of 500 years ago continues to matter even in twenty-first century New Zealand.

## Walk By Faith: Introduction Workshop:

**20<sup>th</sup> August, 2-4pm,** Pompallier Diocesan Centre, New St. This programme is supported by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference.

*See notice board for enrolment form*



Please join us for a cuppa after the 9.30 a.m. Mass **EVERYONE WELCOME!**