

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.

**DIOCESAN
YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY 24TH
SEPTEMBER
ST PATRICK'S
CATHEDRAL
7 p.m.**



DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS
HOSTED BY VINNIES' YOUTH AUCKLAND
CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF
ST VINCENT DE PAUL
SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2017
7PM AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

PROLIFE FACTS

Changes in the law are likely to be promoted in the new Parliament for both assisted suicide and abortion. The bulletin this week is aimed at providing churchgoers with information on where the various parties stand on one of these two major moral issues, assisted suicide.

Assisted Suicide.

MPs are due to vote on ACT MP David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill soon. Jacinda Ardern and most Labour MPs expressed support. Most National MPs have expressed opposition or reservations. Maori Party is against, the Greens allow it for terminal illness and are open to more grounds. NZ First supports a binding referendum and will bloc vote. More information is available at voiceforlife.org.nz and euthanasiafree.org.nz

MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses

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

RECONCILIATION

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

READINGS:

17th September

Psalm	103 p.113
1.	Ecus. 27:30-28:7
2.	Romans 14:7-9
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35

Next Week

Psalm	145 p.154
1.	Isaiah 55:6-9
2.	Phillippians 1:20-24,27
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16



Welcome to St Joseph's
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th September 2017

"Whatever You Bind ... Whatever You Loose"

In Matthew's Gospel three Sundays ago Jesus said to Peter: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven".

Last Sunday Jesus said the same to all the disciples.

In Catholic tradition, Jesus' entrusting authority to Peter and his apostles is considered central to the authority exercised by the pope, Peter's successor, and by all bishops, of the apostles.

A significant announcement by Pope Francis two weeks ago illustrates his commitment to this leadership by pope and bishops together.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) had entrusted to each country's bishops responsibility to approve translations of the liturgy from Latin into their local language. After all, they and their people would know their language best. Rome's role would be to "confirm" the translation, that is, formally accept and recognise the bishops' approval.

This arrangement worked until the 1990s when the Vatican office for worship started insisting on greater say in liturgical translations. This became most concerning when, in 2001, the Vatican issued new rules for translations and limited bishops' role in approving translations. The Vatican then rejected a new English translation of the Missal which the English-speaking bishops had submitted to Rome for confirmation in 1998, after 17 years' work. The bishops had no option but to translate the Missal again, under the new rules.

After 20 years of problems, Pope Francis has now changed some Church laws to make clear that each country's bishops can once again exercise their authority in this important area of Church life.

As in other decisions, e.g. the way he involved bishops in the Synods on the Family (2014-15), Pope Francis is committed to engaging the world's bishops in decision-making as envisaged by Vatican II - and by Jesus himself.

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 except Thursday.**

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 10th - 23rd September issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Please support our Catholic newspaper. **\$4 per copy** - please hand to Fr Pat.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

• **Extension: WISDOM: A Female Figure in the Bible** with Sr ALICE SINNOTT rsm. Mon 18 Sept, 10am-3pm. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch. \$30. This talk has been so enjoyed by participants (in July), that they requested MORE. Sr Alice has kindly agreed to an extension/additional day to continue to delve into the scriptures on this topic.

• **RETREAT Day with Joy Cowley** - 'From Head to Heart' Sat 23 Sept. 9.30am-4pm. \$65 limited places available. The retreat is about coming home to who we are - spiritual beings on a human journey. It is based on Catholic mysticism and how the maps of religious teaching guide us on the journey to the spaciousness of the heart. The path from the head to the heart can be called "devotion."

• **MEDITATION Retreat Day** with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. Sat 14 Oct. 9.30am-3.30pm. \$35. See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz



Please remember to donate to our weekly food bank. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you

Thursday 21st September at 5:45 pm Bastion Point above Mission Bay

The Peace Place invites You to an informal gathering to watch the sunset, share a picnic meal and a gift of prayer or heart-felt intention at Bastion Point - just to the left of the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial. Two days before our NZ government election, this is a timely moment to enjoy the natural beauty of our city and celebrate our hopes for the future. People of all faiths or no faith are welcome.

There will be an opportunity to share your hopes, prayers and intentions but there will be no pressure to do so. Your presence can speak for itself!

Meetings for All Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Holy Communion

We have begun the formation of our new Ministers of the Word and of Communion. We will now hold formation sessions for **all current and new ministers.**

A Formation session for **all Ministers of the Word** will be held on **Sunday 17 September at 3.30pm** in the church.

A Formation session for **all Ministers of Holy Communion** will be held on **Sunday 24 September at 3.30pm** in the church.

All ministers are requested to attend as some changes to our procedures will be introduced.

Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Cross** with the seminary staff and students. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00 pm on Monday 18 September.** Celebrant will be Bishop Emeritus Denis Browne.

St Patrick's Cathedral Race Day !! Saturday 30 September.



See notice board for registration form and details.

This week's reflection from the Catholic Bishops' statement on the 2017 General Election:

We **support efforts to bring about affordable housing.** Excessive rents and inflated house prices are leaving families homeless and young couples despondent. Without effective policies to support regional and provincial economic development and consequent employment we miss opportunities to alleviate this problem, which is worst in our biggest cities.

We are **deeply disturbed by the growing prison population** in New Zealand. It is a national disgrace. Crime rates have in fact fallen in NZ. What is driving the increase in prison numbers is changes to bail law, sentencing and parole. We want our communities to be safe. We want deterrents to be positive. Pathways of care and guidance, of participation and belonging, of work and purpose are what our at-risk young need, not corridors of bars and negative mentors.

FIT FOR MISSION

"Either you are with Jesus, with the spirit of Jesus, or you are with the spirit of the world." Pope Francis'

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us." Pope Francis.

Bus tour of historic pipe organs around Waikato for the Auckland Organ Association. **Saturday 30 September.** If interested in participating contact Ron Newton 0272047228 or Walter Nicholls 094440580. Tour leader: Dr Ron Newton. See notice board for full details..

From Just War to Just Peace

Friday evening Oct 13, and Study Day Sat Oct 14th At Holy Trinity Cathedral

REUNIONS !!

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL, OTARA, GOLDEN JUBILEE.

on October 20th and 21st, 2017. To register, go to www.facebook.com/stjohnsotara or call 09 274 8214 for a registration form to be sent to you. The Jubilee dinner costs \$30 per person, other Jubilee activities are free.

The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday 21st October **Marist School, Mt Albert warmly invites you to join us in celebrating our 90th Birthday!!!**

- ◆ **Saturday 28th October 2017** Join us for a Champagne High Tea and a trip down memory lane from 12pm-4pm. Tickets: \$35 adults, \$10 children 12 and under. **To purchase tickets visit www.marist.school.nz**
- ◆ **Sunday 29th October 2017** Celebrate Mass with us at St Mary's Church at 10am followed by refreshments in the school hall.

Attendance Dues Collections Assistant - Pompallier Centre Part-time position

This part-time position of 20 hours per week (flexible and includes some evening and Saturday hours), is to provide credit control administration support to the Revenue Manager in the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office. 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. Ideally applicants should have previous credit control and administration experience, good organisational skills with strong attention to detail, excellent written and oral communication skills and be a team player with integrity and dependability with the ability to work unsupervised. The ability to speak Samoan or Tongan would be advantageous, but not essential. Empathy with and commitment to upholding the values of the Catholic Church would be an advantage. Please send a cover letter and CV to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager, leannek@cda.org.nz. For more information on the Catholic Diocese of Auckland or to view the full job description please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under staff vacancies. **Applications close 29 September 2017**