

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 Men's Retreat "Dignity and Sanctity of Men" - Saturday 5th 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). There is a charge of \$25 pp to attend the retreat. Coffee, tea and snacks will be served. All men (*aged 18 years and older most welcome*). Retreat location: St Thomas More Catholic Church, Cnr. Glenfield & Wairau Roads, Glenfield. Speaker: Fr Dominique Faure. Further information contact: Facebook.com/catholicmenz or phone Basil on 0276-12585.



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER THE 9.30 a.m. Mass.

EVERYONE WELCOME !



Holy Cross Seminary

www.holycross.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 each week day
Rosary	5.30pm each week day

RECONCILIATION

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

READINGS:

9th July

Psalm 145 p.154
 1. Zech. 9:9-10
 2. Romans 8:9,11-13
 Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Next Week

Psalm 65 p.70
 1. Isaiah 55:10-11
 2. Romans 8:18-23
 Gospel Matthew 13:1-23



Welcome to St Joseph's

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th July 2017

Thursday's Confirmation Celebration

Congratulations to our children who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening. We had a lovely celebration, although it was a pity that Bishop Pat was unable to be present due to some ongoing health issues.

The children and their families entered so well into the spirit of the Mass. The readings highlighted how important it is that we realise how much God wants to be close to us, and wants us to know that we belong to God; that by the power of the Holy Spirit God will always care for us.

The children now look forward to the last stage of their initiation into the life of the Church through receiving the Eucharist. Their First Communion will take place early in September.

Justine Agnew has done such wonderful work in preparing the children for this special occasion. Thank you Justine!

Preparing for Pope Francis' Synod for Youth

Last Sunday I enjoyed a great meeting with members of the parish Youth Group. We talked about the Synod on Youth that Pope Francis has called for October 2018. In a new way of doing things, Pope Francis is wanting to hear from youth all over the world: not just Catholic young people; not even just Christians, but young people from every background or religion. As another notice in this newsletter indicates, all young people are invited to respond to a survey that Rome has made available on the internet. In New Zealand the bishops will be inviting young people to respond to another survey specially designed for this country. This will be available later this month.

Our parish youth are really keen for other young people in the parish to also get involved. More information will be appearing over the next few weeks.

God bless you all. Father 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 1st - 15th July issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Please support our Catholic newspaper. **\$4 per copy** - please hand to Fr Pat.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

- **** New TIME** Lectio Divina is now on Thursday afternoons at 2pm (after Christian Meditation) in Chapel Koha/Donation,** no booking required.

- **AND: The Journey and Fruits of Christian MEDITATION** with Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. Wed 5 July & Wed 12 July. 7-9pm. \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

- ♦ **RETREAT DAY More Than Words** with Gabrielle Daly. Saturday 15 July. 9.30am-2.30pm. \$35.

See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

YOUTH SURVEY

To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an on-line questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16-29 year olds around the world. The questionnaire can be found on the Synod's official site:

youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html and is open to any young person regardless of faith or religious belief. Young people from all backgrounds are encouraged to take part in the questionnaire.

Catholic Discipleship College

Night School 'Be transformed by the renewal of your mind' (Rom 12:2) Wed 12th July to 27th September | Twelve evening classes of Catholic formation in philosophy, theology and Scripture | \$139 for 12 weeks – registration required; \$15 on the door | Light supper provided | Email info@cdc.ac.nz or visit facebook.com/cdcnz to register | www.cdc.ac.nz | 09 489 8197
See notice board for flyer.

GRIEF PROGRAMMES

† Companion training for those wishing to accompany young people experiencing grief Tues & Wed 11/12 July, Pompallier Centre 10am-4pm Register by 7th July

† Weekend course for adults exploring the impact of grief & loss Sat and Sun Aug 5 & 6 - Mercy Spirituality Centre, The Drive, Epsom Contact Delia (360.360.3027 deliar@cda.org)
See noticeboard for details

Marian Movement of Priests New Zealand

Visit and Cenacle by Fr Francis Geremia CS to Auckland. Bishop Dunn has given his approval for this. Date: **Tuesday 25th July 2017 Time: 11am** Venue: Little Sisters of the Poor, 9 Tweed Street, Herne Bay, Auckland Format: Mass 11am, Shared Lunch (plate please), Cenacle Contacts: Palma Doyle 09 4199 105, Olga Cornwell 09 4183 428, Dianne Black 092697 672

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. 28th July (7-9pm) & Sat. 29th 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.

FIT FOR MISSION

Let us ask ourselves if we are parlour Christians, who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and the world, or apostles on the go, who confess Jesus with their lives because they hold him in their hearts.

(Pope Francis, Feast of SS Peter & Paul 2017)

Which kind am I?

Minister of Word & Minister of Communion

St Joseph's is asking for parishioners to think about helping with these important ministries. We are especially short of people for the evening Masses - 5.30pm Saturday, and 5pm Sunday. If you are interested please contact Fr Pat over the next week or two, by phone: 521 0871, or email: patrickb@xtra.co.nz

Answering the call to be a Minister of the Word or a Minister of Holy Communion enables us to enter into a deeper relationship with God in the celebration of the sacred liturgy.

PROLIFE FACTS

Earlier this year there was a series of first-hand accounts in some NZ publications. The theme was on how positive their abortion experience was. In contrast, a post-abortion counsellor at the Voice for Life AGM in Auckland shared with permission this letter that one of her clients wrote on the anniversary of her abortion (edited for size). "Things have moved on, yet I still have a longing to hold you, to see your eyes, to hear a baby's laughter. There is a little hole in my heart, a sad ache, which will never heal, no matter how many times I try to fill it. That part of my heart is forever with you my little boy. I wish I never let you go, to have crushed a little flower blooming. I don't forgive myself for doing that to you. A little boy is who I long to hold. I love you. You would have been gorgeous. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Mary, Our Model of Hope: All-Day Women's Retreat

with Fr Dominique Faure | Sunday 16th July 9am-4pm | Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided | \$30 Early Bird Registration, \$40 on the door | Eftpos available | Email info@cdc.ac.nz to register | 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Last chance for all young people (13-35 years) and those young at heart to register for World Youth Day Auckland held on 15 & 16 July. We already have 1500+ young people joining us. You wouldn't want to miss out on this opportunity. Register at (www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/youth-young-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/wydak17/) or contact Rochelle 022 309 2022.

The latest Catholic Social Services

newsletter is now available to read. You can read it on our website <http://www.cssauckland.org.nz> Alternatively there is a paper copy of the newsletter available in the foyer at the back of the Church for you to collect.



Frank Ryan, RIP

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Ryan, a parishioner of St Joseph's who died on Friday morning. We send sympathy and prayers to Julie and family.

May he rest in peace.