

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.

Theology of the Body out West for Teens

Friday evenings from 11th August to 29th September from 7pm till 9pm in the Hall at Holy Family Parish Te Atatu Peninsula. ToB is an 8 week programme for teens to discover the amazing truth about sexuality and God's plan for life, faith and love. It's positive, life affirming and fun. Teens will be grouped in same-sex groups with other teens of the same or similar age and maturity. Trained group leaders will use video resources including "Theology of the Body for Teens" and "YOU" (published by Ascension Press) and will run planned group activities and discussions which are completely Catholic in their approach. [See notice board for full details](#)

David Wells: Go! Announce the Good News – Exploring Mission Zeal

Tuesday 8 August Christ the King Church Owairaka 7.30-9.30
 Thursday 10 August St Francis Xavier Church, Whangarei 7.30 – 9.30
 These two sessions are the same.
 Saturday 12 August, St Columba Centre, Vermont St, Ponsonby, 10am-3.30 pm (BYO Lunch) The sessions on Saturday compliment but are different from Tuesday and Thursday. People will gain and enjoy attending both or just one gathering.

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
 Fr. Larry will be hosting the meeting and attendees are more than welcome to attend the 9am Mass.

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:

6th August
 Psalm 97 p.106
 1. 1 Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
 2. 2Peter 1:16-19
 Gospel Matthew 137:1-9

Next Week
 Psalm 85 p.90
 1. 1 Kg 19:9,11-13
 2. Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel Matthew 14:22-23



Welcome to St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
6th August 2017

Reflecting on the Eucharist - Part 2

Last week I reflected on the Eucharist as food not just for us as individuals, but for the whole Church. As the manna in the desert was food for the Israelites on their journey, the Eucharist strengthens the whole Church on its journey in the world today.

We receive Communion not only for our personal needs. By receiving Communion we are saying: *I commit myself to the Church and its mission, and I receive Communion so that the Body of Christ in the world may be stronger in and through me.*

Recently, on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, I introduced the practice of breaking the large hosts consecrated at Mass so that in Communion we all receive a broken portion of a large host instead of a familiar small round host.

Receiving a broken portion reminds us we are part of something greater than ourselves. We are sharing Communion with all the other people receiving the broken hosts. When we reply "Amen" to "The Body of Christ", we not only profess faith that the host is truly Christ's Body. We also commit ourselves in faith to the whole community of the Church with whom we share the Eucharist. It's like saying: "We're all in this together".

Furthermore, our parish children are now starting to prepare for their First Holy Communion in September. This will not only express their personal union with Jesus. It will mark their full initiation into membership of the Church, fully participating in its life and work.

However we look at it, we can't get away from the reality that receiving Communion commits us to one another. It is never simply an act of private or personal devotion. 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 30th July - 12th August issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Bishops listen to NZ youth....Auckland World Youth Day....PM Bill English at the Forum on the Family....Pope Francis approves another path for possible sainthood. Please support our Catholic newspaper. **\$4 per copy** - please hand to Fr Pat.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

◆**MUFFIN Meeting: Words I'm not saying** with Catherine Lipski. Tues. 15th Aug. 10am-12 noon. Cost: \$15 (incl. morning tea). Book prior to Thurs. 10th August.

◆**RETREAT DAY Benediction – The Good Words** with Kris Telfer & Fran Francis. **Sat 19th Aug 9.30am-4pm.** Cost: \$60 incl. lunch.

◆**Reflecting on Water** with Robin Kearns. Water is both a potent symbol and critical ingredient in the sustainability of life itself. This session will provoke, consider and reclaim water as critical to the currents of our everyday lives. **Tues. 22nd Aug. 7-9pm.** \$15.

◆**Dreamwork 102 Dreams of Death, Grief & Healing** with Margaret Bowater. **Sat. 26th Aug. 9.30am-4pm.** Cost: \$90. Limited places available.

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

The next Auckland Fiji Catholic Community Mass is on: **Sunday 13 August 2017** TIME: 2PM WHERE: 463 MT Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland. Our main celebrant is Fr Sateki Raass, Chaplain for Auckland Fiji Catholic Community.

THANK YOU to the many parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish, who purchased wheat bags or gave donations last weekend. Caritas has received **\$915.00** (\$1,830 actually – with the Government subsidy!) for their appeal for South Sudan. We have been humbled by your generosity. May God bless you all abundantly. Calvin & Lyn

The Cathedral Organ Series Saturdays @ 6

Is back for 2017. With three fabulous early evening concerts to warm the heart in winter. **We begin on the 19th August at 6 pm with Michael Stewart.** Michael Stewart is at the forefront of the younger generation of choral conductors in New Zealand, as well as being one of the country's leading concert organists. In June 2011 he was appointed Organist and Director of Music at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, after previously serving for five years as Director of Music of The Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. All concerts in the series are FREE with a retiring collection. Future concerts are Douglas Mews, 9 September at 6 pm and Director of Music and Cathedral Organist, James Tibbles 28 October 6 pm. *Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Durham Lane and Hobson Street.*

Beginning Experience - ALONE AGAIN?

Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience's is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date: Friday evening 8th-10th September. Cost: \$245 or early bird price of \$195 if paid by 27th August. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol evenings Ph: 428-4445 or leave message on 360-3054. Visit www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Walk By Faith: Introduction Workshop: 20th August, 2-4pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, New St. This programme is supported by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference. *See notice board for enrolment form.*

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/>

School News

Term 3 is underway and we are thrilled to announce that three of our students were nominated to attend the Catholic Caring Foundation Mass on Wednesday, 27th August at the Cathedral. The mission of the foundation is to "Promote the dignity of persons... to fulfill the command of Jesus Christ to love one's neighbour to supply with compassion and render assistance to people in need without regard to class, ethnicity, sex or creed" The staff were asked to select three students to receive a certificate in appreciation of the outstanding contribution they make to caring and helping others in need. They are George Breen, Isabella Lee and Alanah Brown. Congratulations to you all!

Also, one of our Year 6 students has been awarded a Scholarship to Sacred Heart College next year. Well done Paulo Tagaloa Fa'aleaga!

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND –15th -17th September at Allenby Park Hotel Manukau – BOOK NOW! – Phone (0800 362 686) or Christine & David Sloan, Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com or Phone 372-3581.

Choral Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 15 August at 7.30 pm we celebrate the Assumption of Mary with a Choral Mass featuring the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. This is also an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the musical tradition of the Catholic Church, music that is now often only heard in concert performances. *Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Durham Lane and Hobson Street.*

Youth Mass

All are welcome to the August Diocesan Youth Mass, hosted by the Central Region! It will be held on Sunday 27th August, starting with praise and worship at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. The theme is 'Who do you say I AM?' and Mass will be celebrated by Msgr Bernard Kiely. See Facebook page to join.

SAVE THE DATE !! →



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



FIT for MISSION

"Those who confess their faith in Jesus do as Peter and Paul did: they follow him to the end – not just part of the way, but to the very end. They also follow the Lord along his way, not our own ways. His way is that of new life, of joy and resurrection; it is also the way that passes through the cross and persecution."
Pope Francis June 2017

◆ **Which way are you travelling? Your way or Jesus' way?**