

**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.

**Jesus the Good Shepherd Prayer Group  
ABUNDANCE - A Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Enjoy a weekend of Praise & Worship, Inspiration Talks, Confession & Mass and Fellowship Activities Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 9am to 4.30pm at Fr. David Nolan Hall, St Joseph's School; 2 Taharoto Road, Takapuna  
Cost: \$15 Register online at <http://tiny.cc/LISS2017> OR email us at [admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz](mailto:admin@jesusthegoodshepherd.co.nz) OR contact Goretti on 021 025 63164 or Teresa on 021 242 7400

**Engagement Manager, Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC)**

We are looking for a creative and innovative person to help take the message and mission of the Catholic Church into the digital continent! The Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) connects people to the message and mission of the Catholic Church and has been helping people for nearly 60 years! We're moving from a reliance on print and television advertising to a focus on digital and social forms of media and we need someone to lead us through the implementation of a new strategy. The Engagement Manager will work closely with the NZCBC Communications Adviser and will require expertise in digital media and communications, project management skills, and the ability to build relationships, influence others and champion change. For more details on the role, or to apply, contact Amanda Grogan at [agrogan@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:agrogan@nzcbc.org.nz) or (021) 611 052.

**Applications close Monday, 18 September.**

**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:**

**10th September**

Psalm 95 p.104  
1. Ezekiel 33:7-9  
2. Romans 13:8-10  
Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

**Next Week**

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



*Welcome to St Joseph's*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
10th September 2017**

**Preparing for the New Zealand General Election**

Voting begins on Monday for the General Election in two weeks' time. Here is this week's reflection from the New Zealand bishops to help our preparation:

- **Care for our common home, mother earth**, is a centre stage global challenge. Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, has become an authoritative reference point in this quest. New Zealand's export-based economy has started to show its environmental limits, with increased greenhouse gas emissions, diffuse freshwater pollution and threats to biodiversity. Are we, as a nation, really pulling our weight on climate change when we plan to meet our commitments in this regard by simply buying carbon credits from other countries?
- We appreciate the **hard work ethic** of so many of our fellow citizens. We desire a **tax structure that is fair to low income earners** and respects the contributions of all workers to our society. In a globalised economy we recognise New Zealand has much to offer in the **upholding of sound business and investment ethics**.
- The wellbeing of all New Zealanders is of concern to everyone. **Mental health services and facilities** are a telling measure of a **society's attitude to its vulnerable**. Years of inadequate funding are resulting in much stress and angst in families, and our suicide rates bring shame upon us as a nation. We advocate a thorough review and strengthening of the mental health sector as part of an integrated health system.

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The Social Welfare Anti-Poverty Committee of the Auckland diocese Justice and Peace Commission has produced a leaflet, **Your Vote Counts (on poverty, just wages and family violence)**, which is available today.

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

104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

□ **WISDOM: A Female Figure in the Bible** with Sr ALICE SINNOTT rsm. Thurs 14 Sept. 7-9pm. \$15.

□ **RETREAT Day with Joy Cowley – 'From Head to Heart'** Sat 23 Sept. 9.30am-4pm. \$65 limited places available.

□ **Ignatian RETREAT in Daily Life** with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Thurs 7-9pm (6-week course) starting 28 Sept. \$118 incl. Book.

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)

## 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!*

## FIT FOR MISSION

*"That our parishes animated by a missionary spirit may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen"*

Pope Francis' prayer intention for September

**Is our parish/community animated by a missionary spirit?  
Or are we internally focussed?**

**CDC Night School** | 'Be transformed by the renewal of your mind' (Rom 12:2) | Every Wednesday until 27<sup>th</sup> September | Evening classes of Catholic formation in philosophy, theology and Scripture | **September 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Theology of the Body; September 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Living the Beatitudes** | \$15 on the door | Eftpos available | Light supper provided | 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna | [www.cdc.ac.nz](http://www.cdc.ac.nz)

**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.

## Cathedral Annual Appeal 9-10 September

St Patrick's Cathedral is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer



and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre.

Donations can be made via your planned giving envelope, in a special envelope in the foyer, or a direct credit can be made to **St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05** with contact details emailed to [kevin@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:kevin@stpatricks.org.nz) for tax purposes. Thank you.

## Social Justice Week: 10th – 16th September 2017

### Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours

*"I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people... are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome." – Pope Francis*

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference promotes Social Justice Week. During this week we apply Catholic social teaching to one particular issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme for parishes is *Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours*. Pope Francis highlights that many of the social issues we face today reflect a decline in social connectedness. This Social Justice Week, we invite everyone to take up the challenge to creatively reach out and weave deeper bonds of belonging in our whānau, our parish, and our wider community.

### General Election Preparation

The *Auckland Justice and Peace Commission* have prepared material in preparation for the election:

- The *Affordability of Housing Committee* of the Commission has produced a leaflet, **Housing Issues & the 2017 General Election**, available this week;
- The *Social Welfare Anti-Poverty Committee* of the Commission has produced a leaflet, **Your Vote Counts (on poverty, just wages and family violence)**, available next week.

The Commission is also holding a forum with election candidates on **Thursday 14 September**, 7-9 pm at St Columba Centre Vermont St (see notice board).

### 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..

### Choral Mass Exaltation of the Cross & Our Lady of Sorrows

*"Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).*

**6 pm Saturday 16 September** at St Patrick's Cathedral A Choral Mass celebrating the Exaltation of the Cross & Our Lady of Sorrows. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles.

*Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Durham Lane (\$2) and Hobson Street (\$4).*

### Requests....

### CHURCH CLEANING

**Volunteers** are needed to join our church cleaning roster to keep the inside of the church and sacristy tidy. Please contact Teresa at the parish office, or email our parish [stjosephsorakei@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjosephsorakei@xtra.co.nz)



**JOIN US FOR A CUPPA  
AFTER THE 9.30 AM MASS  
EVERYONE WELCOME !**

### 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.