

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.

UPCOMING COURSES FROM THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE

Want to know more about the Sacraments and their role in Catholic life then come enrol in our 3 day NZQA course TH601/RE200 :

Th601/Re200 Understanding the sacraments

Want to know more about the RCIA as a process rather than a programme then come enrol in our 18 hour NZQA course PM603:

PM603 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At: St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Free Car Parking. Enrol with m.beaumont@tci.ac.nz by **30th June 2017.**

See flyers on notice board for full details.

World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2017 | Registrations Open!

Registrations are now open for groups and individuals attending World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2017, as well as for volunteers! WYDAK17 will be held on the weekend of **15th/16th July**, with regional events happening on the Saturday, and prayer, the pilgrim walk and an exciting programme happening on the Sunday! Visit our website to register, or contact Rochelle (rochelld@cda.org.nz). Watch our promo video on Facebook to find out more info (*and to catch an Oscar-winning performance by one of our very own team members...!*)

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:

Ascension of the Lord
 Psalm 47 p.55
 1. Acts 1:1-11
 2. Ephesians 1:17-23
 Gospel Mathew 28:16-20

Next Week
 Psalm 104 p.115
 1. Acts 2:1-11
 2. 1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
 Gospel John:20:19-23



Welcome to St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
28th May 2017

A Promising Meeting!

About 40 parishioners took part in our very good parish meeting last Sunday.

We addressed three questions:

- What do you see as the strengths of our parish?
- What do you see as the gaps or weaknesses in our parish life?
- How do you suggest we respond to these needs, and develop our parish?

A summary of the responses is available today on the blue insert in your newsletter.

Richard Agnew, Finance Committee Chair, also gave a presentation, explaining the Committee's work and membership and some planned projects. Richard also announced that he is stepping down as chair and that Chris Southern is taking his place.

We thank Richard for his leadership and look forward to his continuing on the Committee. We also congratulate Chris on becoming chair and assure him of our support.

Some didn't seem to realise we have not had a Parish Pastoral Council for some years. Nor do we have a Liturgy Committee, or groups for such areas as Religious Education, Social Activities or Pastoral Care.

You will see it was suggested we form a small group to take the ideas from Sunday, prioritise them and help shape our parish development. I intend to take up that suggestion. A Parish Pastoral Council would be great, but more work is needed before that is possible.

Another point was made: that whatever is proposed, nothing can happen without people willing to do it, and that a parish cannot rely on just a few to do everything. This means we will be looking to you all to willingly contribute to our parish life and mission. We trust in the Spirit of Pentecost to enliven us and light up the way!

My thanks to all who assisted with Sunday's meeting, and all who participated.
 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 21st May - 3rd June issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines: Prime Minister a hit at De La Salle; Fatima centenary in Portugal; Ronald Rolheiser.... Spirituality for retirement.

Please support our Catholic newspaper. **\$4 per copy** - please hand to Fr Pat.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom.

♦**Redeeming the Word...** with Dr Mary Betz Wed. 31st May, 7-9pm. Cost: \$15.

♦**Enneagram Unit 2** with Marie Corbett. The Enneagram links some of the best Western psychological wisdom with our deeper spiritual questions. **Saturday 10th June 9.30am-4.30pm.** Cost: \$60.00. Please bring own lunch. Tea/coffee is provided.

♦**Health in Older Age – Honouring the Later Years** with Margi Montagu-Fryer & Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm **Part 1:** What happens to our bodies as we age? **Part 2:** 'The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully'. **Wed. 14th June 10am-3.30pm** Cost: \$35.00 BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Come for discussion, reflection and ritual to celebrate the challenges and blessings of aging. See website for more details.

Bookings essential. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

www.aucklandpriests.co.nz



BreakThrough is back!

We need actors ! See notice board

If you attended BreakThrough in 2015 and 2016 then be ready for a bigger, bolder and more exciting concert in 2017.

'From darkness to light'

This year we journey through the bible in song, drama and dance, to discover the true light of the world, Jesus our saviour. Featuring hits like Your grace is enough, Awesome God, Jesus, Soul on Fire, Come right now Holy Spirit & many more. Bands performing include Jesus the Good Shepherd, DRC NZ Praise Band, Fusion Youth Band, Christian Youth Revival & Lamb of God.

A fun feast for the whole family

Tickets will go online at Ticketmaster from end May (for \$25 only) **Please book the date – 19th August 2017, 7 p.m. Venue: Bruce Mason Centre.**

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship

invites all men to its next monthly meeting. Date: **Wed. 31st May, 7.30-9.30pm.** Speaker: Robert Loretz Topic: 'Hope'. Venue: 1 Fred Thomas Drive, St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. Want to know more? Contact Basil: 4435755 or 0272612585. **Looking forward to your presence.**

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

All women of the parish are invited to come and to bring a friend to our next meeting. Speaker: Anna Watson. Topic: Woman at the well (*John 4:*) Date: 30th May Time: 7.30pm Venue: St Anne's Parish Hall, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa. All inquiries welcome, phone Grace Rowland 577-3479. event.

"The Love of Christ urges us on." (2 Cor 5:14)

Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Tuesday, 30 May 2017 at Mountainside Lutheran Church 1 Harris Road, Mount Wellington 7.00pm- Ecumenical Service followed by shared supper **ALL WELCOME**

FIT FOR MISSION

All men, all women have a restlessness in their hearts. Listen to that restlessness," **Pope Francis says.** "It's not saying: 'Go out and proselytise.' No, no! **'Go and listen.'** Listening is the second step. The first: 'Get up and go'; the second: 'Listen.'

To whom have you really listened to this week?

Listen to understand, not to reply



Jubilee Bursaries For theology studies at University

The Bursaries are towards University fees for Theology courses. Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. Applications for Semester 2, 2017 close Wednesday, **31 May 2017.** For further information and an application pack, please contact Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz Ph 09 60-3091. Catholic Schools Office, Pompallier Diocesan Centre

Position Vacant Promoter/Manager Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand

Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand is an independent national section of Pax Christi International, an international faith-based peace movement. It promotes non-violence, respect for the environment, inter-faith dialogue and peace for all everywhere. Pax Christi is seeking a Promoter/Manager, paid, for 20 hours per week. Applicants need to have a good understanding of New Zealand's bicultural history and culture. If you are interested please send your CV and a covering letter to: paxnz@xtra.co.nz A job description is available on request. Closing date: 28th May 2017.

Youth Mass The May Diocesan Youth Mass is hosted by the East Region with the theme 'Why look up? I'm with you always!' It will be held this Sunday, 28th May, starting with praise and worship at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Fr Sam Pulanco is our main celebrant. All are welcome. \$2 parking available at Wilson's carpark (Durham Lane) and \$4 on (Hobson St). Feel free to share the poster among your networks or put it up on your notice boards. Click here to download the poster. Join the Facebook event.

Please join us for a cuppa after the 9.30 a.m. Mass to celebrate

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD EVERYONE WELCOME !

