

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.

We pray and celebrate with the twenty-one children receiving Jesus for the first time today

Thomas Beech
Sadie Budge
Ben Chandler
Arturo Fernandez-Cruz
Athina Jegels
Warren Lindsay
James McBride
Tess O'Connor
Esme Reid
Marcus Taylor
Unaloto Vaka'uta



David Bolivar
Gus Chamberlain
Chelsea Collins-Silva
Alyssa Jegels
Tailen Lindsay
Manuhili Mailangi
Juliet Neutze
Jade Olliffe
Koby Rowe
Ofa Vaka'uta

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.

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:

3rd September

Psalm 63 p.69
1. Jeremiah 20:7-9
2. Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Next Week

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



Welcome to St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3rd September 2017

As We Celebrate our Parish First Communion

Warmest congratulations to the twenty-one children receiving Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. We pray that God will bless you and your families on this happy day.

Receiving the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion is the most wonderful of all the ways that Jesus comes into our lives. He makes his home in us. He assures us that he will never abandon us, forget us or leave us to face the difficulties of life alone.

The Lord Jesus also assures us that we will always be part of his Body, the Church. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we may always know that we belong to the community of faith that we experience in our parish, or in any other community of the Church we may be part of in the course of our lives.

May all of us who gather together this Sunday, especially the families and friends of the children we welcome to God's table, celebrate with them, support them, and by our own lives be "examples of faith to inspire these children" (*Rite of Baptism*).

Our thanks to all who have helped the children to prepare for this wonderful day and to celebrate it so happily, and on behalf of the children and their parents, a special word of thanks to Mrs Justine Agnew for all her loving care, time and attentiveness.

God bless you all. Fr Pat

Fathers' Day

Happy Fathers' Day to all fathers in our parish!

*We hope you have a great day,
and truly enjoy the company and love of your families.*





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 27th August - 9th September issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: PNG Cardinal in South Auckland; Christian life should have joy as a hallmark; Ronald Rolheiser: Suicide - redeeming the memory of a loved one. Please support our Catholic newspaper. **\$4 per copy** - please hand to Fr Pat.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

☐ **MEDITATION WEEKEND: Finding God in All Things - An Ignatian Spirituality Seminar** with KEVIN GALLAGHER & LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Sat 9th 10am till Sun 10th Sept 3.30pm. Including all meals: Residential \$170 Non-Residential \$95.

☐ **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 or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

St Dominic's Catholic College at Henderson are celebrating their 50th Jubilee on **September 15th and 16th**. Registrations are now open on their Facebook page: St Dominic's College at Henderson - 50th Jubilee or on their website, www.stdoms.ac.nz OR Tina Allingham at tina@stdoms.ac.nz

FIT FOR MISSION

"A Christian can sow bitterness, can sow perplexity, and this is not Christian," Pope Francis said, adding: "whoever does this is not a good Christian. Sow hope: sow the oil of hope, sow the fragrance of hope, and not the vinegar of bitterness and hopelessness."

How can you sow hope? Where?

The Cathedral Organ Series Saturdays @ 6

Is back for 2017. With three fabulous early evening concerts to warm the heart in winter. Our next concert is Wellingtonian well known Organist and Composer Douglas Mews. Saturday 9 September at 6 pm. Douglas began playing the organ at St Patrick's Cathedral in Auckland, where his father (and first organ teacher) was choir conductor. His programme includes works by Mozart, Bach and Krebbs. All concerts in the series are **FREE** with a retiring collection. *Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Durham Lane (\$2) and Hobson Street (\$4).*

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

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

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).

Catholic Caring Foundation gives \$650,000 in community grants for 2017

Thanks to the loyal support of Catholics throughout the diocese, over 45 social agencies have received grants of a combined \$650,000 to care and support the most vulnerable in our community. These grants would not be possible without the support of caring and compassionate donors in parishes, schools and communities throughout the Auckland diocese. Please join us to continue to provide care and support for our most vulnerable. To donate and learn more, please visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz

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).

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'

An all-day discernment retreat with Sr Clare of the Beatitudes Community | Saturday 9th September, 9am-4:30pm | Talks - Eucharistic Adoration - Mass | Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided | Early bird (register & pay by Sept 6th): Single \$30, couple \$50; On the door: single \$40, couples \$70 | Eftpos available | Email cheryl@cdc.ac.nz to register | 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna | cdc.ac.nz

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

FOOD BANK

Please be generous and remember to donate food items to our food bank - collected each Sunday.



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.