

Sacramental Programme 2019

Reconciliation: Classes 3rd; 10th & 17th March

Celebration Tuesday 19th March

1st Holy Communion: Classes 5th; 19th; 26th May & 9th June

Celebration Corpus Christi 23rd June

Confirmation: Classes 1st; 8th & 15th September

Celebration Sunday 22nd September

Registration Forms are at the back of the Church, please complete and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Cut-off date is Sunday 3rd March

Your Parish of St. Francis & St. Therese appreciate any money you can contribute on a routine basis in order to maintain the premises and enable the Church to function. We encourage Parishioners to transfer money by way of **weekly** direct credit. All contributions/donations are

Tax Deductible. The Parish's Bank details are as follows:

Bank Account Name: RC Bishop of Auckland (Pt Chev)

Bank Account Number: BNZ Auckland 02-0100-0120982-017

The Radiance of GOD

...his clothing became white and dazzling

What was it like being in God's presence that was so apparent to the others?

Luke 9:29



St Francis and St Therese Parish

Parish Priest: Rev Fr John Webb



Mass Times: Monday 10am Christ the King Chapel, Selwyn Village

Wednesday 12pm Tuesday & Friday 9:15am

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am: **Reconciliation:** Sat 5pm or by appointment.

2nd Sunday of Lent 17th March 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18 Psalm: 26

2nd Rdg: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

There are times when things are going just right. We are on cloud nine, on a high. We wish these times would never end. But all too soon these times do end and we come down from the mountain, or the mountain comes crashing down on us. For Peter, James and John, for Jesus and for us, it is not up on the mountain where life is lived. Love is not proven in the peak moments of a person's life, but in the dogged perseverance of the daily journey. Can the willingness of Abram to trust inspire us to persevere? 'Some complain that God put thorns among roses; others give thanks that God put roses among thorns'. Lent invites us to open up to God and to allow God to work through us. But opening up to God is just the first step. The next step is to recognise God's presence and action in our lives. Lent gives us time for such recognition.

Break open the Word

Please keep these Children in your prayers as they will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday the 19th of March.

Mia Archipow, Lola Brown, Scarlett Brown, Emily Bugg, Jessica Bugg, Daniel Clark, Samuel Edmonds, Charlie Falloon, Taylor Falloon, Liam Gallurah, Riley Gillett, Samuel Jaggard, Sasha Jaggard, Sian Jones, Oliver Knight, Jacinta Lawrence, Thomas Malone, Grace Maunsell, Micaela Maureira-Maci, Grace McCarthy, Kimberly Middleton, Payton Mokomoko, Aiden Noronha, Mila Pye, Jimi Samuels, Georgia Skinner, Max Skinner, Keegan Smith, Isabella Stuart, James Sugden, Nicholas Sugden, Malachi Taie, Chloe Talaic, Grayson Timoteo, Ava Uhila, Lily Uhila, Juliet White, Richard Woolley.

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Email: stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz **Secretary:** Miss Alyssa Laufiso

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 2:30pm; except Thursday Office Closed.

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To what extent is the radiance of God visible in your life today?

Pray For The Sick

Peter Lennard, Ben Hagglund,
Kathleen Webb, Joan Turner,
San-Mooi Chan, Tony Soon,
Audrey Murphy, Audrey Earl, Teresa Mann.

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for all those who are recently deceased.
Please pray also for all those whose
Anniversaries occur around this time.

Dates to Remember

MARCH:

17th Final 1st Reconciliation Class
18th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
19th 1st Reconciliation Service
26th Finance Committee Meeting 7:30pm

APRIL:

12th School Term 1 ends
15th **Easter Reconciliations**
16th **Passover Meal**
18th **Holy Thursday 7:30pm**
19th **Good Friday 3pm**
20th **Easter Vigil 8pm**
21st **Easter Sunday 9am**
25th **ANZAC Day Mass 9:15am**
29th School Term 2 begins

Help!

We need more people to take part in some of the Ministries. If anyone is interested and willing to commit to a Ministry that has spaces available please put your name and contact details down on the spreadsheets which you will find at the back of the Church. If you have any questions please let the Parish Secretary know.

Upcoming Readings

23rd & 24th March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Rdg: Exodus 3:1-8

Psalm: 102

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Ministry Roster

23rd & 24th March

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Set Up – E Pollard
1st Reader – T Keenan
2nd Reader - M Keenan
Welcome/PoF – M van den Hurk
Communion - E Pollard & M Rodrigues
Altar Servers - Caleb/Renee
Projector – J Finnemore

9:00am Sunday

Set Up – D Treadaway
1st Reader – K Dillon
2nd Reader - N Whitehead
Welcome/PoF – E Vernon
Communion - D Treadaway & M Hubbers
Altar Servers - Alisha, Michayla, JoJo, Hannah
Projector – Archana Korshapati

GENERAL:

Children's Liturgy: Pip
Cleaning – Carmel Hoeft & Janet Skinner
Counting – Roy & Maree van den Hurk

Accommodation Wanted: Ralph, musician at St Mary's Parish in Northcote, is looking to house share. Works in Takapuna and willing to pay up to \$200 per week including expenses. Contact Ralph 0223697137

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Join the Auckland diocesan pilgrimage, led by our Vicar General, Monsignor Bernard Kiely, and our diocesan Media & Communications person, Dame Lyndsay Freer. Departing **Saturday 14 September**, this 15-night pilgrimage offers superior accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, daily Mass for our group and outstanding local guides. See the Gospels come alive as we retrace the steps of Jesus from his Nativity to Calvary. For further details contact the organiser, Harvest Journeys, on their free-calling number (0800) 819 156 or visit www.harvestjourneys.com or call Lyndsay on (021) 272 4895.

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session. This series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence. These are all stand-alone events and complimentary events. You are welcome to come to one, two, or them all... **22 March** – Br Roger of Taize: Man of Forgiveness and Reconciliation with ANNE WARREN chf (Repeated on Wed 27 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15) **Dreamwork 202 Workshops: A Series of Skill-Development Groups** (3hrs each) with Margaret Bowater. Friday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm. (22 March, 31 May, 19 July, 20 Sep, 22 Nov) \$40 per session, or \$150 for any 4 sessions. **RETREAT WEEKEND When the Well Seems Dry** with Joy Cowley & Fr John O'Connor. Sat 23 & Sun 24 Mar, 9.30am-4pm. \$195 incl. lunch, tea & coffee. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

Catholic Caring Foundation Want to make a difference to our community? Then please consider gifting to the foundation. **Annual Grants** The foundation is now receiving grant applications from social service agencies and charities throughout the Auckland diocese who work to support and strengthen families and communities. Applications close on 12th of April. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

You are invited to a guided Stations of the Cross @ the Lower Lawn of St. Francis' Friary and Retreat Centre every Saturday morning from 10.30 am beginning 16 March to 23 April 2019. At other times, you are welcome to make the stations at your own time on the grounds. **Time Out Days 9.30am—2.30pm** 6th March—Ash Wed, 4th April, 1st May, 5th June, 10th July, 21st Aug, 8th Oct, 6th Nov, 11th Dec. Days of prayerful reflection & tasty lunch. – Cost \$30 Please phone 09 625 6651 or email admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz to secure your booking.

Lenten Prayer for Life: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book. If possible, please, also join the prayerful witness to life across the road from AMAC 283-289 Dominion Rd., Mt Eden on all or any of these Wednesdays March 6,13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm). To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz

Central Auckland Grief Support is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 23 Mar 2 pm in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.

Unsure on how you could give back to the community this Lenten season? Then why not join the **ACYM Outreach** team on Tuesday, 19 March at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre from 6pm onwards! We will be making delicious Easter eggs for families at Monte Cecilia Housing and sharing more about the importance of serving others. For more information or contact Rochelle on 0223092022.