

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY 14th April:

If you have or know anyone who will allow us to take Macrocarpa or Conifer palm cuttings for our Palm Sunday celebration, please contact the Parish Office

LENTEN RECONCILIATION Monday 15th April 7pm

All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this.

PASSOVER MEAL: TUESDAY 16th April 6PM

Registration for **attendance** is at the back of the Church, please fill in your details if you intend on joining this educational and fun evening.

If you are able and willing to **donate a simple meal, red wine or grape juice** or help out in any other way, please enter your details on the sheet also at the back of the Church.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND HOT CROSS BUNS:

We will hold our annual Easter Egg hunt after the **Easter Sunday Mass (April 21st)**. Paper laminated eggs will be hidden around the Presbytery grounds (outside only), kids will exchange them for chocolate eggs. Morning tea and hot cross buns will also be served on the lawn. We will need youth and parent help for set-up and clean up on that day, please contact either Marena on 027 486 4130 or Esther on 0211093490.

Easter egg donation boxes have been placed at the back of the church and at the school office.

EASTER WEEKEND 2nd COLLECTION

A 2nd collection will be taken during our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses specifically for the Parish Building Fund.

MINISTERS AVAILABILITY FOR HOLY WEEK

If you are available to serve during Holy Week, please contact the Parish Office.

Light a Candle, say a prayer, be kind and remember those across the world who have suffered senselessly at the hands of hate. Works of Love can overcome #God is here.



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.



4th Sunday of Lent 31st March 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm: 33 2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Today was once called Laetare (rejoice) Sunday. All three readings give reasons to rejoice, and the key reason is: 'Taste and see the goodness of the Lord' – the prodigal goodness of God.

As we read this story of the prodigal son (father?) it could be interesting to identify which of the characters we are most like. Is it the son who takes what is his, does his own thing, comes to his senses and returns to his father seeking forgiveness? Is it the older son who is faithful and reliable and who cannot understand his father's reaction to his returning brother? Is it the father? And what image of God do we have from this story? Break open the Word



Please let the office staff know if you are available to serve during Holy Week.

Passover Meal
Are you coming?

Fr John will be away from the Parish from after Mass Sunday 7th April returning Friday 12th April. Secretary will be away 10th – 12th April.

Address: 46 Pt Chevalier Road, Pt Chevalier. **Ph:** 09 846 7612, **Fax:** 09 846 7616,
Email: stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz **Secretary:** Miss Alyssa Laufiso
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 2:30pm; except Thursday Office Closed.
Parish Account: RC Bishop of Auckland (Pt Chev) BNZ Auckland 02-0100-0120982-017

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 especially Alexi Archipow.

Please pray also for all those whose Anniversaries occur around this time.

Dates to Remember

APRIL:

8-10th Father is away

10-12th Secretary is away

12th School Term 1 ends

14th Palm Sunday

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

Your **2018 TAX DONATION RECEIPTS** and new envelopes will be available at the back of the Church next weekend.

If you would like to join the Pledge Giving Envelope Scheme, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Upcoming Readings

6th & 7th April

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Rdg: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: 125

2nd Rdg: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Ministry Roster

6th & 7th April

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Set Up – M Rodrigues
1st Reader – Chrystal Rodrigues
2nd Reader – CJ Rodrigues
Welcome/PoF – L Chiew
Communion – M Rodrigues/A King
Altar Servers – Caleb/Renee
Projector – J Skinner

9:00am Sunday

Set Up – A Steffany
1st Reader – E Ibbetson
2nd Reader – E Vernon
Welcome/PoF – I Ah Tong
Communion – A Steffany & M Smallridge
Altar Servers – Hannah / Macarena / Michayla / JoJo
Projector – Faith Moa

GENERAL:

Children's Liturgy: To Be Confirmed

Cleaning – Wendy Kay

Counting – Wendy Kay

Help!

We need more people to take part in some of the Ministries.

If interested and willing to commit to a Ministry please put your name and contact details down on the spreadsheets at the back of the Church.

Training will be made available if needed.

Lenten Prayer for Life: From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join 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 April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm)**. To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz

LENTEN RETREAT: St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Avondale are holding their Annual Lenten Retreat. **10th – 12th April:** Theme: **Divine Renovation “Rebuild my Church”**. Wednesday 6:30pm Rosary, Novena followed by Mass with Reflection; Thursday 7pm Lenten Reconciliation Rite II & Friday 6:30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Reflection and Mass.

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

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz **LENTEN SERIES: Dreamwork 202 Workshops: A Series of Skill-Development Groups** (3hrs each) with Margaret Bowater. Friday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm. (31 May, 19 July, 20 Sep, 22 Nov) \$40 per session, or \$150 for any 4 sessions.

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.

EUTHANASIA DEBATE this Monday **1 April, 7-9pm at Netball North Harbour, 44 Northcote Rd, Takapuna**. MPs will soon be voting on this life-or-death issue which will affect all New Zealanders. Hon Maggie Barry MP, Sir Bill English and visiting Canadian palliative care expert Dr Leonie Herx will all speak against the bill, and need our whole-hearted support. Please attend if you can, and also let others know.

Sacramental Programme 2019

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