

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.



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.



5th Sunday of Lent 7th April 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm: 125 2nd Rdg: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone'. Those who live in glass houses cannot afford to throw stones! Today's Gospel confronts our willingness to judge others by our own standards and to condemn them as inferior. Those who truly know themselves realise that judging others is a very risky business since one day God may judge us in the same way. Life's journey has its ups and downs. From childhood to adolescence to adulthood; from inexperience to experience; from success to failure; from sin to repentance; from death to life. To each person's life experience today's readings can speak. 'The great gift of being a human being lies in our freedom to continually right our wrongs and make new persons of ourselves'. *Old Chinese Saying*.

Break open the Word



It is Mrs Booth's last week at School next week. After dedicating the past 20 Years to our School, we say thank you for your faith, leadership and commitment. We wish you well in all future endeavours and will keep you in our prayers. God bless you and your family.

Fr John will be away from the Parish from after Mass Sunday 7th April returning Friday 12th April. The Secretary will be away 10th – 12th April. There will be a Communion Service on Monday at Selwyn Village and in the Church on Wednesday 10th: No Mass or Service on Tuesday.

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

Your **2018 TAX DONATION RECEIPTS** and new envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Parishioners of Selwyn Village will have theirs delivered to them.

Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries or if you would like to join the Giving Scheme.



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 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

13th & 14th April

Palm Sunday

1st Rdg: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 21

2nd Rdg: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49 (The Passion)

HOLY WEEK

Rosters will be advised early next week.

Unfortunately over the past 3 weeks only

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Ministers have confirmed availability!

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.

Sacramental Programme 2019

1st Holy Communion:

Classes 5th; 19th; 26th May & 9th June

Celebration Corpus Christi
23rd June

Euthanasia Bill Petition - the Euthanasia Bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its second reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz. **We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17+ years) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill.** There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish on the weekends of **6-7 & 13-14 April**.

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

Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn. Sunday 14 April @ 7pm. Come join caring people from all over Auckland in an annual peaceful prayer vigil outside AMAC where more than 1000 babies lose their lives to abortion every year. We mourn their lives and pray for healing for all those impacted by the tragedy of abortion and for the conversion of clinic workers. 283 Dominion Road, Mt Eden

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend: In Auckland, Fri evening 14 June-Sunday afternoon 16 June 2019. A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, divorce or widowhood. The programme provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials and follow-up event is \$325. Early Bird concession \$295 if paid by 3 May. For further information contact Carol (021) 169 0222 or Bev (09) 298 9943 or www.beginningexperience.org.nz.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Join the Auckland diocesan pilgrimage, led by our Vicar General, Monsignor Bernard Kiely, Dame Lyndsay Freer. Departing **Saturday 14 September**, this 15-night pilgrimage. 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.