

From our School Bulletin

School Mass: Thank you to all of the families who joined us to celebrate our School Ukulele Mass last Sunday. The church was packed, the singing was beautiful and the ukuleles were great. It is so lovely when we come together as a community like that. Thank you to all the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to organise events like this.

Special Character Review: Every three years all Catholic Schools in Auckland go through a Special Character Review by the Catholic Schools Office. Our next review is scheduled for Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 November 2019. This will be a wonderful opportunity to show how amazing our children and teachers are and to display our strong Catholic faith and School Charism. Closer to the time I will send out an invitation to all parents to be part of the "Community Conversation" with representatives from Catholic Schools Office, where they ask for opinions on how well our school incorporates the Catholic faith into the lives of our children

St Francis Food & Wine Festival

Saturday November 16, from 12-5pm

Our Parish is running the Devonshire Tea for this festival.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

School Garden to Table fundraiser:

Cook Book - Bounty,

Cooking with Vegetables \$39.95 each.

\$5 to the school.

If interested, please contact the school directly.

Makes a great Christmas Present.

Pt Chevalier Community News – Please look out for our kids

Recently a few of our children have had some uncomfortable interactions with members of the public at, and around, the Pt Chevalier Library. I am extremely proud of the way our children have handled themselves in these situations. If your children are anywhere near the Pt Chevalier Library / shops please keep a close eye on them as there are some 'unsavoury characters' loitering around there.

On **Wednesday 11 September** there will be a Crime Prevention Meeting at the **Pt Chevalier RSA from 7-9pm**. This is organised by a number of Local Board Election candidates and Neighbourhood Support, with the guest speaker Sergeant Brendon Muri from the NZ Police.

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm: 116

2nd Rdg: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

For the last few Sundays the Gospel has presented Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem giving instructions on how we should live our lives and the hard choices involved. Today's Gospel concludes these instructions with the promise that people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. But the door to the dining room is narrow and will not be open indefinitely. Some who thought they had a right to the feast will find themselves locked outside because they have not been prepared to make the hard decisions necessary to enter the banquet hall.

You may know the poem about the guy who had too much to drink. He collapses in the gutter and finds himself lying next to a pig. The poem concludes: 'You can tell a man who boozes by the company he chooses – and at that the pig got up and walked away'. Some people are very choosy about those with whom they deign to have contact. They might be in for a surprise if they find themselves seated together at the feast of heaven; or worse, if they find themselves excluded from the banquet while others, too far below their dignity here on earth, are invited into the celebration. **Break Open the Word**

All Catholics are encouraged to have their say about the proposed alternative abortion law currently before parliament. **The submission process closes in four weeks on Thursday 19 September:**

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill

Mass Times in Fr John's absence: Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday: 9am

Monday: 10am Selwyn Village: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: No Mass

Wednesday: Communion Service at Midday

Normal Mass routine from 21st September.

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

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St Francis School Principal: Mrs Lisa Bateman Ph: 846 4696

Pray For The Sick

Peter Lennard, Ben Hagglund,
Joan Turner, San-Mooi Chan, Tony Soon,
Audrey Earl, Noelle Antelme,
Fr Maurice Ford, Fr John Webb,
Deacon David Marshall,
Carlo and Maureen Barbafera,
Robbie Rowe, Frances McLeod,
Dominic Levido & Katica (Katie) Gabric

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for all those who are recently deceased especially **Teresa Mann,**
Bishop Stuart O'Connell, Ena Rose Letele
Fr David Whelan, Jocelyn Morris & Mrs Gina Da Ros.
Please pray also for all those whose Anniversaries occur around this time.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER:

8th Confirmation classes begin
21st Father John returns to the Parish
27th Last day of School Term 3
29th Confirmation Service 11am

OCTOBER:

1st Feast of St Therese
4th Feast of St Francis of Assisi
5th Feast Day Animal blessing
14th Parish Council Meeting
14th Back to School
15th Finance Committee Meeting

Upcoming Readings

31st August & 1st September 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Rdg: Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm: 116
2nd Rdg: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Ministry Roster

31st August & 1st September 2019

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Welcome/PoF – Jenny Grace
1st Reader – Peter Grace
2nd Reader – Dom Hines
Communion – Alicia King
Pat Brosnan &
Jane Finnemore
Projector – Lai Peng Chiew

9:00am Sunday

Welcome/PoF – Emma Ibbetson
1st Reader – Krishanie Lawrence
2nd Reader – Clare Goldwater
Communion – Marie Peterken
Deane Treadaway &
Terence Creagh
Projector – Patricia Hurrell

GENERAL:

Children's Liturgy: Sonja Low
Cleaning – Carla & Neil Sheldon
Counting – Steve & Michelle Walls

Due to repeated requests from Parishioners who told us few people carry cash, we have ordered a Gift Giving tap'n'go donation device. We will place this at the back of the Church later this month for those Parishioners that prefer this method of making donations.

There will not be a regular **Joshua meeting** on 28 August at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. In place all are requested to meet at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield for a talk on **'REFUGEES & MIGRATION - THE UNTOLD STORIES OF HOPE'**. It will start at **7.00pm** (not 7.30pm). We hope to see you there for the gathering and fellowship.

If you need additional information please contact **Russell at 022 0345 678**. The Sept Joshua meeting will take place as usual on **Wed 25 at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna**.

Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from 29th August to 8th September 2019 at 6.30pm. We invite all families and friends to come to St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale and join the pilgrimage. Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop Denis Browne and also Priests from different Parishes will celebrate Holy Mass each evening. Through Mother Mary's powerful intercession, your prayers and petitions will find favour with her Son Jesus Christ. For more details please call Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798 God Bless

Beyond Conflict : Evolution., Science and God. A two day conference at Otago University Business school. **30/31 August.** All Welcome. Scholarships available to students for subsidised travel, accommodation and/or registration through Nicola Hoggard hoggard.n@gmail.com. For more information and to register otago.ac.nz/beyond-conflict.



The latest issue
in your church
Sunday
Aug. 25

This week's headlines are:

- Revitalising parishes Monday to Saturday.
- Fr Martin Wu ordained in Auckland.
- Bishop Stuart O'Connell was approachable and encouraging.
- Soup for southern souls – and bodies.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

Classes (straight after 9am Mass – 11am)

8th; 15th & 22nd of September

Ceremony: Sunday 29th of September 11am

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or have a child who has completed First Holy Communion and you would like to participate in the Confirmation Programme please contact Mrs Marena Hubbers via email marena@nzohs.co.nz or 0274864130 before the 25th of August.



Baptism preparation class led by Mrs Marena Hubbers.

2nd Sunday of every month next class **8th September 11:30am – 12:30am**

COMING SOON!





Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS

NARROW

DOOR

TAUGHT

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FEAST

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KINGDOM

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Rosters for Sep & Oct 2019

VIGIL MASSES

Date	Welcome & POF	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion	Projector
7th September	Lai Peng Chiew	Ceejay Rodrigues	Chrysal Rodrigues	Maclod Rodrigues Jane Finnemore & Pat Brosnan	Dom Hines
14th September	Jenny Grace	Michael Keenan	Theresa Keenan	Maureen Frost Jane Finnemore & Alicia King	Lai Peng Chiew
21st September	Maree van den Hurk	Peter Grace	David Reid	Susan Milne & Pat Brosnan	Janet Skinner
28th September	Janet Skinner	Geraldine Corray	Dominic Hines	Alicia King & Maureen Frost	Jane Finnemore
5th October	Lai Peng Chiew	Hugh Finnemore	Helen Borich	Pat Brosnan & Alicia King	Catherine Borich
12th October	Jenny Grace	Chrysal Rodrigues	Ceejay Rodrigues	Maclod Rodrigues & Jane Finnemore	Paula Whitfield
19th October	Maree van den Hurk	Theresa Keenan	Michael Keenan	Pat Brosnan & Alicia King	Dom Hines
26th October	Janet Skinner	Virginia Hunt	Krishanie Lawrence	Susan Milne & Maureen Frost	Lai Peng Chiew

SUNDAY MASSES

Date	Welcome & POF	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Communion	Projector
8th September	Ima Ah Tong	Dan Wright	Maria Slade	Marie Peterken Mary Gruiters & Deane Treadaway	Patricia Hurrell
15th September	Pauline Limsico	Esther Vernon	Kate Dillon	Terence Creagh Emma Ibbetson & Margaret Smallridge	Max Limsico
22nd September	Emma Ibbetson	David Schischka	Christine Smith	A & A Korshopati	MDM Choir
29th September	Ima Ah Tong	Terence Creagh	Clare Goldwater	Louise Brabant & Mary Gruiters	Archana Korshopati
29th September	PARISH CONFIRMATION MASS - BISHOP DENIS BROWNE 11AM				
6th October	Pauline Limsico	Margaret Gilvray	Ima Ah Tong	Marie Peterken & Deane Treadaway	Patricia Hurrell
13th October	Emma Ibbetson	Laureen Simmonds	Jo Joyce	Terence Creagh & Margaret Smallridge	Max Limsico
20th October	Ima Ah Tong	Esther Vernon	Emma Ibbetson	A & A Korshopati	Archana Korshopati
27th October	Pauline Limsico	Christine Smith	David Schischka	Louise Brabant & Mary Gruiters	MDM Choir

NB: Altar Servers please refer to your roster created and sent separately by Mrs Hubbers.