

Friends of St Francis School:

We're delighted to confirm our summer **St Francis Food & Wine Festival** returns this year! Save the date of Saturday, **November 16, from 12-5pm** in your calendars and 'like' our Facebook page, St Francis Food & Wine Festival. Please share this page with your friends – the more people that know about our event the more funds we'll raise for the large-scale landscaping project of the lower field. To make this festival even more successful than 2017, we really need your help!

Bakers: Baked goods are hugely popular on the day. We need to know if someone can bake – at scale. And cupcakes are a real favourite. If you have access to a commercial kitchen, or know someone who does, we'd love it if they can bake a lot of cupcakes in the days leading up to the festival. All ingredients will be provided.

Preserves, chutneys and jars: Any donations of already bottled preserves, jars and preserving equipment are gratefully received from now on. There will be a box in the office, where you can leave any donations.

Our Parish is running the Devonshire Tea for this festival.

If you would like further 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.

[This week at Garden to Table:](#)



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.

The Feast of the Assumption 18th August 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 Psalm: 44

2nd Rdg: Corinthians 15:20-26 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Mary is a model of faith for us. She is the courageous believer, strong in trust, alert to see the workings of God in her life. Mary is a real woman who walked the road of life before us. She is there to encourage us to be people of faith, listeners to God, followers of her Son, bringers of his love to those in need in our world. In Mary our liberation from death, our resurrection, is anticipated.

Mary is 'blessed' because she listened to God's word, a supreme example of the receptive hearer. Mary's greatness does not lie in her physical privileges. Her greatness lies in her unconditional assent, in word and deed, to God's gifts to her. Mary's greatness lies more in the fact that she believed the word of God and acted on it, rather than in her physical motherhood. Mary believed in a God who wanted to become actively involved in her life.

Break Open the Word



Welcome back Fr Ezio!

Mass Times in Fr John's absence

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9am

Monday: 10am Selwyn Village

*Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: No Mass
(except a School Mass on 6th September)*

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.

Parish Account: RC Bishop of Auckland (Pt Chev) BNZ Auckland 02-0100-0120982-017

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

Dates to Remember

AUGUST:

16th Father John overseas
21st Parish Office Closed – Diocese Mtg

SEPTEMBER:

8th Confirmation classes begin
21st Father John returns to the Parish
29th Confirmation Service 11am

OCTOBER:

14th Parish Council Meeting
15th Finance Committee Meeting

Baptism preparation class led by
Mrs Marena Hubbers.

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

Upcoming Readings

24th & 25th August 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

24th & 25th August 2019

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Welcome/PoF – Lai Peng Chiew
1st Reader – Geraldine Corray
2nd Reader – Lena Hehea
Communion – Susan Milne
Maureen Frost &
Alicia King
Projector – Janet Skinner

9:00am Sunday

Welcome/PoF – Pauline Limsico
1st Reader – David Schischka
2nd Reader – Christine Smith
Communion – Louise Brabant
Mary Gruiters &
Emma Ibbetson
Projector – Dom Hines

GENERAL:

Children's Liturgy: Sonja Low
Cleaning – Helen Borich
David & Jo Joyce
Counting – Margaret Smallridge &
Emma Ibbetson

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.

Mercy Spirituality Centre @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or

info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **DREAMWORK 201: Resolving Nightmares (6hrs)** with MARGARET BOWATER. **Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm.** \$95. This is a second-level workshop. You will practice skills of respectful enquiry and role-interviews; and learn how to recognise and respond appropriately to trauma dreams and nightmares.
- **RETREAT DAY: Thank you – A day to celebrate our thanks to God for something for which we are grateful** with FRAN FRANCIS & KRIS TELFER. **Sat 24 Aug, 9.30am-4pm.** \$65 incl. lunch.

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

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.

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.



COMING SOON!

