

From our School Bulletin

Friends of St Francis Update: St Francis Food & Wine Festival!

Put **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. It's going to be a great day with a terrific line up of entertainment, food and drinks.

- A big thank you to Vuksich and Borich, major sponsors of this year's Wine and Food Festival. We are very grateful for their support – please spread the word about how this business supports our school and support them where you can.
- Selling your house with the Professionals? Thanks also to The Professionals who are sponsoring a food stall this year. Derek and Lawrence have offered to increase their sponsorship if anyone lists and sells with them before November and tells them they chose the professionals because they support St Francis Catholic School.
- Preserves, chutneys: Thanks for your donations of preserving jars. We're now seeking already bottled preserves. There is a box in the office, where you can leave any.
- Ice cream containers with lids: If you have any spares, please drop them to the office.
- Loan equipment: We are looking to borrow the following items: Power boards, extension cords, 4 x rice cookers, 6 x chilli bins, 3 x baine marie. These would need to be clearly labelled and dropped off at the school the week prior to 16 November. If you can loan any of these items please can you advise Lisa Dixon on lisa.dixon01@gmail.com or 022 121 9537. She will follow up and confirm with you 2 weeks out.
- Cakes and slices: Heads up that we'll be asking everyone to contribute some delicious home made goodies to be sold on the day at our wonderful Sweets Shack. Each class will be assigned a different type of sweet to bake and you'll be emailed with what your class is being asked for. You will receive a box or container and are asked to please return your amazing baking in it on the morning of Friday 15th November.

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.

Volunteers needed for Cleaning Ministry to join a team of 2 others. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Wisdom 9:13-18 Psalm: 89

2nd Rdg: St Paul to Philemon 9-10 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

'Even after long and careful rereading, the demands of the Gospel surprise or even shock us. They are so contrary to established human wisdom! They promote attitudes and ways of acting so opposite to our most common behaviour! Shouldn't they be modified, nuanced in such a way as to be acceptable? ... The principles the Gospel lays out are to be applied when convenient and inconvenient. Ultimately, the Gospel poses these demands as essential conditions for having a share in the kingdom, for being truly happy. It is impossible, consequently, to evade these obstacles, to sneak through by subterfuge and subtlety. The workings of the mind of God are beyond the capacity of our human knowledge'.

Days of the Lord

All are called to be disciples of Christ. There is no option to have a rest! Those baptised in Christ are called to a discipleship that is total, unconditional and permanent. It is a way of living our whole life. Today's Gospel develops the challenge of discipleship which Jesus places before the crowds.

Break Open the Word

Social Justice Week 8th – 14th September

This weekend is the ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph is the spiritual 'home' to all Catholics in the Diocese - a treasury of our Catholic heritage and history in Auckland and New Zealand. The Cathedral strives to serve all peoples and be a 'House of God, Icon of Christ, Place of Prayer and Oasis of Peace' in Auckland's busy city centre. Maintaining the Cathedral in pristine condition requires ongoing care, attention and considerable funding. Each year, close to \$100,000 needs to be found to keep up with the long-term maintenance of the church, over and above the day-to-day maintenance costs. Donations can be by direct credit can be made to St Patrick's Cathedral Heritage Foundation BNZ 02-0100-0233290-05 with contact details emailed to frances@stpatricks.org.nz for a tax receipt

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Email: stfrancis-ptchev@xtra.co.nz **Secretary:** Ms Paula Betham

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 Barbafera,
Robbie Rowe, Frances McLeod,
Dominic Levido & Katica (Katie) Gabric

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for all those who are recently deceased
especially Fr Felix Donnelly
Fr John O'Neil SM & Henri and Yvette
Antelme .
Please pray also for all those whose
Anniversaries occur around this time
especially William Betham.

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

14th & 15th September 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Rdg: Exodus 32:7-11 13-14
Psalm: 50
2nd Rdg: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Ministry Roster

14th & 15th September 2019

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Welcome/PoF – Jenny Grace
1st Reader – Michael Keenan
2nd Reader - Theresa Keenan
Communion - Maureen Frost,
Jane Finnemore &
Alicia King
Projector – Lai Peng Chiew

9:00am Sunday

Welcome/PoF – Pauline Limsico
1st Reader – Esther Vernon
2nd Reader - Kate Dillon
Communion - Terence Creagh
Marena Hubbers &
Margaret Smallridge
Projector – Max Limsico

GENERAL:

Children's Liturgy: Frances
Cleaning – Sarah Samuels & Mary Gruiters
Counting – Nick Baird

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.



Baptism preparation class led by Mrs Marena Hubbers.

2nd Sunday of every month next class **13th October 10:30am – 11:30am**

Holy Cross Parish Henderson (2 Lavelle Road, Henderson) will be having an **International Food Fair on Saturday 14th Sept 2019 at 12pm** in the Parish Hall, as part of its Feast Day celebration (in conjunction with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross). Do come and join us for this joyous occasion! For more info, contact: Holy Cross Parish Office 838 1558 (Mon to Fri, 9am to 1pm).

Pilgrimage for Life In response to the proposed abortion law legislation, Family Life International, a Pro-Life organisation based has quickly organised a nation-wide Pilgrimage for Life. The pilgrimage started in Cape Regina and Bluff moving from parish to parish, until they eventually meet on **Wednesday, 18th September at St. Francis de Sales Island Bay Wellington, for a final 7 pm Mass.** This is one day before submissions close. The pilgrimage began last Sunday. To find out more including how you can participate, see the <https://fli.org.nz/pilgrimage-for-life/>

Cathedral Pasifika Dinner-Dance You're invited! Join us for an evening of dinner & dancing - celebrating contributions of Pasifika culture. Bring family and friends. 21 Sept 2019, 7-11pm, 89 Galway St, Onehunga. Tickets \$50 includes food & entertainment. Available at eventbrite.com. Tickets not required for children under 13 years old.

Choral Mass for the Exaltation of the Cross O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus. Saturday 14 September at 7.30 pm we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross with a Choral Mass with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes, the Assistant Director of Music. Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks at Hobson Street (\$4) or Durham Lane (\$2). Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au



As part of the Auckland Dioceses' commitment to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 all Parishes are required to report and investigate incidents or hazards, that have the potential to cause harm and to address these causes in a timely way. This includes incidents on Parish premises involving workers, volunteers, contractors, visitors and the public. **An incident register is located at the back of the church.** All major incidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Co-ordinator at Catholic Diocese of Auckland (CDA) as soon as practically possible. If you have any questions please contact the Parish office.



All incidents / accidents / slips / falls etc should be documented to help us make our Church as safe as possible for everyone!