



Blessing of the Animals – Saturday 5th October 3pm

We invite you all to come along to the Blessing of the Animals which will be held on the Presbytery Lawn. Cats, dogs, birds etc. are **ALL WELCOME!**

We will also be having a sausage sizzle.

All proceeds to go to Foundation for the Blind Seeing Eye Dog Association. Bring your family and friends and lets celebrate God's gift of Animals together!

St Francis Food & Wine Festival Saturday November 16, from 12-5pm

If you can help with any of these items below or the Devonshire Tea, please contact the School or Parish Office.

- Preserves, chutneys: We're now seeking already bottled preserves.
- Ice cream containers with lids:
- Loan equipment:
 - Power boards, extension cords,
 - 4 x rice cookers,
 - 6 x chilli bins,
 - 3 x baine marie.
- Cakes and slices: Contributions greatly appreciated.

Our Parish is running the Devonshire Tea for this festival.

Logo Competition. The Auckland Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations (ADCEIR) is mandated by the Bishop of Auckland. It is looking for a logo, and seeks for your artistic and design skills. The logo design requirements is to capture the statement "Unity in Diversity". For further information about the competition, visit our website at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/mission-evangelisation/ecumenism/>. Email ecumenicalandinterfaith@cda.org.nz to submit your design, and if you have any questions. **Entries close on Monday 14th October, 2019.**

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD COLLEGE Bishop Patrick Dunn is pleased call for applications for a scholarship known as the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Study at Good Shepherd College. This scholarship will be available for a selected number of people who intend to do one or more Theology papers at Good Shepherd College towards a Graduate Diploma of Bachelor of Theology degree in 2020. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Email: lindam@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 14 October 2019.

Forming Intentional Disciples with Sherry Weddell Saturday 21 September 10am-4.00pm registration 9.30am Lunch \$5.00 register with frchrisd@gmail.com – St Michael's Road, Remuera.

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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2019

Today's Readings: 1st Rdg: Exodus 32:7-11 13-14 Psalm: 50

2nd Rdg: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Sundays in Ordinary Time focused on what is demanded of a disciple of Jesus and of those who could enter through the narrow door into the banquet God prepares for all people. Three parables today focus on the host of the banquet, God the Father, who finds joy in forgiving and invites us to share this joy: 'Rejoice with me ... rejoice with me'.

No one is worthless in God's eyes. No one is hopelessly lost. It may not make much sense to leave ninety-nine sheep in the wilderness to search for one stray, but that is how God acts with each of us: then God carries us back!

'The celebration that follows the return of the lost nation, the lost sheep, the lost coin, is open to all who will attend. And who will they be? Only those who ... share the joy of God in the repentance of others will recognize the need to celebrate. Those who envy the celebration or who harbor resentment because of God's mercy will have no reason to rejoice.

Dianne Bergant Preaching the New Lectionary Year C

Break Open the Word



A huge thank you to Father Ezio for celebrating our Masses in Father John's absence. Also always a pleasure to have you and Fr Earl join our Parish Family. Thank you to all our Parishioners who made their stay comfortable and ensured everything ran smoothly. Much appreciated and God bless

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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, Barbara Fistonc & Imelda Widdowsen
Please pray also for all those whose Anniversaries occur around this time especially William Betham.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER:

- 15th Father Ezio's last Mass with us (for now)
- 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
- 13th Baptism Class
- 14th Parish Council Meeting
- 14th Back to School
- 15th Finance Committee Meeting

Upcoming Readings

21st & 22nd September 2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Rdg: Amos 8:4-7
Psalm: 112
2nd Rdg: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Ministry Roster

21st & 22nd September 2019

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Welcome/PoF – Maree van den Hurk
1st Reader – Peter Grace
2nd Reader – David Reid
Communion – Susan Milne & Pat Brosnan
Projector – Janet Skinner

9:00am Sunday

Welcome/PoF – Emma Ibbetson
1st Reader – David Schischka
2nd Reader – Christine Smith
Communion – A & A Korshopati
Projector – MDM Choir

GENERAL:

Children's Liturgy: TBC
Cleaning – Wendy Kay
Counting – Brendon Rau

Baptism preparation class led by Mrs Marena Hubbers.
2nd Sunday of every month next class
13th October 10:30am – 11:30am

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.



COMING SOON!

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.

Mayoral Election Forum This is your chance to ask all the Mayoral candidates where they stand on issues important to the Catholic community. **7-9pm at St Columba Centre 40 Vermont St Ponsonby on Wednesday 25th September.** All welcome. Supper provided.

Holy Cross Parish Papatoetoe is seeking a Parish Secretary who will support the Parish Priest by providing a friendly and welcoming environment to Parishioners and visitors and excellent secretarial and administrative services to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the Parish Office. This is a full time position Monday to Friday. Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit. To view the detailed position description(PD), **click here to link to PD** Please send a covering letter and your CV to holycrosspap@xtra.co.nz Applications close 30th of September 2019. For more info contact the Office

The annual **Catholic Men's Retreat** will be held in **Auckland** over the weekend of **18-20 October 2019.** To register online go to <https://tinyurl.com/y2sa9ujn> or contact Greg Sullivan at greg.sullivan@xtra.co.nz or 021 437 747 .

SAFETY
IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

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-coordinator 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!