



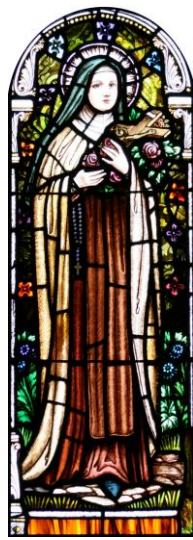
Parish of St Francis & St Therese

Reverend Father John Webb – Parish Priest

Mass Times:

Monday 10am Selwyn Chapel
Tuesday 9:15am; Wednesday 12pm, Friday 9:15am
Saturday 5:30pm; Sundays 9am

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 5pm or by appointment



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd January 2023

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9-3 **Psalm:** 27
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Only today do we really set out on our journey through Matthew's gospel. And what a journey it promises to be! We join Jesus at the launch of his life's work. We watch him set off on his mission of preaching and healing, and hear his call to follow him.

Even as we head off, Matthew makes us mindful of the Christmas festival we have just enjoyed. He prefaces Jesus' ministry with the prophetic text we heard at Midnight Mass: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light". We hear it again in the first reading.

To keep us from being too easily enthused by these inspirational texts, Paul douses us with the cold water of realism. The Christian community at Corinth has fractured into competing factions. Paul has to appeal for unity with all his persuasive power. At the heart of the good news he preaches lies the cross of Christ. **Break Open the Word**

The 2023 Sacramental Programme has been finalised and registration is now open until **Sunday 26th February 2023**. The timetable is as follows: The criteria and registration forms are at the back of the Church. Your Programme coordinators this year are Ms Alicia King together with Mrs Annie Cass.

The Programme Timetable is as follows and your child must be able to attend all lessons.

Reconciliation:

Lesson 1	12 th March	Lesson 2	19 th March
Service	Tuesday 21 st March 6:30pm together with Parish Easter Reconciliations		

First Holy Communion:

Lesson 1	23 rd July	Lesson 2	30 th July
Lesson 3	6 th August	Practice	Friday 11 th August 4pm in the Church
Masses	12 th August 5:30pm & 13 th August 9am		

Confirmation:

Lesson 1	29 th October	Lesson 2	5 th November
Lesson 3	12 th November	Practice	18 th November 4pm in the Church
Masses	25 th November 5:30pm & 26 th November 9am		

Pray For The Sick : Robbie Rowe, Chan San Mooi, Maureen Barbfiera, Maree van den Hurk, Sydney-Yoke Eng Chiew, Grant Vaughan, Ian Campbell, John Heynen, Vivien Luis, Lloyd Jones & Lawrence Mihaljevich .

Pray for the Deceased; Pray for all those who are recently deceased especially **Mrs Cleone McGreal & Fr John Bland**. Please pray also for all those whose Anniversaries occur around this time.

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Parish Account: RC Bishop of Auckland (Pt Chev) BNZ Auckland 02-0100-0120982-17
St Francis School Principal: Mrs Lisa Bateman Ph: 846 4696

Upcoming Readings

4th Sunday of OT

29th January 2023

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Psalm: 146

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Next Baptism Preparation Class

1st Saturday of every month beginning

4th March 2023 4pm – 5pm

Please note we have cancelled the February session due to it being Waitangi Weekend.

Coming Up

January:

23rd Paula at First Aid Training

30th Anniversary Weekend

February:

1st School Term 1 Begins

6th Waitangi Day

7th Finance Committee Meeting 7:30pm

13th Parish Pastoral Council 7pm

22nd Ash Wednesday

23rd Dads Darts Night

26th Sacramental Programme Registrations close

PROPOSED CHURCH RENOVATION



Planning for the Church renovation is well under way.

The renovation will include new arched windows, a large window at the entrance and one behind the altar, a new ceiling, aircon, insulation, new carpet, structural strengthening, renovated Sacristy and bathroom, etc.

We kindly ask for you to give generously towards this project via
Tap'n'Go,
Bank Transfer or
Cash

We aim to have the renovation completed by the end of 2023.

Draft drawings from the outside of the renovation are at the back of the Church and shown here.



SPONSORSHIPS

Major Sponsorship(s): >\$25,000

will receive prominent signage recognition.

Minor sponsorship(s): >\$ 10, 000

will receive signage recognition.

BUY-A-BRICK

\$500+ contribution:

will receive a guaranteed name plaque.

\$200-\$500 contribution:

will go into a draw for a name plaque.

Payments can be made by bank transfer to the
Parish Bank Account.

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If you would like more information or can help with fundraising, please contact Stuart King or the Parish office.



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

School Quiz Night v2 Based on popular demand, nagging competitive parents wanting a rematch and the phenomenal success of the previous Quiz night, the infamous **School Quiz Night is Back!** It will be held on the very apt date of **Saturday, 1 April, 2023 - April Fools Day!** and the night before Daylight Savings ends. Please put it in the Diary. This wickedly fun School Quiz night, to be held in the Hall, is a fundraiser for the School Canopy over the lower two Courts. **Fancy dress is encouraged.** Despite rocketing inflation throughout the land, we have kept the cost of tickets at \$35 per person and can be arranged now through the **School Office (09 846 4696)** with payment at the Office or via the **St. Francis School Bank Account: 12-3020-0386688-00.** Over 120 people signed up last time - so please get in quickly to avoid missing out. There will be tables of 8ish so please let the School Office know if you want to be on the same table as others. Alcohol will be available for purchase like last time via scanning the School QR code to avoid bar staff having to handle cash. Attendees will be asked to kindly bring a simple plate of nibbles for sharing. Auctions will be held during the Quiz evening, so please provide any gifts (such as: Bach/holiday vouchers; cafe/restaurant vouchers; beauty packages; babysitting; sporting and other goods; professional time eg: x hours of tradesperson, lawyer, etc. time; etc.) to the School Office before **17 March.** The wonderful Matt Brown has stepped up again to be Quiz Master, with Irish Brian Murphy taking the reins as Auctioneer Supreme (translators will be on hand throughout the evening as required, to be sure). Any questions, please contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403.

St. Francis Dads Support Group aka Darts Night : The next Darts session will be on Thursday, **23 February**, from **8pm**, at the infamous Pt. Chev. Bowling Club - Lock it in! Contact Stuart King on 027 818 2403 for more details and to join the Darts WhatsApp group. No darts experience required.

School Canopy for lower courts



Ray White
Point Chevalier
Your local professionals

RayWhite

Lawrence von Sturmer - 027 227 9294 | Jo de Beer - 027 469 4148 | Jackson Tariau - 021 163 2342
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We asked multiple local businesses for help with our latest project and without hesitation the team at Ray White Point Chevalier answered our call. If you or anyone you know is thinking of selling, they are supporting us to raise funds for our St Francis School Canopy project. They have been market leaders for years in Pt Chev for 26 years with almost 2000 local sales and are a family business run by Ross Brader and Lawrence von Sturmer. They genuinely care about our community, they listen, are great at understanding your situation and will do everything they can to ensure a smooth selling process.

If you're looking at selling, please contact the Ray White Point Chev. Team directly on (09) 846 8996 and let them know that you are from St. Francis. Please also let Stuart King know (027 818 2403) so we can keep track of the approaches.

Dates for 2023:

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February - Thursday 6 April
Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
Term 3 - Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

Teacher Only Days in 2023 –

Friday 24 March - School finishes at midday as the teachers are attending the Auckland Central Catholic Kahui Ako conference from 1.00pm. SKIDS open from midday.

The government announced last week that schools will have to take 2 Teacher Only days next year to implement the NZ Curriculum refresh. They haven't announced the second date yet, but the first date will be **Monday the 24th of April** (The first day of Term 2, the day before ANZAC Day). School will be closed on this day. SKIDS will be open.

KID CORNER

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Follow me,
and I will make
you fishers
of men.



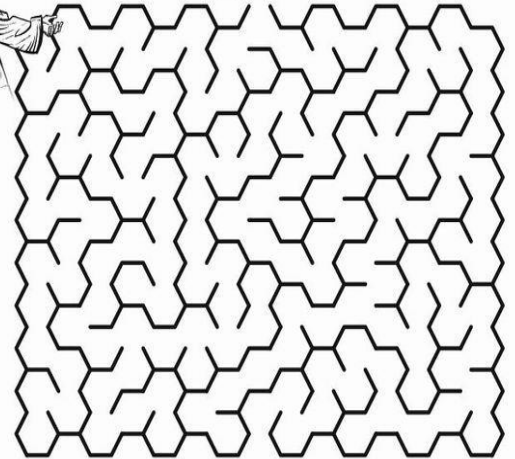
Matthew 4:19

JESUS CHOOSES HIS 12 DISCIPLES

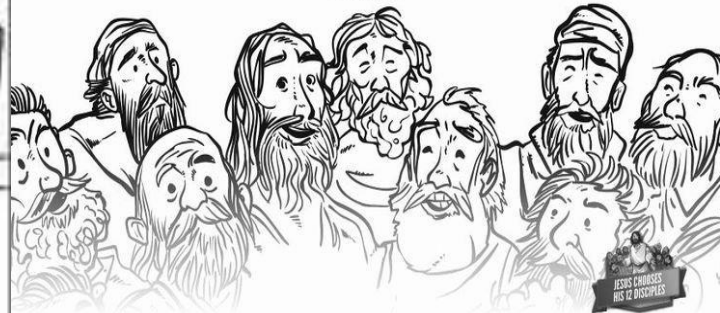
Jesus is calling his disciples. Lead the men to him.



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The calling of the first disciples
(Mark 1, 16:20)

- Galilee
- Simon
- Andrew
- Net
- Lake
- Fishermen
- Jesus
- James
- Zebedee
- John
- Boat

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HJKADAJVABI
NAESBMEROML
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FISHERMENBNHPP
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and I will make
you into fishers
of people.

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LORD GOD

Help me to be
a disiple
this
week.
AMEN

This week
I will follow
Jesus by
doing this.

Sat
Fri
Thurs
Wed
Tues
Mon

Color in the
foot day by
day as you
follow
Jesus!

Follow Jesus