

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There is a story about a Jewish man who survived the concentration camps. The night after his liberation, he went to stay in a nearby house. There he found about thirty other survivors gathered in one room. Seeing a mirror on the wall, he went over to it. He was anxious to see what he looked like. But in the same room he saw the reflections of some of the other people as well. There were many faces in the mirror. And he couldn't tell which face belonged to him. He had to make faces and gestures, in order to be able to distinguish himself from the group.

And when he did distinguish his own face, he got a terrible shock. Because the person he saw in the mirror was one he had never seen before. He was so changed that the person in the mirror didn't bear any resemblance to the person he had seen before the war. A strange story, but a true one.

Jesus' harshest words were directed, not at sinners, but a religious people such as the Scribes and Pharisees. Right from the beginning of his ministry the latter had dogged him. He had been very patient with them. He had reasoned with them, but to no avail. Eventually he was forced to expose them.

How did he do this? In a manner of speaking, he did it by holding up a mirror in front of them so that for the first time in their lives they might be able to see their true image. It was an image that few of them would have recognised as their own. If they did, they would have got a terrible shock.

The picture Jesus painted of them was not a pretty one. In fact, we are filled with loathing when we contemplate their religious pomp and show, together with the horrible inconsistencies of their lives.

What were the main faults Jesus found in them? They didn't practise what they preached. They made things impossible for ordinary people by multiplying rules, and demanding exact observance of these rules, without offering the slightest help to those who found them burdensome. They sought their own glory, rather than the glory of God. They were full of themselves, and were interested only in themselves. And the most damning thing of all – they lacked charity and compassion in their dealings with others.

Yet the Scribes and Pharisees were not a uniquely evil group of people. They were just human. They could be any group of people anytime and anywhere. The picture Jesus painted of them is a mirror into which we too are invited to look. If we do look into it, we will see our own face there, for we have some if not all of their faults.

Do we sometimes consider ourselves better than others? Do we not lay down the law for others? Do we not demand sacrifices of others which we don't demand of ourselves? Do we not like to be noticed, to be admired, and to take the best seat – if we can get it? A uniform or special dress can be a great help in this regard. Are we too not lacking in charity, compassion, and a sense of justice and a spirit of service?

We don't have to put on an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not. All we have to do is try to be true to what we are – God's daughters and sons..

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

5TH Nov 2017

MASS: Saturday 5.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am
 Monday to Friday 7.00am & Fridays 7.30 pm
 Saturday 8.00am

The Holy Rosary

Is prayed before Mass Daily
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturdays 9-9.30am

Mass for Sick & Elderly – 26th Nov 2017 at 12.00 noon
1st Friday Mass – 1st Dec. /Tamil Mass 4th Nov 7.00 pm
Samoan Mass 19th Nov 12.00 noon Tongan Mass 26th Nov 3.00 pm

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 04th Nov 2017 5.00pm	Brenna Castelino Selma Pinto	Rosalie Su'a Margaret Koay Michelle Carvalho Lazarus Serrao Adelia Serrao	Zoisha Chiara Meela Radelle Kimberley	Parish Youth
Sunday 05th Nov 2017 9.30am	Parish Youth	Frederick Quadros Agnes SchAAF Blanche D'cunha Toilolo Otufangavalu Brother Michael Goh	Nivelei Sofia Gloria Stephan Ana	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 11th Nov 2017 5.00pm	Valerie Johnson Charmaine Jones	Ferdinand Pinto Selma Pinto Brenna Castelino Lydia Quadros Cynthia Mascarenhas	Marika Dalia Zoisha Aaron Nelisa	
Sunday 12th Nov 2017 9.30am		Luc Marie Monica Austin Annie Lim Xavier Braganza Brother Michael Goh		Tongan Community

Please Recite after Holy Communion

Priestly/Religious Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 5th Nov 2017

First Reading: Malac. 1:14-2:8-10
Psalm 131 page 141
Second Reading 1 Thess 2:7-9,13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 11th Nov 2017

First Reading : Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63 page 69
Second Reading 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Gospo: 1 Mathew 25:1 – 13

Sunday Offerings for 29th October 2017

1st Collection: \$ 559.00
2nd Collection: \$ 1118.50

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick:

Virginia Faye Perelini, Regina Lee, Gloria Cruz, Monique Simon, Emily Mathews, Ali Ahmed, Ana Hiliatie, Mafi Lelea, Rosemary Cannon, Jenny Toh, Leo Ziglani, Peter McConnel, Anamalia Vakameilalo, Fatima Rodrigues, Vyga Sanu, Tuala Akeli, Tafu Tuala, Anna Maria Coelho, Irene Makanga, Elena Roman, Siosianna Tuli, Po'e Heather, Neil Almeida, Philomena Stevens, Fili Otufangavalu, Telesia Folaumahina, Babs (Bridgette) Lyons. & Shirley Mathews..

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:

Philomena Pinto, Bradley, Betty Drinnan, Wenceslaus Anthony, Jacob Saldanha, Peter R. Drinnan, Ngaire, Wim Bolscher, Finau Schaaf, Betty Coutinho, OlaDevit, Lila Vaiaoga, Rev. Msgr. Lui Tevaga, Carmeline D'cruz, Diego Coelho, Percy Nazareth, Mele Toloa, Felix Giborees, Rosy Vaz, Jerome Aranha, **Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

St Therese Parish News

Book of Life

It's November and we pray for all the deceased members of our family. In prior years you have filled in the form with the names of the deceased family and friends. If you need to add to that list please fill in another form and drop it to the Parish Office. You may drop the form in the letter box at the Parish Office.
Please write all the details in PRINT (CAPITAL LETTERS)
During November, at daily mass, Father and the congregation will pray for the soul of each name written in the BOOK OF LIFE.

Please only furnish the names of your family members who have deceased during the year. Parishioners who are new to the Parish may furnish names of all deceased members in their family.

Pledge Envelopes

Please collect the Pledge Envelopes placed at the entrance of the church.

**If you wish to have a set of pledge envelopes, please contact the parish office on 09-6209689
Thank you all for your generosity**

FUNdraising News

Raffle Fundraiser – Ticket sales begin this evening until **25 November**.

Buy your tickets and be in to win some great prizes. No limit on number of tickets purchased.
Thank you for the donations received to date. Your encouragement and support is greatly appreciated.
- The Fundraising Committee

Meetings

Fundraising committee meeting 7th Nov 2017 at 7.15 pm
Parish Council meeting 5th Nov 2017 after 9.30am mass
Liturgy Committee meeting 14th Nov 2017 at 7.15 pm

St Vincent de Paul

For assistance / Make donations, please contact:
Rosemary Giborees on 027 2833140
Special thanks to all who are offering donations in the form of food and money on a regular basis.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday the Eucharistic Adoration will start after the 7.00 am mass and end at 7.00 pm. Fr Arul invites parishioners to spend some time before the Lord.
The adoration will end on 24th November 2017.

Divine Mercy

Devotional prayers every Friday at 7.00 pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction followed by Mass.

St John Paul II Auckland Rosary

Every Saturday at 12.00 noon a 20 decade rosary is prayed in our church

Reconciliation 22nd November 2017

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, Father will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation between 7.00 pm – 8 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Reconciliation is also held every Saturday from 9.00-9.30 am

New hope with Faith Fellowship

It is an informal gathering, a confidential sharing platform for the people who are hurt by the grief of separation, divorce and widowhood.

The gathering is held on every FIRST and THIRD SUNDAY of the month in the Presbytery from 4 to 6 pm.
Contact Dr Reesa on Mobile 0211612994 or Father Arul

**Mass for the Sick & Elderly
26th Nov 2017 at 12.00 noon**

A special Mass is held every 4th Sunday of the month for the Sick and Elderly. The mass is at 12.00 noon. Anointing of the sick is held during the mass

Auckland Catholic Diocese News

**Global Christian music sensation
performing live in Auckland
Matt Maher in concert**

Victory Convention Centre, Freemans Bay, Auckland
Sunday, 3 December 2017

Internationally acclaimed Canadian Christian singer and song writer, Matt Maher will perform for what is expected to be a sell-out crowd at Auckland's Victory Convention this December. Matt will be joined by support acts, Grace Worship and Monique Holden.

Matt Maher is an outspoken champion of unity and collaboration, with an unprecedented number of hits and performances to his name, including before a crowd of nearly 4 million, including Pope Francis, for World Youth Day 2013 in Rio, Brazil.

The concert will have limited seating capacity, with tickets selling fast. If you buy 10 tickets or more you receive a discount of 20%. Follow instructions on the concert website and use the promotional code: MATTMAHER2017 To book tickets and for further details please visit www.MattMaherConcert.nz

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom- Bookings essential.

REFORMATION Series:

1. Marking the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with NICK THOMPSON Mon 30 Oct 7-9pm. \$15

2. Luther's Gospel: Justification by Faith Alone with NICK THOMPSON Mon 6 Nov 7-9pm. \$15

3. The Cathedral of St Peter in Bautzen with BEATE MATTHIES Thurs 30 Nov 10am-12pm. \$15

See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

NZ CATHOLIC

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Headlines and a few of the topics

Pointers for singing properly at Mass.
Discipleship college seeks to raise funds for permanent home.
Memorial Mass for those affected by suicide. Fatima recalled in Southland cave.
The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on Nov.19.
The Newspaper is at the entrance of the church



Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork not an optional or a secondary is essential to a life of virtue; it is aspect of our Christian experience.

Final chance to speak directly to Pope Francis before 2018 Synod

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. We had a wonderful response from youth in New Zealand with our own survey. As this year draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him, our Holy Father. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance before the Synod to be heard.

Visit and complete the [Synod 2018 survey](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html) before **30 Nov 2017** by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

A Reflection Day on the theme of Forgiveness

'It is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive.'
May Angelou 1928 – 2014

What does it mean to forgive and to be forgiven? We will use Scripture and stories from life to explore forgiveness and how the capacity to forgive and to be forgiven frees us to live more fully and in peace with ourselves and others.

Facilitator: Ann Neven rsj
Saturday 4th November 10.0 a.m. – 3.0 p.m.
Mary MacKillop Centre 56 Selwyn Avenue Mission Bay Auckland
Cost \$30 Waged and \$20 unwaged. Bring own lunch. Tea and Coffee provided.
Registrations to by Wednesday 1st November to Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au or Phone 09 528 1801