

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Time of Our Fulfilment

The story of the temptation is a wonderful portrait of physical and spiritual realities in juxtaposition. On one side is the desert: dry, hit, harsh, and tangible. On the other side is the Spirit, driving Jesus inward to encounter Satan for a contest over authority. In the end, we find Jesus in the company of wild beasts and angels. In perfect harmony, as if heaven and earth were finally made whole. The lion lies down with the lamb, and an angel protects them both.

Jesus struggles over temptations that appeal as much to the body as to the spirit. Both his physical and spiritual natures must be surrendered to God's will, and it is that surrender which marks the beginning and end of his work on earth. "Into your hands I commit my spirit," Jesus whispers from the cross. His body is already committed.

Lent is a signal season. We signal a U-turn in our navigation, back toward the divine will, away from self-involvement. God is already our friend. Are we a friend to God? Friends share time, words, and silences. They share celebration and lamentation and everything in between. Friends confide secrets that no one else knows. They dare to speak the name of their fears. They dare to describe their dreams.

In the next handful of weeks, we have a chance to renew our friendship with God. Find the time, speak the words, inhabit the silences. Celebrate and mourn. Tell the truth. Confess yourself. Dream big. Expect miracles.

Lent is only about six weeks long. If you go on a spiritual road trip with God for six weeks, where would you like it to take you?

We Respond ...

Take this season seriously as a chance for genuine repentance. Examine your life thoughtfully. If possible, share this task with a trusted friend, family member, or spiritual director. Be brave!

... On the Way to Mass

Have you ever experienced something good in the midst of a bad experience?

On the Way Home from Mass ...

This is the start of Lent. What do you do differently during Lent?

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR- Year B

10th February 2018

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

The Holy Rosary

Is prayed before Mass Daily

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9-9.30am

Mass for Sick & Elderly – 25TH Feb. 2018^{2nd} at 12.00 noon

1st Friday Mass – 2nd March 2018

Tamil Mass 3rd March, 7:00 pm/ Fijian Mass 11th Mar 2018

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 17th Feb 2018 5.00pm	Franjo Serrao Agnes Fap'oi	Lazarus Serrao Adelia Serrao Margaret Koay Rosali Su'a Agnes Schaaf	Nelisa Chiara Aaron Dalia Zoisha	Indian Community
Sunday 18th Feb 2018 9.30am	Indian Community	Nola Paku Monica Austin Telesia Alualu Alisi Otufangavalu Bro. Micheal Goh	Dominique Leon Gabe Stephan K Realyn	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 24th Feb 2018 5.00pm	Royston D'lima Agnes Fap'oi	Annie Lim Alisi Otufangavalu Jeffery Rodrigues Frances Fa'poi Xavier Branganza	Kevin Jared Chiara Nivelei Agnes	Samoan Community
Sunday 25th Feb 2016 9.30am	Samoan Community	Luc Marie Malia Falemaka Lydia Quadros Blanche D'Cuhna Bro Micheal Goh	Leamder Paje Gloria Raelyn Stephan	

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 18th Feb 2018

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25 p.34

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 25th Feb 2018

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Psalm 116 p. 127

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Sunday Offering for 11th Feb 2018

1st Collection: \$ 471.10
2nd Collection: \$ 942.20

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

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

Michael Brady, Virginia Faye Perelini, Regina Lee, Gloria Cruz, Monique Simon, Emily Matthews, Ali Ahmed, Ana Hiliate, 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 Matthews..

Prayers for the Deceased

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

Robert Coutinho, Gladys Lopez, 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

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm

23rd Feb – Indian Community
2nd March - Tongan Community
09th March – Samoan Community
16th March – Indian community
23rd March – Youth

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During LENT 2018 our church will be open every Wednesday (Wed 21st February to Wed 28th March) from 7pm to 8pm for **Quiet Prayer and Confession.**

During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with candles and light music. Parishioners are invited to come and pray in silence.

Meeting

Fundraising committee meeting 15th Feb. 2018 at 7.15 pm
Parish Council meeting 04th Mar 2018 after the 9.30 am mass
Liturgy committee meeting 6 March 2018 at 7.15 pm

FUNdraising News: A BIG Thank You

Thank you to all of you for supporting our activities in 2017 – we achieved our goal and exceeded the target set. Total amount collected as of Dec 2017 - \$7996.50c. We look forward to your support going ahead.

Save the Date - EASTER SOCIAL

Date: Saturday, 7 April 2018
From: 6:30pm – 10:30pm
Venue: St. Therese Church Hall
Organisers: Fundraising Committee

More details to follow... Watch the Space!

Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be no Divine Mercy Devotion till Easter. Only First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Mass on other Friday evenings will resume during Lent and will be held after Stations of the Cross.

Mass for the Sick & Elderly - 25th Feb 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

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

St John Paul II Auckland Rosary

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

Catholic Women's League

There will be a Garage Sale organized on 10th March at St. John Viennay Hall to set up a Mission Station for Fiji
You can contact Maureen Fritzpatrick on tel: 09 6254725 for more information.

As the Lenten Envelopes have not yet been received, Donations can directly be made to Caritas through their website :www.caritas.org.nz/donate

Parishioners can also donate in the following ways:
Direct deposit via Internet Banking
Westpac

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand
03 0518 0211216 00

• By credit card: phone us on 0800 22 10 22 to make a credit card donation (during office hours: Mon-Fri 8.30-5pm).

• By automatic payment: download the automatic payment form here then post to Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Freepost 689, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144.

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Auckland Catholic Diocese News

2018 Music Workshop:

Liturgy and the Music We Choose.

When: Thursday March 8th, 7pm

Where: Pompallier Centre, 30 New St. Ponsonby.

This is a workshop for parish musicians, cantors and choirs. There are 3 parts to this workshop.

1) Exploring liturgy. 2) The parish repertoire. 3) Priorities for deciding what we sing.

To register, email; liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

24hour Silent Retreat : 23 – 24 February 2018

7pm Friday – 7pm Saturday Bring all your personal gear with you.

All meals and bedding will be provided.
Cost \$115pp

Contact 09 625 6651 or email
admin@sfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Guided Stations of the Cross every Saturday in March 10am – 11am

meet at the lower carpark of the Friary.

These will be held in the grounds wet or fine, so please come prepared with gumboots and raincoats.
No Charge

Contact 09 625 6651 or email
admin@sfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

40 Days for Life starts 14th February (Ash Wednesday):

Are you feeling called to do something practical to build a culture of life and offer hope to the most vulnerable in our community?

40 Days for Life is one way you can make a real difference! Everyone can participate. Will you stand in prayer for just one hour this Lent for the unborn and their mothers? It is now time for you to sign up your hours at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or text "40 Days" to 021 825 955.

The Auckland vigil will run from Ash Wednesday 14th February until Palm Sunday 25th March. From 8am till 8pm daily with small groups of volunteers coming together to pray in one-hour shifts on the sidewalk at 283-289 Dominion Road Mt. Eden across the road from AMAC abortion facility.

For more information, please call Family Life International on (09) 629 4361 (Auckland) or (04) 237 8343 (Wellington) or contact Talia on 02102979921 (Christchurch)

NZ CATHOLIC Feb 11-24

1. What NZ's young people want from Church.
2. New Maori leaders needed.
3. Bishop Browne returns home to Auckland.
4. Hearts Aflame fosters deepening of faith



Jesus teaches us : Go out. Go out and share your testimony. Go out and interact with your brothers and sisters.