

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### With Whom Does Jesus Weep Today?

It was a simple request. Some strangers in town wanted to meet Jesus, and they approached Philip with the hope of getting an audience with the famous rabbi. What did they expect to see? Did they just want the first-century equivalent of an autograph? Or did they want a life-transforming encounter with a holy man?

When Jesus is told of their request, his response is rather mysterious. What does it mean that Jesus is about to be glorified? Jesus proposes that the only route to seeing him is to travel the road he's about to take: dying and rising. If we lose our lives, die to ourselves, and follow him in service, then we'll see who Jesus is. Otherwise, we're only clutching his garments and missing the Son of Man entirely.

Many of us know Jesus from hearsay, like the strangers did. We've seen his picture, read his story, and can quote a few memorable lines. But until we die and rise with him in a truly surrendered life, we haven't really seen Jesus. We've missed the glory.

"Anyone who holds on to life as it destroys that life. But if you let go, reckless in your love, you have it forever, real and eternal".

**Where do you go to see Jesus?**

**We Respond ...**

Contemplate an image of Jesus that draws you in: a painting or crucifix, a stained glass window or crèche. What does this image teach you about who God is and how God loves you? Express your heart to God in prayer with this renewed understanding.

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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT- Year B 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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

### The Holy Rosary SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9-9.30am

**Mass for Sick & Elderly – 25<sup>TH</sup> Mar. 2018 at 12.00 noon**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Tamil Mass 1<sup>ST</sup> April 11a.m.-12noon/ Fijian Mass 8<sup>th</sup> April 2:00 pm**

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 5:00 p.m.	Melissa Castelino Rosalie Su'a	Margaret Koay Dwain Quadros Nola Paku Frances Fa'poi Malia Falemaka	Aaron Chiara Dalia Nelisa Zoisha	Indian Community
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2018. 9:30 a.m.	Indian Community	Alisi Otufangavalu Bro. Micheal Goh Xavier Braganza Agnes Schaaf Cheryl Moan	Leon Stephan Gabe Raelyn Dominique	

### Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 5:00 p.m.	Michelle Carvalho Charmaine Jones	Annie Lim Cheryl Moan Jeffery Rodrigues Selma Pinto Ferdanind Pinto	Kevin Jared Cjiara Nivelei Agnes	Samoan Community
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018. 9:30 a.m.	Samoan Community	Luc Marie Malia Falemaka Blanche D'Cuhna Bro Micheal Goh Lydia Quadros	Leander 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 Mar 2018

First Reading Jer.31:31-34  
Psalm Ps51 p.60 or Ps17 p.25  
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel John 12:20-33

#### Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 25th Mar 2018

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22 p 31  
Second Reading Phillipians 2:6-11  
Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$ 440.06  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$ 880.13

Thank You for your generosity

#### Prayers For The Sick

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

Fr. Albert Williams, Michael Brady, Virginia Faye Perelini, Regina Lee, Gloria Cruz, Monique Simon, Emily Matthews, Ali Ahmed, Ana Hilliate, Mafi Lelea, Rosemary Cannon, Jenny Toh, Leo Ziglani, Peter McConnel, Anamalia Vakameilalo, 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 Lyons, & Shirley Mathews

#### 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.**

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday at 7.00pm followed by Holy Mass

23rd March – Youth

#### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During LENT 2018 our church will be open on (Wed 21st AND 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

Parish Council meeting 06<sup>th</sup> May 2018 after the 9.30 am mass  
Parish AGM 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 after 9:30 am Mass  
Liturgy committee meeting 6th Jun. 2018 at 7.15 pm  
Fundraising committee meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.15 pm  
Finance Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018

#### Parish Lenten Reflection – “Turn away from Sin”

Friday 23 March, 8:15pm – 9:15pm  
Welcome to an hour of spiritual reflection where our Youth will transport you to the foot of the Cross. The one hour reflection themed “Turn away from Sin” will be held after mass on Friday 23 March at 8:15pm. All are welcome to join in Adoration, Praise & Worship and Prayer.

#### Save the Date - Easter Disco Nite

Inviting all parishioners to the Easter Disco Nite:

**Date:** Saturday, 7 April 2018  
**Time:** 6:30pm – 10:30pm  
**Venue:** St. Therese Church Hall.  
**Entry:** \$ 2/person (tickets on sale now)  
**Dress code:** Disco attire (preferred)

Great music, games and lots of prizes to be won. Snacks and food will be sold. So hurry and buy your tickets. Contact for tickets on the posters behind the church. ....Your FUNdraising Committee

#### 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 on 25th March 2018

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

#### St John Paul II Auckland Rosary

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

#### Finding Faith in a secular world”

A great speaker on an issue of interest to us all. A public lecture at the Quality Hotel, Parnell, March 27th 7.30pm . Free, gold coin Collection

#### Marriage Encounter

in Auckland is offering three Weekends during 2018 as follows  
25 - 27 May ; 13 - 15 July and 5 - 7 October  
A Marriage Encounter Weekend not only strengthens and deepens marriage relationships, but also enriches and enhances family life. Its importance in the life of the Church and its families is paramount. We have arranged for the following Marriage Encounter couples **Christine and David Sloan to speak at the 5.00pm and 9.30am Sunday –Masses on Weekend 14-15 April at St Therese Parish.**

#### 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@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

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

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](http://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

#### Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a 4th or 5th year Medical Student in 2018, undertaking your medical study in New Zealand and are a practicing Catholic you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Scholarship. For more information contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland ph: 360 3057 or email [lindam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz)

## NZ CATHOLIC

Mar.11-24 2018

-1500 at ordination of new Bishop of Christchurch.  
- Pope appoints Fr Michael Dooley as Bishop of Dunedin.  
-Cardinal Dew on Pope Francis' pontificate 5 years on.  
-Transfiguration icon shows 'otherness' of Christ.



**Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.**

#### Mercy Spirituality Centre

•CANCELLED Retreat: Who are You O God and Who am I?  
- CANCELLED with CHRISTINA CATHRO mdm 20-22 March.  
• Gathering in MERCY Sun 25 Mar 1.30-3.30pm. Donation/Koha  
• Christian MEDITATION 101: Introduction to Christian Meditation with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm Sat 7 April 9.30am-3.30pm. \$35 (\*date has changed from previously advertised in booklet\*)  
• ECOLOGY Series:  
• Exploring Ecology and Eco-Spirituality with Dr MARY BETZ Tues 10 Apr 10am-12noon. \$15. incl. morning tea.  
This session will remind us of the connectedness of all creation, and our role as kaiiaki (guardians). We will reflect on our own spiritualities in light of the thought of spiritual writers, eco-theologians and Laudato Si!  
• Who is my Neighbour? with Sr BRIDGET CRISP rsm Thurs 12 Apr 10am-12 noon. \$15 incl. morning tea.  
The crisis facing the Pacific through the lens of Laudato Si... What are the challenges that humanity is facing from climate change and how can we support our neighbours in the Pacific? Bridget has been following the impact of climate change in the Pacific and will be sharing some of her experiences See our website for more details. Bookings essential 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

#### St Therese School News

We are taking enrolments for all year levels – 1 to 8. If you have a child or know of a family looking for a school for their children, please come along for a visit and find out all about us.  
We have Breakfast Club, before school supervision and after school Navigators club for years 4 to 8. Interim Reports will be sent home on Friday 2 March. There will be a Teacher / Parent meeting from 1 – 5pm on Tuesday 6 March. School will finish at the usual time. Please make an appointment to come and talk to child's teacher.