

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Time to Go

“Time to go”. We all know what that means. If you come from a family like mine, it means we’re entering into a period of goodbyes that make us loiter in the doorway for another half hour. Sooner or later, though, we’re going to finish that final conversation, give that last hug, say that last I-love-you, and wish the travellers a safe journey home. And then they’re gone. For a moment, there’s an almost visible space in the room shaped just like Aunt Elsie and the kids. That same shaped emptiness is curiously echoed in the heart. Even the silence sounds curiously like the folks who have just left.

The disciples standing around after the Ascension must have experienced something like that. A Jesus-shaped space where he stood, a Jesus-sounding silence where he’d spoken. There was a space in their hearts, too, that would always long for him to fill it. And yet the same must have been true of them as it is for us when we take leave of our loved ones. Their presence remains brilliantly in their absence. They’re not here but are hardly gone for good. You can’t kill love off that easily. Love never leaves the room.

How do you keep Jesus close even when he may seem absent?

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - Year B

13TH MAY 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 – 27th May 2018 at 12.00 noon

1st Friday Mass – 1st June 2018

Tamil Mass 2nd June at 6:30p.m./ Fijian Mass 10th JUNE, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 12th May 2018 5:00 p.m.	Kevin Johnson Goretti Rodrigues	Ferdanind Pinto Selma Pinto Jeffery Rodrigues Mathias Gomes Diana Gomes	Marika Dalia Matthew Leander Nelisa	Tongan Community
Sunday 13th May 2018 9:30 a.m.	Tongan Community	Monica Austin Lydia Quadros Frederick Quadros Blanche D’Cuhna Bro. Michael Goh	Emmanuela Paje Jared Greta Gloria	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 19th May 2018 5:00 p.m.	Agnes Faapoi Samantha Rodrigues	Alisi Otufangavalu Nola Paku Cheryl Moan Rosalie Su’a Amanda Saldanha	Aaron Chiara Dalia Nelisa Zoisha	Indian Community
Sunday 20th May 2018 9:30 a.m.	Indian Community	Xavier Braganza Telesia Alualu Frances Faapoi Malia Falemaka Bro Micheal Goh	Leon Stephan Gabe Marika Dominique	

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 13th May, 2018

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 p. 55

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 20th May, 2018

First Reading Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104 p. 115

Second Reading 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel John 20:19-23

Sunday Offering for 6th May 2018

1st Collection: \$ 536
2nd Collection: \$1073.30

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

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

Purvashree Pai e Souza Fr. Albert Williams, 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, 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:

Nobert 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

Tax Rebate Receipts

Please collect your Tax Rebate Receipts placed at the entrance of the church.

MOTHERS DAY- 13TH MAY

The Samoan Community and Youth would like to honour Our Mothers on Sunday 13th May, 2018 during and after the 9:30 Mass, with a beautiful song and gift. There will be tea, Coffee and biscuits, offered by the Youth after Mass, so all You lovely Mothers please come and be celebrated by your children on that day.

EASTER BLESSING

Fr Arul has started the Easter Blessing of houses from 4th April 2018. All parishioners are requested to fill in the form and deposit it in the box marked 'HOUSE BLESSING' placed at the entrance to the church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion classes are conducted every Saturday from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m.

The Month of May is the Month dedicated to our Mother Mary. As a family we should try and say the Rosary together or come as a group or community and prayer the rosary together. We should also try to attend the 20 decade rosary every Saturday.

Meetings

Fundraising committee meeting 5th June 2018
Parish AGM 20th May 2018 after 9:30 am Mass
Liturgy committee meeting 6th Jun. 2018 at 7.15 pm
Finance Committee meeting on 17th May, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

A 12 hour Eucharist Adoration will be held at St. Therese Parish **every Friday** from 7:30 a.m. till 7:30 p.m. until the 1st week of Advent, i.e. 2nd December, 2018.

Mass for the Sick on 27th May, 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

The Holy Angels Choir

All those wanting to join kindly contact Shalini Dias or the Parish office

Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 7.00 pm we have the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction followed by Mass.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND -25-27 May at Mt Richmond Hotel Mt Wellington. - BOOK NOW! - Phone Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

NZ CATHOLIC

April 6-20

1. Bishop Dooley ordained in Dunedin.
2. Bishop Colin Campbell looks back on his ministry.
3. Youth synod in Auckland.
4. Helping young singles reclaim dating.



I am one of many who called Benedict XVI the Pope of Christian Unity. He placed the full communion of the Church at the forefront of his Papacy. Pope Francis continued, "The Gospel proclaims that in and through Jesus Christ, authentic unity with God - and through Him, in the Spirit, with one another - is the plan of God for the entire human race. The Church is the way to that unity. For the Church to continue the redemptive mission of Jesus effectively, she must be one. It was not the Lord's plan that she be divided. It is His plan that she be restored to full communion." (Jan 2018)

Outreach Initiative - Auckland City Mission 'One Can - Two Can' Appeal

The City Mission Can Collection Appeal this winter runs from Saturday 19th May to Friday 29th June. We rely on and appreciate your generosity

Invitation to Bishop's Forums 2018

Tuesday May 15th at Christ the King, 260 Richardson Rd, Owairaka 7.30pm -9.15pm
Tuesday May 22 at St Anne's, 126 Russel Rd, Manurewa, Sunday May 27 at St Columba Centre, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby at 1pm-3pm

Te Tai Tokerau Forum will be held in Moerewa on Saturday August 11th

All parish priests, parish councillors and parishioners, young and old invited.

Christian Lawyers' Conference Fri 18 and Sat 19 May, at Elim Christian Centre, 159 Botany Road, Botany.

This conference provides an opportunity to connect with Christian lawyers across New Zealand. This year the theme is Humility, Justice and Mercy - exploring these topics in the context of practising law as a follower of Jesus.

There is an impressive line-up of speakers from the legal profession and the judiciary. For more information and to register, visit www.nzchristianlawyers.org.nz, email nzchristianlawyers@gmail.com

Mercy Spirituality Centre

- **TRINITY Series:** Relating to oneself, relating within God, relating between God and ourselves with HELEN BERGIN op. Thurs' 17 & 24 May, 10am-12noon. \$15 each or 3 talks for \$40 incl. morning tea.
 - **Weekend Workshop: EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED** Completing the Works of God with KATHLEEN RUSHTON rsm. Fri 18 May, 7-9pm & Sat 19 May, 9.30am-4pm. \$50. BYO Lunch. "Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of ...global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity" (Laudato Si, 240). In this reflective time together, we shall take up the invitation by exploring the role of the Spirit in completing the works of God as in the gospel according to John.
 - **The LAUDATO SI Pledge Talk 1: 'Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion'.** What does this mean for all of us? with Fr NEIL DARRAGH. Tues 22 May, 7-9pm & repeated on Wed 30 May 10am-12 noon. \$15 (talk 2 in Oct)
 - **Writers Weekend Workshop** with JOAN ROSIER-JONES. Fri 25 May 6.30-8pm, Sat & Sun 26 & 27 May 9.30am-4.30pm. \$200. Tea/Coffee, morning & afternoon tea, lunch incl. Accommodation available at extra cost
- See our website for more details. Bookings essential.
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St Therese School News

The school will be offering Baptismal classes during school time for any children 7 years and over in Term 2. If you wish your child to be baptised, please contact the school.