

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 8th Dec. 2018 5:00 p.m.	Royston D'Lima Charmaine Jones	Lazarus Serrao Selma Pinto Lydia Quadros Adelia Serrao Cynthia Mascarenhas	Marika Dalia Matthew Emmanuela Greta	Tongan Community
Sunday 9th Dec. 2018 9:30 a.m.	Tongan Community	Monica Austin Telesia Alualu Cheryl Moan Xavier Braganza Bro Micheal Goh	Leander Ambrose Asesione Raelyn Gloria	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 15th Dec. 2018 5:00 p.m.	Agnes Fa'apoi Emmaneula Filipo	Lazarus Serrao Rosalie Su'a Margaret Koay Adelia Serrao Cheryl Moan	Aaron Chiara Dalia Marika Zoisha Stephan	IndianCommunity
Sunday 16th Dec. 2018 9:30 a.m.	Indian Community	Agnes Shaaf Monica Austin Malia Falemaka Nola Paku Bro Micheal Goh	Jared Realyne Emmanuela Adele	

Are you new to our Parish?
 We warmly welcome you. We would like to know more about you and invite you to visit the Parish Office and register yourself by filling in a Parishioner's Census Form. If there is any way we can be of help to you, please let us know

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Father Michael finally sat down at his computer. He'd been interrupted several times that day as he tried to write a report for the school magazine that was already a week late. Just as he was beginning to put his fingers on the keyboard, the doorbell rang. He was tempted to ignore it, but out of duty he stomped towards the front door and yanked it open. It was Patrick. Father Michael knew his caller very well. Patrick was a "gentleman of the road" who liked a drink now and then. The priest would usually pass the time of day with Patrick, who would then happily move on, having gained the price of a cup of tea. Today, however, was different. Angry that he'd been disrupted Father Michael snapped: "And what do you want?" Patrick began his usual story, building up to the request for a little money. But Father Michael was not in the mood. Before Patrick had the chance to ask, he was sent away and the door was slammed shut behind him.

Father Michael returned to his computer and started to type. But now he was even more frustrated, not because he'd been disturbed, but because he'd been so unkind. All he could think about was Patrick's stooped figure walking down the presbytery path. To make things worse, it was a few weeks before Christmas, and even though it was summer, there was a cool breeze. He imagined himself as Scrooge in Charles Dickens' book A Christmas Carol.

Then the doorbell rang again. Unable to concentrate on writing his report, Father Michael went to see who it was. There stood another gentleman of the road. Immediately, Father Michael pulled one of his coats off its hook and thrust it toward the man. The visitor was slightly bemused by the priest's gesture, particularly because he hadn't even had time to ask for anything. Wearing his new coat, and with the price of a meal in his pocket, the man set off on his way. Father Michael returned to his computer. As he began to type, he smiled knowingly to himself. Had God taught him a lesson? If only he'd been generous when he first had the chance, it would have cost him the price of a cup of tea and not his best overcoat.

ST THERESE PARISH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Year C
16TH DECEMBER, 2018

VIGIL MASS: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS: 9:30 A.M.

SPECIAL MASSES:

Weekday MASSES :
 Monday to Friday 7.00am
 Saturday 8.00am
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 08:00 A.M

Sick and Elderly 12:00noon every 4th Sunday
 First Friday 7:00p.m. every 1st Friday
 Tamil 6:30 pm every 1st Saturday
 Fijian 2:00p.m every 2nd Sunday
 Samoan

The Holy Rosary
Is prayed before Mass Daily

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays : 9-9.30am
Every 4TH Wednesdays : 7-8:00 p.m.



Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope. We are looking forward to celebrating the fulfilment of God's promise. It's a time of thankfulness for God's generous love, made real for us in Jesus. John the Baptist knew that this love was a free and undeserved gift. He was not even worthy to bend low and undo Christ's sandals. We do not have to be worthy to welcome Jesus, but we are called to be willing to let his presence change our attitudes and behaviour. The Gospel shows us what it means in practice. Whatever shape they take, genuine Christian generosity and kindness will always be expressed with happiness and joy. We rejoice in God's gifts to us; let's also be joyful in happily sharing them with others.

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 16th December, 2018

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

Canticle Isaiah P 170

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 23rd December, 2018

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

Ps 80 p84

Second Reading Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel Luke 1:39-44

Sunday Offering for 9th December, 2018

NZ\$ 1387.70

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

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

Larissa Salt, Purvashree Pai e Souza Fr. Albert Williams, Michael Brady, 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, Telesia Folaumahina, Babs Lyons,

Prayers for the Deceased

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

Br. John Paul FMS, Shirley Mathew, Fili Otufangavalu, Virginia Faye Perelini, 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

Programme: 2018 Christmas & New Year

Monday, 24.12.18

07:15 p.m. Vigil Mass (Carols followed by Mass) led by Youth and Family Choir

10:30pm Christmas Mass (Carols followed by Mass) led by the Samoan Community

Tuesday, 25.12.18

9:30am Christmas Day Mass led by the Tongan Community

Sunday, 30.12.18

9:30 a.m. Feast of the Holy Family led by The Tongan Chaplaincy Youth

Monday, 31.12.18

10:00pm New Year's Eve Mass led by Indian Community

Tuesday, 1.1.19

9:30am New Year's Day Mass Samoan Community

From 26 December 2018 to 5 January 2019, morning mass during the week will be at 8:00 a.m.

From 7 January 2019, mass timings reverse to normal (i.e. 7:00a.m.)

Meetings

Parish Council Meeting 3rd February 2019 at 11:00a.m.
Fundraising comm meeting 1st week Feb, 2019 7:15 pm
Liturgy committee meeting 13th Feb. 2019 at 7.15 pm
Finance Comm. meeting on 14 Feb 2019 at 7:15 pm

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Divine Mercy Devotion from 2ND December till Easter
First Friday mass will be celebrated at 7.00 am and 7:00 p.m.
Mass on other Friday evenings will resume during Lent after Stations of the Cross

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During ADVENT 2018 our church will be open every Wednesday (Wed Dec, 12th and 19th) 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.

Rite 2 Reconciliation in Advent

12 December at 7:p.m. ... Mt. Albert
14 December at 6:00 p.m. ... Balmoral
18 December at 7:00 p.m. ... Owairaka
20 December at 7:00 p.m. ... Hillsborough
21 December at 6:00 p.m. ... Onehunga

Mass for the Sick on 23rd December 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 John Paul II Auckland Rosary

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

St Vincent de Paul

For assistance/Make Donations, please contact Rosemary Giborees on 0272833140. Special thanks to all who donate

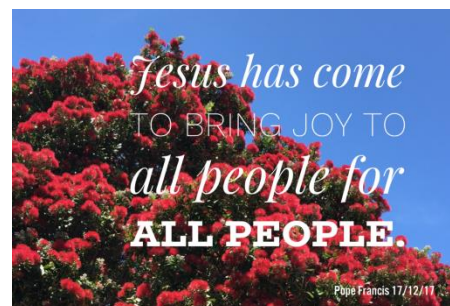
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16nd -22ND Dec Issue

Headlines and a few of the topics

- 1.1200 in March for Life in Wellington.
2. Translation wars running out of steam?
3. Mary comes back to her Tuakau grotto.
4. Abrahamic faiths deepen understanding.

Auckland Catholic Diocese News



Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz
• RETREAT DAY: Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ: How gratitude opens the way with SARAH COOPER. Sat 16 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$65 incl. lunch.
• MUSIC WORKSHOP: Psalms and Gratitude with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Sat 23 Feb, 10am-1pm. \$30 incl. Morning tea. St Columba Centre.
• DREAMWORK 101: Introduction to Dreamwork with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 23 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat 23 Feb, 9.30am-4pm. \$130.
See our website for more details.
Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register_

St Therese School News

Dates to remember:

17 December – Last day of Term for staff. School ends 12pm.
Newsletters at the back of the church. School Brochures available. Please take one.
We are taking enrolments for Yr 7 & 8, boys and girls, and for all other year levels for 2019. Please take a school brochure from the back of the church if you are interested or contact the school. All inquiries are welcome. A tour of the school can be arranged.
Phone: 09 6220 9441
Website: www.sainttherese.school.nz
Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintthereseschool

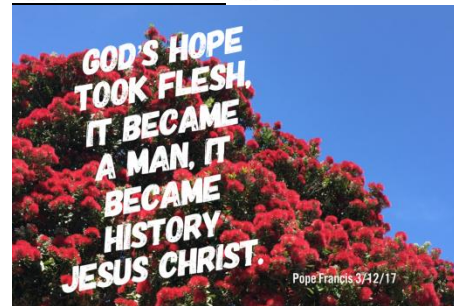
THE COLUMBIAN CALENDERS FOR 2019 AT NZ\$ 12.00 AND DAILY MASS CALENDERS AT NZ\$ 4.00 ARE AVAILABLE WITH FRANCES FA'AOI AND ANNIE LIM AT THE BAK OF THE CHURCH. KINDLY PICK UP YOUR COPY

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth. A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj 9am-4pm Saturday 23 February 2019 Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

Pilgrimages departing in 2019 to The Holy Land, Medjugorje and within NZ. Expressions of interest welcome. Visit: www.pilgrimage.nz or see noticeboard for details. Contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064. E: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz

St Francis Retreat Centre

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Year C
 2ND DECEMBER, 2018
 MASS: Saturday 5.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am
 Monday to Friday 7.00am & Fridays 7.30 p.m.
 Saturday 8.00am
 The Holy Rosary
 Is prayed before Mass Daily
 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturdays 9-9.30am
 Mass for Sick & Elderly – 23RD DECEMBER at 12.00 noon
 1st Friday Mass 7th December 2018
 Tamil Mass 15ST Dec. 6:30 pm./ Fijian Mass 9TH December 18



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the Assumption Church, Church St, Onehunga, February 16th from 10am – 3pm. Bring your own Lunch.
 To register, email tinac@cda.org.



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 5:0000pm

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 Wednesdays 7-8:00 p.m.

Liturgic Centre is holding A SEMINAR on February 16th 2019. This is a seminar for readers and cantors. Five speakers will present material on various aspects of the Ministry of the Word. This is an excellent opportunity for readers, cantors and all involved with the preparation of liturgy, to deepen their knowledge and skills. We are very hopeful that parishes will encourage their readers and cantors to attend this seminar, perhaps organizing shared transport. The seminar will be held at Our Lady of