

18TH MARCH 2018

Ministers of the Word

Yvonne	Delia	Anna
Kevin	Jesse	Diana

Ministers of the Holy Communion

Billy	Marlene	Sr Kathy
Linda	Chris	Toto
Sharon	Keegan	Cynthia
Leroy	Mele	Pam
Christine	Anne	Miriam

Altar Servers

Thomas	Sharon F	Abigail
Dominic	Gianne	Nicky
Isaac	Gabriel	Noah

Musicians/ Organists

Liz	Neil	Ann
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Greeters: Cathy, Owen, John **Cleaning team:** F
Counters: Dianne McArdle

Requests for Masses Envelopes are available at the back of Church. Please write the details on front, place your donation inside envelope & leave in Dan Meachen Room.

Marist Sisters - invite you to join them in praying for vocations. Monday evenings. Holy Hour 7-8 pm in the Convent Chapel.

Your Prayers are requested this week for

All Our Sick - Jonathan Ross, Malini Salt, Theo Purcell, Mick Godwin, Lisa Finucane, Lorenzo Culham, Tim Lythe, Rica Cabral, Ashley Rodrigues, Ang Siong, Michael Noble, Catherine Chittilla-pilly, Luca Fairgray, Therese Graham, Mary Guolo, Flynn Morris-Clarke

Anniversaries - Masses being offered for - Derek Alvares, Nguyen Thi, Tran Quangchigu, Pham Van Cuong, Monica Marshall, Robert Lee. May they rest in peace.

Please let the office know if you wish to have a name placed on or taken off the prayer list.

This newsletter is printed for your information. Please take a copy for your reference. Available on website : www.mtalbertcatholic.org.nz from Mondays.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Diocese requires courses to be taken before baptism or marriage. For **Baptism** phone the office on **846-6775** For **Marriage**, please visit www.catholicmarriage.org.nz

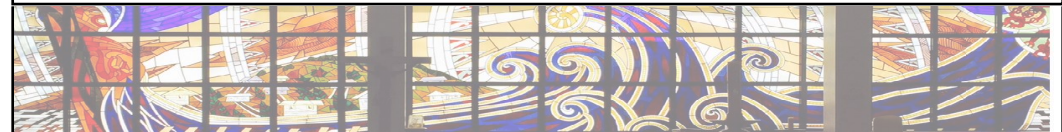
House blessings & visits or unable to get to Mass, please contact the Parish office on 8466775 to have communion brought to you. For a visit from a Priest at Auckland Hospital, please call 358-0825 ext. 4000 or 4045

Senior Legion of Mary - meet Friday evenings in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more information.

Catholic Publications – The Parish purchases and sells the latest editions of : **Marist Messenger** -\$5, **Tui Motu** - \$7 & **NZ Catholic** \$4 latest issue out now. Please place money in the little brown envelopes & put it in the collection bags.

Food Bank : run by St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Parish provides foodstuff to those in need in our community. Your dry goods donations of canned foods, long life milk, jams, spreads, rice, biscuits, pasta sauce, pasta are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 11 MARCH 2018



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OFFICE 20 Kitenui Ave (Up ramp facing side door of church) Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 am - 3pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

STAFF Parish Secretary - Lena Mascarenhas

Finance - Megan Williams

Notices into the office by Tuesdays.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
MASS TIMINGS**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 9 am
Tuesday - 7 pm
Thursday - 11 am
Saturday - 9 am, followed by Reconciliation Rite 1
Sunday - 8 am, 10 am, 5.30 pm

POEM FOR SUNDAY

*If hope has made you walk
farther than fear,
you will raise your eyes.
Then you will be able to hold firm
until you reach the sun of God.*

*If anger caused you to clamour for justice for all,
your heart will be wounded.
Then you will be able to struggle
along with the oppressed.*

*If weakness made you fall along the way,
you will know how to open your arms.
Then you will be able to dance
to the rhythm of forgiveness.*

*If destitution made you search in the hungry night,
you will have an open heart.
Then you will be able to give
the bread of poverty.*

*If suffering made you shed tears of blood,
you will have cleansed eyes.
Then you will be able to pray.
with your brother on the cross.*

*If sadness has made you doubt
on one evening you felt abandoned,
you will know how to carry your cross.
Then you will be able to die
in step with the God-Man.*



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Like Nicodemus - may we seek out the light and truth of Jesus - Son of God; and come to a stronger belief in his saving love for the world.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

That we who have been created by God as 'true words of art' will live and grow as 'people of the light' rich in good works..... **Let us pray to the Lord**

For the saving grace to face personal sin in our lives and seek pardon and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation..... **Let us pray to the Lord**

For so many whose lives have been damaged by war and persecution and who suffer Now; that they will be brought to a 'Sabbath of healing' and a new future for their families.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray with gratitude that we can celebrate Sunday - the 'Day of the Lord' - and God's call to us to be instruments of his forgiving love.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

MESSAGE FROM FR. SATEKI RAASS

To all my loving Parishioners of St Mary's Mt Albert.

Greetings to you all.

I pray that this time of Lent may summons us, and enable us to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life (Pope Francis).

I am writing to humbly inform you that Bishop Pat has graciously approved my personal request for a period of leave.

I have been blessed being your Parish Priest for the last 5 years but I will now have to step down from that role to embrace wholeheartedly this time of spiritual nourishment.

Thank you so much for your love and support and for allowing me to be part of your families. Please do keep me in your prayers during this time and let us continue to celebrate Mary's "YES."

Blessings – Fr. Sateki Raass

Our weekly bag collection for 4th Mar is \$ 2206.20 Many thanks for your contributions.

Sunday Readings Year B

11 MAR -1st Chron 36:14-16, 19-23	2nd Ephesians 2:4-10	GOSPEL JOHN 3:14-21
18 MAR -1st Ezekiel 37:12-14	2nd Romans 8:8-11	GOSPEL JOHN 11:1-45

HOLY WEEK SERVICES IN OUR CHURCH - Holy Thursday - 29th March. No morning Mass. Mass of The Lord's Supper - **8.00 p.m.**

Good Friday, 30th March -The Lord's Passion –**3 pm**

Holy Saturday – 31st March - Easter Vigil Mass - **8.00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday – 1st April - Family Mass - **9.00 a.m. (No Evening Mass)** . Please see the notice board for more information.

Volunteers to join our Parish Pastoral Council - The PPC are in need to fill in a few vacancies and would like you to consider offering your services. If you would like to do so please send your details to the parish office by the 20th March.

Holy Thursday Mass - You are invited to bring a gift for the Parish Food Bank - to place by the altar after the 'Foot - washing'. The Roman missal has always recommended this gesture of loving serving to assist the poor in every parish.

Urgently in need of Church cleaning Volunteers to assist on the Church cleaning roster. Teams (male or female) have a turn once every 8 weeks. It takes 2 hours with 3/4 people on each team .If you can help, please phone the office on 846 6775.

Marist College -enrolments for 2019 are open.

Diocesan Youth Mass | Hosted by City region We invite you all to come to the next Diocesan Youth Mass hosted by the City Region on Palm Sunday, 25 March, St Patrick's Cathedral . Theme 'Our Journey to the Cross'. Gathering at 6:45pm for the distribution of Palms. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Sherwin Lapaan. Come together as a community as we prepare for the solemnity for Holy Week.

Staff Vacancy – Pompallier Diocesan Centre Coordinator, Pastoral Office. For full details please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, go to Quicklinks & Staff vacancies. Please check notice board for more information.

Spiritual Retreat in Preparation for Easter -20th - 22nd March, 7 pm to 9 pm, St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Avondale.

Easter Sunday morning Mass Broadcast -The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph has been asked by Radio New Zealand to provide a recorded Easter Sunday morning Mass for broadcast. This pre -recorded Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral, Monday 12th March, 7.30 pm. Please lend your voices & your faith to this "Fit for Mission" opportunity for our Diocese. Validated parking will be available

Scholarship for Medical Students - 4th/ 5th year practicing Catholic Medical Students in 2018, studying in New Zealand, 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

Evening Retreat on the Triduum - 2 evening retreats focusing on the **Three Great Days of Easter – The Triduum**. A night of songs, reflections and preparation to enable full understanding and participation in the Triduum Liturgies. St. Joseph, Takapuna - Tuesday 13th March 6:30pm – 9pm. Holy Cross, Henderson - Thursday 15th March 6:30pm – 9pm. For catering reasons please register by emailing liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

Central Auckland Grief Support next meeting planned for Saturday 17 Mar 11am followed by a shared lunch in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.