#### **16TH SEPTEMBER 2018** Ministers of the Word Jackie Malia Ross Cedric Delia Therese **Ministers of the Holy Communion** Dave Tapinga Pam Trish Tauhola Anne Shamini Celine Mervyn Farrell Jocelyn Sabatini Dwayne Lobo Lizzie Cynthia **Altar Servers** Nishera Sam Iris Liam Rory Kris Matthew Scout Marie Musicians/ Organists Liz Veronica

Greeters: Cathy, Owen, John Cleaning team: I

**Counters:** Dianne

Requests for Masses Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write the details on the front, place your donation inside envelope & hand to Father.

#### **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.

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

Sick members of our Parish - Jonathan Ross, Malini Salt, Theo Purcell, Mick Godwin, Lisa Finucane, Lorenzo Culham, Tim Lythe, Rica Cabral, Ashley Rodrigues, Ang Siong, Catherine Chittillapally, Luca Fairgray, Therese Graham, Mary Guolo, Flynn Morris-Clarke, Nora Walshe, Michele Spijkerbosch, Baby Reilly, Rhoneil Mercado & Ronald Sanidad.

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

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## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 9th SEPTEMBER 2018



#### St. Mary's Parish - Mt. Albert, Auckland

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STAFF Parish Secretary - Johanna Tumahai-Fox Finance - Megan Williams

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK MASS TIMINGS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 9 am

Tuesday - 7 pm Thursday - 10 am

Saturday - 9 am, followed by Reconciliation Rite 1

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am, 5.30 pm

# Eyes and Ears for the Lord's Day

From the time of our faith ancestors God has promised to save us .. to open our blind eyes, our deaf ears to help us leap for joy in salvation to release us from hatred, suffering, oppression.

History proves that God is faithful that these promises are fulfilled in Jesus.

Jesus opens our eyes to see God's presence in the goodness of people

in the tenderness of life .. even in its vulnerability.

Jesus opens our ears to hear God's word spoken to us by others revealed through the world He made for us.

Touched by Him in these ways our hearts can leap with joy; our lives, our world are alive with God's presence.



Sr Dianne Bergant C.S.A.

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Anyone is welcome to read a prayer. Please read slowly and clearly.

## Response: Merciful Father hear our prayer

For a spirit of openness: that our hearts may be ready to receive God's word and that the Spirit of God will help us to put God's vision for tomorrow into practice today......Let us pray to the Lord

For a deepening of compassion: that we may feel the pain and the longings of the poor, the physically and mentally challenged, and of the marginalized of our society so that we may journey with them in faith ......Let us pray to the Lord

For a spirit of welcome and hospitality in our assembly: that all who join us for worship, community or service may experience the love of Christ and a warm welcome ......Let us pray to the Lord

For all who have experienced abuse, discrimination or hatred: that God will heal their pain and renew their spirits .....Let us pray to the Lord

For all world leaders: that they recognize the dignity of all people regardless of status, wealth, or social position and seek to meet the basic needs of every person ......Let us pray to the Lord

#### **Gentle Reminders**

- Cell Phones Kindly switch off or put on silent mode during Mass. Thank you.
- If you are sick (cold/flu, infections or any type of bug) please do not take from the chalice.
- -Any Parishioners wanting to book the Church or a house blessings etc, please call the office to organise.
- Please note we do not offer any Special Masses on Sundays or on any Holy Days of Obligation.
- Preference Forms will be signed for families registered to our Parish only.
- Once in every three months there will be general anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday. The Forth coming anointing of the sick will be on 3rd of November, instead of 9.00am the Mass will be held at 10.00am followed by tea and coffee.

<u>CHANGE OF MASS TIME</u> - Thursday Mass will now be changed from 11am to 10am starting Thursday 6th September.

<u>Praise & Worship Service</u> - Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 7pm to 8pm in our parish. The first one will commence on Thursday 20th September. All are welcome!

Our weekly bag collection for 2nd Sep is \$1695.60 Many thanks for your contributions.

 Sunday Readings
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 9 SEP -1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah 35:4-7
 2<sup>nd</sup> James 2:1-5
 GOSPEL MARK 7:31-37

 16 SEP -1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah 50:5-9
 2<sup>nd</sup> James 2:14-18
 GOSPEL MARK 8:27-35

<u>PPC News -</u> We now have two Co-Chairs Anna Jared and Dave Wood. We would like to thank Jesse Chittilapally for his years of service as our previous Chair. Joe Brownfield has kindly agreed to take on the role of our PPC Secretary.

<u>Bible Study Group</u> – Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, 12/9/18 at 7:30pm in the Church. We'll break open the Word, discuss it openly on how it applies to our lives today and pray for each other as well. It's open to all adults (18+), will meet monthly and will be led by parish member Joe Brownfield. See you there!!

**Youth Meetings** - Every 1st Sunday of the month. All aged between 16-25 are welcome.

<u>Organist/Musicians</u> - We are in need of organists. Please contact the office if you are interested.

<u>Caring Committee</u> - Meals needed! We have several families who are in need of our help. If you are able to make a meal for a family please contact the office with your details. Thanks! <u>IN NEED of Eucharistic Ministers & Ministers of the Word</u> - Please contact the office if you are interested in serving in these ministries especially for 5.30pm Mass. Training will commence in October!

<u>Social Justice Week</u> - 9 to 15 September 2018. Enabling Communities - Everyone has a part to play. Please see notice board for more information.

<u>Cathedral Appeal</u> - Sunday 9th September, this money is used to support long term maintenance of our Mother Church - St Patricks Cathedral - A Precious Heritage entrusted to us. A letter from Bishop Pat Dunn in regards to this appeal has been posted on the notice board.

<u>Feast of the Holy Cross Mass</u> - Holy Cross Seminary invites all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at **5.00 pm** on **Monday 17 September**. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter Cullinane.

<u>Clevedon Valley Music Foundation</u> Trust - presents Vladimir Romanov's *Stabat Mater* – concert to be held on **Sunday 9 September** at St Benedict's Church, Newton, from **2.30 pm to 4.30 pm**. See website for tickets and information: <a href="http://cvmft.org">http://cvmft.org</a>. Check the noticeboard for more details.

St Francis Retreat Centre - You are invited to a day of Prayer and Quiet Reflection on the 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Saint Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill. The day will commence and 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm. The cost for the day is \$30pp including lunch. Please ring 09 625 6651 to make a booking or email: admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

## Candlelight Rosary Procession & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacred heart College 250 West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes, Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Led By Bishop Patrick Dunn. The purpose of this procession is to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life. All are invited!

<u>Central Auckland Grief Support</u> - is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 15 Sept 2 pm in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.

<u>Diocesan Youth Mass</u> - This month, we are blessed to have Vinnies hosting so make sure to keep the 30th September free. Bring along your family, friends and youth members to Mass, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm.