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Mālō e lelei,

We would like to begin this week by farewelling Fr Albertus! Fr Albertus has been asked to help Fr Michael in Otara who has two churches under his care. Father will move to Otara on Monday. We thank Father for all he has done for St Mary's during his time with us. We wish him well and pray he will have a happy and blessed future.

A Message from Fr Albertus, "Thank you all for your kindness and love, please call and see me in Otara".

URGENT - End of Life Choice Act 2020 - we need volunteers to deliver leaflets into letterboxes in our local area, this week. Please email or phone the office if you are able to help out, letting us know streets and number you think you can do. (service hours available for students).

Our Caring Committee pass on a huge "Thank you" for your generous support of our foodbank. This week the support you have all offered has been outstanding. This has given us an opportunity to reach out further and offer food parcels to families that find it difficult to ask, for our help. They were truly overwhelmed. We are also grateful to those that have offered their time to deliver parcels. Please continue to remember us when you are shopping.

Let us know if you or someone you know is in need of our practical help. Privacy is assured.

We would also like to thank those that have been able to continue with their online donations to the parish. Your donations are greatly appreciated, our bank account details are 02 0100 0120974 14 or by dropping your envelopes in the parish letterbox.

Fr Philip is available for Reconciliation, please arrange a time with the office, and if you would like Fr to remember a special intention at Mass, leave us a phone message or email.

Johanna has been busy this week continuing preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Saturday 31st October) and First Eucharist (1st November at 10am).

Our Safeguarding officer has begun work on implementing the Diocese policies. We would ask if you volunteer in a role involving our young, youth or elderly that you email the office so that we can ensure you are on our register.

The Parish Property team have been reviewing Health and Safety. The Arborist has identified 3 large trees that will require removal, the large tree by the letterbox, the Palm by the side door of the church and the Birch tree by the driveway/footpath. This work will be undertaken in the next few weeks. We welcome your feedback.

Please remember as we continue in Level 2.5, the church continues to be open each day for private prayer. We ask visitors to record their visit EITHER by scanning the QR code OR by recording name, phone number, and arrival and departure times in the register.

Blessings,
Parish Office Team

Social Justice Week

“Today we want to keep dreaming. We celebrate all the opportunities which enable us not to lose the hope of a better world with greater possibilities.” (Pope Francis, 2015) Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference give us Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme is Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church’s Potential. Let us take this opportunity to delve deeper into our Church’s social teaching and consider how we promote love, peace and justice. This year the programme identifies 9 key principles of Catholic Social Teaching and help us understand the call for us to put these principles into practice. Attractive Bookmarks identifying the 9 key CST principles are available in the church foyer.

Remember

- Sunday Mass www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz. [Sunday Mass](#) 2.00pm: Channel 25 or Sky channel 201.
- The Word: <https://theword.nz> This website provides links to daily reflections, video reflections from Cardinal John Dew, and “Lectio Divina”, how to reflect on the bible and its meaning for us today

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You
Forgiving God, you show us your mercy every day.

Ngaahi tāpuakí

Eiki e. Ko koe pe homau hufanga'anga, ke ke fakahaofi mo malu'i kimautilu mei he ngaahi fakatu'utamaki kotoa pe kae tautautefito ki he mahaki vailasi kolona 'oku lolotonga mafola. 'Eiki ke ke fai tapuekina mai 'ae uike lea fakatonga pea ke fakakoloa 'a Aotearoa 'aki 'emau lotu ke hoko ia ko ha me'a ke langilangi'ia ai ho huafa toputapu. Tataki kimautilu ka mau muimui atu 'i he hala 'o e mo'ui fiefia, fetoko'aki mo fe'of'ofa ni 'i ho huafa ma'oni'oni. 'Ameni.

Our Heavenly Father. We pray and reaching out to you, we thank you for your favor and blessings for us to make it today and this week alive. We thank you for the life you have given us. Arise your soul upon us and lead the way, bless us with your strength so we may fulfill your work. Oh Lord. You are our refuge, guide and protect us from all danger especially with Covid 19. Lord bless this week with our Tongan language week that it may be a perspective of enriching Aotearoa, New Zealand as we pray that it will glorify you. Lord guide us and lead the way for us to follow in the paths of your righteousness. Grant us peace, joy, kindness and loving. We pray for this in the name of the Father. AMEN

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of ‘last resort’. It will not just apply to the ‘exceptionally difficult cases’. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say ‘no’ to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one’s views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not ‘compassion’ to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

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