

17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**Ministers of the Word**

Kath Delia Ben  
Tom Melissa Ben

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Gay Soya  
Jocelyn Miriam  
Crystalline

**Altar Servers**

Mila Gabriel  
Hana Selena  
Alex Ethan

**Musicians/ Organists**

Samoan Choir

**Cleaning team:** F  
**Counters:** Irene

**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.

**'Love one another'**

*Whenever people gather and are in relationship there is always the risk of conflict and disharmony.  
The challenge of the Gospel is a personal one, and the restoration of relationships is paramount to our call as Christians.  
Reconciliation is at the very heart of Christian living, and it is a responsibility to all who are part of the Church to be called to restore relationships with each other when these are broken.*

**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](http://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 at 6pm in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more info.

**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 envelopes & put it in the collection bags.

**Food Bank** - 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.

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 10 September 2023**



**ST. MARY'S PARISH - MT. ALBERT, AUCKLAND**

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Robert O'Brien **RELIEVING PRIEST** Fr Joy Thottamkara C.Ss.R.

**STAFF** Parish Secretary Johanna Tumahai-Fox

**Finance** - Megan Williams

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***Sunday Readings, Year A***

**10 SEP -1<sup>st</sup>** Ezekiel 33:7-9      **2<sup>nd</sup>** Romans 13:8-10      **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 18:15-20

**17 SEP -1<sup>st</sup>** Ecus. 27:30-28:7      **2<sup>nd</sup>** Romans 14:7-9      **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 18:21-35

**Your Prayers are requested this week for**

**The sick** - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Ronald Sanidad, Cedric Menezes, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Thomas Allison, Veronica Malupo, Fiona Rogers, Brianna Magdalani, Sr Marie-Therese, Julie Fautua & Abigail Perillo.

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

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK  
MASS/LITURGY TIMINGS**

Monday - 9 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion  
Tuesday - 6.30 pm  
Wednesday & Friday - 9am  
Thursday - 10 am  
Saturday - 9am, (Reconciliation Rite 1 - 8.30am to 9am)  
Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

## Make Family Prayer a Priority

The frantic pace of family life can often mean that prayer gets lost in the shuffle.

A simple and practical suggestion to encourage family pray more:

*What does it mean in the creation story that  
“God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him?”*



## Gentle Reminders

**- Please do not leave any household items or clothing in the church or on the presbytery door step. Thank you for thinking of us but we get inundated with stuff that we struggle to off load ourselves. If there is a need we will put a call out. Thank you!**

- Cell Phones - Kindly switch off or put on silent mode during Mass. Thank you.

- For Church bookings, appointments, etc, please call or email the office to arrange.

- Please do not smoke outside the church or on any of the school grounds.

**Tap'nGo** - Our Tap'nGo machine is for those who wish to use contactless payment (card or phone) instead of cash via plate collection. The device is set for \$10 donations. Please note that tax receipts cannot be issued if you use this system. If you are wanting a tax receipt please contact the office about joining one of our planned giving schemes.

**Preference Forms** - Please drop these into the office with a copy of the Baptism Certificate and a contact number.

**Home Visits** - If you or a family member are unable to come to Mass to receive Holy Communion and would like to have Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to arrange this. We also have Ministers visiting Aranui rest home to take Holy Communion to Catholic residents. If you have a family member at any of these residences who would like to receive Holy Communion and have not been contacted please let the Parish Office know.

**Parking** - Please remember to keep the church driveway clear of vehicles during School hours from 8.15-9am & 2.30-3.30pm and Sunday Masses. Also please do not park in any of the school carparks during week day Masses. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**8 Sep** - Our Lady's Birthday 9am, followed by morning tea

**10 Sep** - Parish Celebration 10am

**23 Sep** - Baptism 9.30am

**Church Layout** - Due to the recent illness of Father Rob, he only had just over a week or so to assess the Church layout, however during his illness he was considering feedback from parishioners and consulting with fellow clergy including Bishop Steve. Father is now on leave until early October and will be continuing to review feedback. We hope to have another layout option soon. I am going to be present after the 8 and 10 am Mass' this week if you want to have a chat about the layout, or else I do encourage you to email the parish office at [office@mtalbertcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@mtalbertcatholic.org.nz) with your views. Kind regards, David Wood (Chair St Marys Mt Albert Parish Pastoral Council).

**Volunteers needed** - We are in desperate need of volunteers for Ministries of the Word/Eucharist & Altar Servers for the 5.30pm Mass, if we do not get more support for this Mass we will have to review its future existence.

**Morning Tea** - After 10am Mass on Sunday's, please bring a plate to share.

**The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival** - is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7 - Sun 8 Oct 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their "riches of nations" in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. If you want to be involved in being a volunteer email [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz).

**Holy Cross Seminary** - Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

**G.I.F.T** - 2023 marks 50 years since Sr Jean Sinclair's dream to provide for the needs of those with intellectual disabilities to learn about the Sacraments was implemented. G.I.F.T (Grow In Faith Together) is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Bishop Steve and the GIFT family invite you to join in celebrating this important milestone. Sunday 17 September, 11 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Telford Ave, Balmoral followed by a light lunch in the parish hall. RSVP by 11 /09 to [mylene@giftcentre.org.nz](mailto:mylene@giftcentre.org.nz)

**NZ Catholic** - for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Dunedin angels to stand at cathedral high altar again. Auckland Catholic college to get \$20 million science facility. Alleged multi-plication of hosts investigated as possible eucharistic miracle.

**St Joseph's Catholic School Onehunga** - If you are a Past Pupil, Staff member or BoT member - we would love to hear from you. We are celebrating our 175th Anniversary Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 October 2023 Contact Melanie Duarte @[mduarte@sjs.school.nz](mailto:mduarte@sjs.school.nz) to register your interest.

**Auckland Catholic Ministries** - to Young People is excited to bring you our 3rd Masterclass! 16th Sep, 3:30pm. Masterclass is a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry. Get ready for keynote speakers, workshops, praise and worship, adoration, and plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders. Plus free coffee and some fantastic kai! Keep an eye on our socials as we announce our awesome workshop presenters! If you're a youth or young adult leader, you NEED to be at Masterclass. Due to venue space, registrations are limited, so don't miss out on this fantastic formation opportunity. We can't wait to have you join us! Go to @AKCYM on Facebook to register, or contact [felicitym@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicitym@cda.org.nz) with any queries.

**Central Auckland Grief Support** - 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 16 Sept in the Hillsborough area. To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 021-1734978.