

10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Ministers of the Word

Faustina Rob Ben
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Ministers of the Holy Communion

Merv Mele
Nebu Paul
Lizzie

Altar Servers

Alistair Eimear Adeesh
Amelia Benedict Fearghus
Imogen Evan

Musicians/ Organists

Marie & Dermot

Cleaning team: D

Counters: David & Violet

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.

'Follow me'

There is a marked contrast between Jesus' response to Peter this week, almost vilified for standing in the way of the divine mission, and that of last week when Peter was highly praised for his affirmation.

Peter's failure is to see that the cross is part of God's plan – his understanding of Jesus' mission is not complete. The call to take up their cross is a condition of discipleship, and a daily commitment.

How can we manage to do the hard and difficult things that being a follower of Jesus requires of us?

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 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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 3 September 2023



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

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

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Sunday Readings, Year A

3 SEP -1st *Jeremiah 20:7-9* **2nd** *Romans 12:1-2* **GOSPEL** *MATTHEW 16:21-27*

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

Happy Father's Day to all the Father's, including Fr Rob and Fr Joy. May you all have a day filled with love and laughter.

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:

Division within families is more common today than in the past. Some families do not have both a mum and a dad, or maybe siblings or parents fight with each other.

How can the love and mercy of Jesus Christ fix relationships that are broken?



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

3&10 Sep - Baptism Classes 11am

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

10 Sep - Parish Celebration 10am

23 Sep - Baptism 9.30am

Parish Feast Day Celebration - for Our Lady's Birthday, next Sunday the 10th Sep, Please bring a plate and join us for the morning Tea after the 10am Mass.

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.

Social Justice Week - begins today, with the focus on peace and responding to conflict. The National Liturgy Office has relevant information here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/social-justice-week-3/> Substantial resources are available to download from Caritas Aotearoa NZ here: www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

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.

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

NZ Catholic - for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Revised lectionary planned for NZ. Lay leaders of liturgical prayer trained. Knights of the Southern Cross centenary. Plea for people to be Catholic prison chaplains.

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 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 with any queries.

Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry - www.facebook.com/AKCYM & www.instagram.com/acym2 Contact Sam Brebner - samb@cda.org.nz

Catholic University Ministry - www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy