

PARISH NOTICES

- 1. Women of the Bible:** with Br Kieran Fenn. **Session 3.** The Women of Joshua-Judges. **Session 4.** The Book of Ruth. Starting at 7 p.m. Monday 19th and 26th August, in the Meeting Room
- 2. Finance Committee** meeting Tuesday 20th August 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
- 3. RCIA:** next session scheduled for Thursday 28th August after the 7.00pm mass, in the meeting room.
- 4. LEGION of MARY AUXILIARY DAY** – Onehunga and Epsom parish Legions combined. **Sunday 1st September** at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Banff Ave. Epsom. ROSARY in Church and a TALK ON The Rosary by Father O'Brien, followed by afternoon tea. All legionaries, auxiliaries and interested people welcome.
- 5. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

- 1. Abortion Law Reform Bill** was given its First Reading on 8 August: The proposed Bill: *liberalises late-term abortion. * has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions. *allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand *has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced * has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement. *has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability *does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor. * violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals. *provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed. Further details and a Submissions Guide - www.voiceforlife.org.nz. Submissions close on 19 September. Emailed submissions are not accepted. Post or send via the Parliamentary website: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill
- 2. Birthday Celebrations of our Blessed Mother Mary through Novena, Rosary and Mass in Honour of our Blessed Mother of Good Health, Vailankanni daily from 29th August to 8th September 2019 at 6.30pm.** We invite all families and friends to come to St Mary's Parish, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale and join the pilgrimage. For more details please call Cynthia on 813 2101 or Helen 834 7798 God Bless
- 3. Beyond Conflict: Evolution, Science and God.** A two-day conference at Otago University Business school. 30/31 August. All Welcome. Scholarships available to students for subsidised travel, accommodation and/or registration through Nicola Hoggard hoggard.n@gmail.com. For more information and to register otago.ac.nz/beyond-conflict. Poster attached
- 4.** There will not be a regular Joshua meeting on 28 August at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. In place all are requested to meet at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield for a talk on '**REFUGEES & MIGRATION - THE UNTOLD STORIES OF HOPE**'. It will start at **7.00pm** (not 7.30pm). We hope to see you there for the gathering and fellowship. If you need additional information please contact **Russell at 022 0345 678**. The Sept Joshua meeting will take place as usual on **Wed 25 at 7.30pm at St Josephs Centre, Takapuna**.
- 5. McAuley High School, class of 2009 reunion:** We would like to invite McAuley old girls and staff of 2009 to attend a class reunion celebrating 10 years since graduation. The event is scheduled for Saturday 16 November in central Auckland. If you would like more information, please contact Sela Jane Hopgood via email, sjaho009@gmail.com. We look forward to catching up with you there.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“I HAVE COME
NOT TO GIVE
PEACE,
BUT DISCORD!”**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 18TH AUGUST 2019

Daily Morning Eucharist:	Monday - Friday 7.30am
Daily Evening Eucharist:	Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm
First Friday Eucharist:	7.30am and also at 7.00pm
Saturday Eucharist:	8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday Eucharist:	8.30am & 10.00am
Public Holidays:	8.00am, no evening Mass
Adoration:	Every Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm
Tongan Mass:	2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm
Samoan Mass:	3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am
Youth Mass:	4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am
Reconciliation:	Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm
Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:	Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12.00noon-2.00pm
The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:	Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (Pavilion)

Reflection

(Jer 38:4-6,8-10). During the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, the princes brought Jeremiah before the king and charged him with treason. (He had been predicting the destruction of the city as a judgement from God). Since the king lacked the courage to withstand them, Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern and left to die. Having tried in vain to save his people, Jeremiah was now abandoned to his enemies and was powerless. Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. His sufferings remind us of the sufferings of Jesus, and his rescue from the pit reminds us of Jesus' resurrection from the tomb.

(Lk 12:49-53). The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus' mission. Three images are used: fire, baptism, and division (the sword). The image of fire has a long history in the Bible. The fire involved here is not the fire that destroys but the fire that purifies. The latter is the fire that Jesus wishes to see kindled. Baptism is used here in a metaphorical sense. The 'baptism' he must undergo is his Passion. It's not that he loved suffering, but that he was convinced that God's redemptive plan required it of him. He feels handicapped and thwarted until this mission can be accomplished. As for causing division, it's not that Christ came to set people against each other. Nevertheless, his very presence causes division. In him God's light has come into the world. People must choose for or against the light (Jn 3:19-21).

(Heb 12:1-4). After his survey of Old Testament figures of persevering faith (see last Sunday), the author returns to the present and exhorts his readers to persevere in their own faith, regardless of the cost. They should draw strength from the example of Christ and all those who have gone before them.

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C 18th August 2019

First reading:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah. 38:4-6,8-10

You bore me, a man of strife and contention, for the whole land!

Responsorial Psalm: 40:1,2,3,17 (R.13b)

I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit,
 out of the miry bog,
 and set my feet upon a rock,
 making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.
 Many will see and fear,
 and put their trust in the Lord.

As for me, I am poor and needy,
 but the Lord takes thought for me.
 You are my help and my deliverer;
 do not delay, O my God.

Second reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 12: 1-4

With perseverance, let us run the race that is set before us!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me!

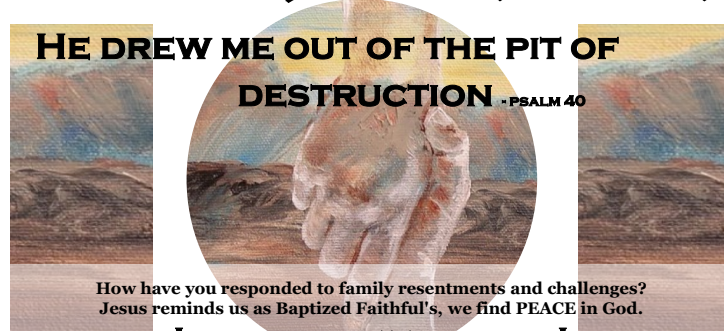
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 12: 49-53

I did not come to bring peace, but rather division!

THE LORD HEARD MY CRY.



How have you responded to family resentments and challenges?
 Jesus reminds us as Baptized Faithful's, we find PEACE in God.

LORD, COME TO MY AID!

Readers for this week: Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Joseph Tuipulotu 2. Ane Enosi	Sulieti Latu James Williams
8.30am	Paul Lovett	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Cheryl Peters	Glen Hill Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Tanya Robertson	1. Su'a Tagaloa 2. Selesitina Taamale	Nerid Lima Pius Robertson

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week:

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August 2019

6.00pm	Savelina Tuipulotu, Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, David Hagar, Tony Atonio
8.30am	Katarina Lovett, Tony Atonio, Limbia Britto, Hulu & Grace Tu'inukuafe,
10.00am	Elaine Williams, Eseta Oloa, Loselika Laumea, Inoke Kata, Stan & Melanie Duarte, Kalala Soolo

Readers for next week Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	James Williams	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Veronica Hagar	David Hagar Lois Armiger
8.30am	Pius Robertson	1. Christina Christopher 2. Lily Ulberg	Fiesola Pifeleti Tanya Robertson
10.00am	Tonga Tuipulotu	1. Dilynne Muller 2. Thomas Taamale	Tatupu Vaalepu Vahea Falemaka

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Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2019

6.00pm	Assumption Ilalio, Tatupu Vaalepu, Tonga Enosi, Colleen & Don Hodges
8.30am	Grace Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloa, Glen Hill, Katarina Lovett, Imeleta Kelemete
10.00am	Malia & Savelina Tuipulotu, Kilika Leavasa, Ane & Tonga Enosi, lutita Sefo, Aiona Falemaka

Anniversaries for the coming week 19th-25th August

- 19. Sr. Angelina (Helen Ticone) (1975), Mary Friedericka Bennett (1981), Ivan Glucina (1984), Sunny Moti Steven Chand (1988), Stephan Minko Volkoff (1994), Martin James Hughes (1917), Josephine Maitland (2016)
- 20. John and Petueli Mugror (Goodfellow) (1981), Sybil Patricia Lindsay (1985), Elsie Kathleen Murdoch (1992), Emily Rose Backhurst (1996), Keleiola Krista Maria Pifeleti (2015)
- 21. Robert Artie McCarten (1979), Edward Charles Husband (1998), Alisi Tatafu 'Olie (2004), Keleiola Krista Maria Pifeleti (2015), Romeo Empuerto (2016)
- 24. Norma Frances Henehan (2008)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Collections: \$1840.10

Readings for Next Week (25/08/19)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: 117

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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