

PARISH NOTICES

1. Parish **Liturgy committee** meeting will be on 10th September Tuesday at 7:30pm in the meeting room

2. 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.

3. 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

2. Mercy Spirituality Centre @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: *Love is all around us in disguise* with Fr MARK CHAMBERLAIN. Tues 10 Sept, 7-9pm. \$20. A time to allow Ignatian Spirituality to be in our conversation with our present experience, and our appreciation of the living God who enlivens us with love. Time to consider the presence of God in our lives, with reference to aspects of Ignatian Spirituality.

CELEBRATING: *Celebrating the Month of Mercy* Sun 15 Sept, 11.30am-3.30pm. Shared Pot luck lunch. Booking essential. Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy was a woman of wisdom, mercy and compassion. We are gathering to give thanks and to celebrate the Mercy values that continue to be relevant for us today. The programme includes a pot luck lunch, interactive presentation and is followed by afternoon tea.

MEDITATION: Retreat day with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. Sat 21 Sept, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$35. BYO lunch. This Retreat Day is for those who are experienced in Christian Meditation as part of their daily prayer. This will be a Day of Silence, contemplative prayer, input, and times for meditation.

See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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“PUT
JESUS
FIRST!”

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 8TH SEPTEMBER 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

(Wis 9:13-18). This is the conclusion of Solomon's prayer for wisdom. Our passage insists that no one can arrive at God's counsels without wisdom. God, the creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, faced with the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of the Creator, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly seek it.

(Lk 14:25-33). Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. But it seems that some Galileans regarded it as a victory march of the Messiah. In no uncertain terms Jesus disillusioned them. Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready, if needs be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own close relatives.

(Philemon 9-10, 12-17). Philemon was a Colossian who had been converted by Paul himself. His slave Onesimus had run away and had somehow reached Paul in prison. Paul wants to send him back to his master and provides a covering letter. He urges Philemon to take Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother, since he is now a Christian like himself. Here we see the fundamental attitude of the early church to slavery. Because their existence was such a tenuous one, it was not possible for them to tackle the issue of slavery head on. The best they could do was to insist that slaves should be treated well and not as chattels.

Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C 8th September 2019

First reading:

A reading from the book of Wisdom. 9: 13-18

Who can discern what the Lord wills?

Responsorial Psalm: 90: 3-4,5-6,12-13,14+17 (R1)

You turn man back to dust, and say,
 "Turn back, you children of Adam."

For a thousand years in your sight
 are like yesterday when it is past,
 or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
 like grass that is renewed in the morning;
 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
 in the evening it fades and withers.

So teach us to count our days
 that we may gain a wise heart.
 Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
 so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
 and prosper for us the work of our hands.

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon. 9b-10, 12-17

Take him back, no longer as a slave but as a much beloved brother!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your face shine upon your servant,
 and teach me your statutes.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 14: 25-33

Whoever of you does not give up all that he has cannot be my disciple!



Readers for this week: Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	David Hagar	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Thomas Taamale	Lois Armiger Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Lily Ulberg	1. Paul Lovett 2. Savelina Mahoni	Su'a Tagalao Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Kalala Soolo	1. Eseta Oloa 2. Peta Sefo	Tafaomalalo Leavasa Tatupu Vaalepu

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week:

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2019

6.00pm	Tony Atonio, Malia Fuga, Imeleta Kelemete, Colleen & Don Hodges
8.30am	Limpia Britto, Susitina & Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Imeleta Kelemete, Glen Hill
10.00am	Malia Fuga, Inoke Kata, Faumuina Lio, Melanie & Stan Duarte, Iutita Sefo, Elaine Williams

Readers for next week Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Veronica Hagar	1. Bro Kieran 2. James Williams	Assumption Ilalio Lois Armiger
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Pat Doherty 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe	Cheryl Peters Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Nerid Lima	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Tanya Robertson	Pius Robertson Selesitina Taamale

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September 2019

6.00pm	Bro Peter, Faumuina Lio, Heloyis Titus, Colleen & Don Hodges
8.30am	Katarina & Paul Lovett, Limpia Britto, Imeleta Kelemete, Lily Ulberg
10.00am	Iutita Sefo, Elaine Williams, Eseta Oloa, Loselika Laumea, Melanie & Stan Duarte, Malia Fuga

Anniversaries for the coming week 9th-15th September

9. Gertrude Mary Harrison (1988)
10. Jeanette Clare Kelliher (1992)
11. Ivan Frank Kelly (1975), Hanna Kersten (1977), Rose Imelda Straka (1999), Joseph McDonnell (2007), Michael Muller (2014)
12. Gordon Michael Hall (1995), Malia Vakauku (2001)
13. Margaret Catherine Lemon (1991)
14. Catherine Maud Morrow (1985), Grigory Samuel Tyson (1990), James Ivan Maitland (1999)
15. Myrtle Pearl Thomas (1976), Gertrude Ann Thomson (1980), Walter Kerr (2014)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Collections: \$ 2060.50

Readings for Next Week (15/09/19)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading: Exodus. 32: 7-11,13-14

Psalm: 51

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy. 1: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

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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