

## PARISH NOTICES

1. RCIA "Rite of Sending" this Sunday 23rd February at 10.00am.
2. Ash Wednesday Masses Wednesday 26th February: at 7.30am & 7.00pm with the blessing and distributing of ashes, and also St Joseph's School Mass at 9.30am. Day of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. All are welcome.
3. Family Committee meeting Wednesday 26th February 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
4. OLOTA Youth Night - Friday 28th February 7pm - 8:30pm (immediately after Stations of the Cross) Parish Hall. A first of many to come, an evening of spiritual growth and fellowship through various activities. If you're youth & you belong to this awesome Parish, then this is for YOU - come along & join us - All Are Welcome 😊
5. RCIA "Rite of Election" Sunday 2.00pm on the 1st of March at St Patrick's Cathedral.
6. 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. Mercy Spirituality Centre @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.  
**Who is my Neighbour?** with BRIDGET CRISP rsm. Tues 25 Feb, 10am – 5pm. \$35 incl. lunch. This workshop is based on Laudato Si and care of the Environment, especially the challenges faced by many Pacific Island nations.  
**The Treaty of Waitangi: What is means in 2020** with SUSAN HEALY. Fri 28 Feb, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation  
**Spirituality & Art** with MARY BARKER. Mon 2 Mar, 10am – 1.30pm. \$25 incl. lunch.  
**Rejoice & Sing!** with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Tues 3 Mar, 10am – 1.30pm. \$25 incl. lunch.  
**Aromatic Anointing Jesus: "Our Ultimate Healer"** with REBECCA MCGINTY. Wed 4 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15. Reflection on the biblical use of oils throughout the old & new testament. See our website for more details.
2. **March for Life** - a family-friendly, life affirming awareness march to show our love for vulnerable, unborn babies, their mothers, and the wider impacted whanau. On 1pm Saturday February 29th, gather at Freyberg Square, Auckland CBD. 2pm march to Aotea Square along Queen St, 2:45pm speeches at Aotea Square. (see poster ATTACHED).
3. **BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING will be held on Thursday 5 March 2020 – 6.30 p.m.** We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 are presently being accepted and will close on **Friday 13 March 2020 at 3.00 pm.** A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on **Friday 13 March, 2020 at 3.00 pm.**
4. **Ignatian Spirituality for Women.** An 8-day silent, individually guided retreat, given by Adriana Janus, Nicola McCarthy and Joy Cowley. 20-29 March 2020 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost: \$675, includes accommodation for 9 nights, all meals and daily spiritual direction. For further information and registration please contact Joy Cowley, [joycowley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joycowley@xtra.co.nz). (see poster ATTACHED).
5. **Holy Land pilgrimage:** A few places are still available for a 21-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land to be led by Pat and Suzie McCarthy from April 24 to May 14, 2020. The itinerary includes all major holy places in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and around the Sea of Galilee, plus Mount Carmel, Acre and the Dead Sea. Cost around \$8500. Contact Pat at [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz) or on 480-4463.

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### Parish Priests:

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

<b>Daily Morning Eucharist:</b>	Monday - Friday 7.30am
<b>Daily Evening Eucharist:</b>	Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm
<b>First Friday Eucharist:</b>	7.30am and also at 7.00pm
<b>Saturday Eucharist:</b>	8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm
<b>Sunday Eucharist:</b>	8.30am & 10.00am
<b>Public Holidays:</b>	8.00am, no evening Mass
<b>Adoration:</b>	Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm
<b>Tongan Mass:</b>	2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm
<b>Samoan Mass:</b>	3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am
<b>Youth Mass:</b>	4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm
<b>Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:</b>	Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm
<b>The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:</b>	Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (Pavilion)

## Reflection

(1 Kgs 3:5.7-12). The youthful Solomon had only just been chosen to succeed David as king, and felt inadequate to the task. Then God appeared to him in a dream and told him that he could have any gift he wanted. Solomon didn't ask for anything for himself. Instead he asked for the gift of wisdom, so that he might make a wise and discerning ruler of God's people. God was pleased with his choice and promised to give him wisdom in abundance. Sadly, the graced Solomon was unable to live up to his promise and his endowment. This story is telling us that wisdom is the most precious gift anyone can have, that it belongs to God alone, and that it includes everything else that is worth having. Wisdom is the connection with the Gospel.

(Mt 13:44-52). The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price have the same message: the inestimable value of the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. Notice that there is no stress here on sacrifice. Both men gladly give their all because they know that they have found so much more. They have discovered the treasure of the kingdom, and realise that it is worth any price.

(Rom 8:28-30). God turns everything to the spiritual advantage of those who love him. Those who based theories of predestination on this text are wide of the mark. God's plan for people is that they should be 'conformed to the image of his son', and share in his glory. But this can't happen without human cooperation.

# YOU ARE INVITED

Saturday 7 March  
11am  
Vodafone Events Centre  
770 Great South Road, Wn  
All Welcome

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites you to the Episcopal Ordination  
The Most Reverend Michael Gielen DD, Auxiliary Bishop

**Readings for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February 2020**

**First reading:**

A reading from the book of Leviticus. 19: 1-2, 17-18

***You shall love your neighbour as yourself!***

**Responsorial Psalm:** 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And do not forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from the Pit,  
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
Nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As far as the east is from the west,  
So far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**Second reading:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 16: 16-23

***All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God!***

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever obeys the word of Christ,  
Grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!



How do you react with someone who is  
insultin      cruel      violent

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“You shall not bear hatred,  
Take no revenge,  
Cherish no grudge.” Lev. 19:14-18

You shall react with

**Pardon      Forgiveness      Love**

**Gospel:**

A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to  
Matthew. 5: 38-48

***Love your enemies  
and pray  
for those who  
persecute you!***

**Readers for this week: Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2020**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Lois Armiger	1. Joseph Tuipulotu 2. Ane Enosi	Tatupu Vaalepu Veronica Hagar Glen Hill
<b>8.30am</b>	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Savelina Mahoni	Grace Tu'inukuafe Peta Sefo Iutita Sefo
<b>10.00am</b>	Selesitina Taamale	1. James Williams 2. Su'a Tagaloo	

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week:  
Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2020**

<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Tonga Enosi
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagaloo, Grace Tu'inukuafe
<b>10.00am</b>	Eseta Oloa, Savelina Tuipulotu,

**Readers for next Saturday 29th February & Sunday 1st March 2020**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Veronica Hagar	1. Bro Kieran 2. James Williams	Joseph Tuipulotu David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagaloo	1. Susitina Tu'inukuafe 2. Cheryl Peters	Christina Christopher Lily Ulberg
<b>10.00am</b>	Lisa Schaumkel	1. Ane Enosi 2. Iutita Sefo	Fusi Mataeale Maka Falemaka

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for next  
Saturday 29th & Sunday 1st March 2020**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Bro Peter, Don Hodges
<b>8.30am</b>	Limpia Britto, Glen Hill
<b>10.00am</b>	Inoke Kata, Stan Duarte

**Anniversaries for the coming week 24th February to 1st March**

- 24. Francis Veronica Lane (1981)
- 25. Leonilda D'Silva (1984)
- 26. Raymond Patrick Letton (Layton) (1975), Dianne Patricia Coon (1981)  
Rogelio Pinon (1998), Thomas Kow (2012)
- 27. Kathleen Mary Austin (1988), Pelenatate Talione Sikolo (2009)
- 28. Elizabeth Nina Raffles (1986), Warren Brian Harlick (2000),  
Malia Ivosa Va'afuti (2004)

**MARCH**

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**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Last week's collection was \$2003.10**

**Readings for Next Week (1/03/20)**

**First Sunday of Lent Year A**

1st Reading: Genesis. 2:7-9,3:1-7  
Psalm 51  
2nd Reading: Romans. 5: 12-19  
Gospel: Matthew. 4: 1-11

**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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