

PARISH NOTICES

- 1. Finance Committee** meeting Tuesday 18th February 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
- 2. Invitation to Ministry:** the Fathers are inviting our parishioners to extend their services in the committees, like Caring & Services Committee, Liturgy Committee, Greeters & Ushers for Sunday masses. Please contact office at (09)320-4558.
- 3. Old & New Altar Servers:** There will be a retreat for old & new altar servers that wishes to join on Saturday 22nd February from 10am to 12noon at 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 😊

DIOCESAN NOTICES

- 1. Mercy Spirituality Centre:** Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz
RETREAT DAY Reconfigured: Transformed by Reality with SARAH COOPER. Sat 15 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$65 incl. lunch.
MUFFIN MEETING The Mystics of Helfta with ELIZABETH SNEDDEN rscj. Fri 21 Feb, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea.
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. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.
- 2. St Valentine's Day Mass** at St Patrick's Cathedral. *Celebration of Marriage and Family.* Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm (Wilson parking \$4.00 validate ticket at Cathedral). All welcome: Engaged, Married, Singles, Families, Children. Email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz, ph 360-3025.
- 3. 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 22 February 2 pm in the Hillsborough area. **To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.**
- 4. 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).
- 5. 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.**
- 6. 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. (see poster ATTACHED).
- 7. 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 or on 480-4463.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“HAPPY
ARE THEY
WHO FOLLOW
THE LAW OF
THE LORD.”**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

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:	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 12noon-2.00pm
The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:	Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (Pavilion)

Reflection

(Sirach 15:15-20). Sirach presents obedience to God's law as the road that leads to life, and rejection of that law as the path to death. The choice is set before man: he can opt for life or death. The New Testament good news of grace generously poured out in Christ will transform this stark and forbidding morality.

(Mt 5:17-37). In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew illustrates Jesus' attitude to the Law. Jesus does not dispense with the Law but asks for a deeper observance of it. Every small part of it is to remain, but only as radically interpreted by Jesus. His justice far surpasses the legalistic approach of the scribes and Pharisees. For the Pharisees the letter of the Law was everything. Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples. It is not enough for them to become better Pharisees. This justice is made explicit in six concrete examples. These deal with murder, adultery, divorce, oaths and vows, retaliation, and hatred of enemies. The first four are dealt with in today's Gospel, the other two in next Sunday's Gospel. Murder and adultery are born in the heart. Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions that may lead up to murder. And he reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires that may lead to sexual sin and infidelity. As for oaths: he encourages his disciples to behave in such a way that oaths are superfluous. The disciples are simply to be truthful.

Jesus intention is to bring us beyond legalism and a literal interpretation of the law and into the spirit of the law.

(1 Cor 2:6-10). Christians have a wisdom unknown to others. True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th February 2020

First reading:

A reading from the book of Sirach. 15: 15-20
The Lord has not commanded anyone to be wicked!

Responsorial Psalm: 119

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
 who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his decrees,
 who seek him with their whole heart.

You have commanded your precepts
 to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
 in keeping your statutes!

Deal bountifully with your servant,
 so that I may live and observe your word.
 Open my eyes, so that I may behold
 wondrous things out of your law.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
 and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
 and observe it with my whole heart.



Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 2: 6-10
God decreed wisdom before the ages for our glory!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy
 Gospel according to Matthew. 5: 17-37

**You have heard what was said to those of ancient times:
 But I say to you...!**



Readers for this week: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February 2020

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

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week:

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th February 2020

6.00pm	David Hagar, Tonga Enosi, Therese Ulberg, Savelina Tuipulotu
8.30am	Limpia Britto, Tony Atonio, Imeleta Kelemete, Hulu Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Eseta Oloa, Malia Fuga, Savelina Tuipulotu, Tonga Enosi, Enoke Kata, Loselika Laumea, Ane Enosi

Readers for next Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Pauline Calvert	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. David Hagar	Joseph Tuipulotu Ane Enosi
8.30am	Paul Lovett	1. Glen Hill 2. Christina Christopher	Fiesola Pifeleti Susitina Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Dilynne Muller 2. Vahea Falemaka	Thomas Taamale Tonga Tuipulotu

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Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February 2020

6.00pm	Therese Ulberg, Tatupu Vaalepu, Lily Ulberg, Heloyis Titus
8.30am	Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloo, Limpia Britto
10.00am	Malia & Savelina Tuipulotu, Malia Fuga, Tonga & Ane Enosi, Melanie & Stan Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 17th to 23rd February

13. Kathleen Agnes Howley (1977), Nancy May Matthews (1982), Sr Mary Snelgar (2011)
14. James Duffy (1980)
15. Mary Ellen Catherine Shepherd (1981), Roy Augustine Sammons (1984), Jens Christian Torstein Jensen (2002)
16. Eileen Patricia Verrer (1996), Francis Anthony Donohoe (2010)
17. Thomas Leslie Williams (1981), Ann Theresa Hoffman (1984)
18. Sarah Edith Naden (1979), Albert James Maynard (1983), James Ivor William Kiddie (2000)
19. Francis Herbert Muir (1982)
20. Meta Margarieta Brooke (1981)
21. Myrna Ganzon Mejia (1999)
22. James Cambell Hart (1980), Lourdes Catapang (2007)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00

Last week's collection was \$1853.30

Readings for Next Week (23/02/20)

Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Leviticus. 19: 1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103

2nd Reading: I Corinthians. 3: 16-23

Gospel: Matthew. 5: 38-48

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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