

Mass Intentions For your convenience there are pre-printed envelopes in the foyer for those parishioners who would like Father Pat to offer a Mass for anyone. Kindly complete all details and hand to Fr Pat.

Prayer Intentions

Let us remember in the Eucharist and in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: Harvey Sheppard; Henryk Volk; John Fitzmaurice; Melino Hufanga;

Others who have died: Ignacio Santiago (Ann); Margaret Pausler (Ann); Jeanette Cutten (Great Aunt of Kellan Bray)

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass 2nd December 4.00pm, Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. You are welcome to share a light meal afterwards in the G.I.F.T. Centre which is just across the road. Everyone is welcome! **G.I.F.T. (Growth in Faith Together)** is Bishop Pat's apostolate for intellectually disable Christians.

Rosters for next week 8-9 December 2018 (Please note full rosters for Christmas/Jan/Feb will be emailed this coming week, once absences over that period are fully collated)

5.30pm Saturday: Minister of Word: Anthony McBride
Minister of Communion: Stephanie Sheppard

9.30am Sunday: Ministers of Word: Hugh Fulton, Julie Fulton
Minister of Communion: Francis Lee

5.00pm Sunday: Minister of Word: Tepola Mailangi
Minister of Communion: Cecilia Kim

Collections Counter: Fulton Family

Altar Servers: 5.30pm Sat: Evan/Odile **9.30am Sun:** Tatiyana/Nunia

5.00pm Sun Jack/Milla

Church Cleaning: Aline Reilly, Stephanie Sheppard

MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil
Sunday 9.30 am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday 9.15 am
Tuesday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 9.15 am
(4th Wed: CWL Mass at 10.30 am)
Thursday No Mass
Friday 6.00 pm
Saturday & Public Holiday 9.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30 - 10.00am & 5.00 - 5.20pm
or by appointment

READINGS:

Psalm 25: 1-10
1. Jeremiah 33: 14-16
2. 1 Thess 3: 9-13
Gospel Luke 21: 25-36

NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 126
1. Baruch 5:1-9
2. Philippians 1:3-6,8-11
Gospel Luke 3:1-6



Welcome to St Joseph's

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2nd December 2018 - Year C

Parish Sacramental Programme 2019

The 2019 St Joseph's Parish sacramental programme for 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation and 1st Communion will begin in March and conclude in September:

1st Reconciliation preparation begins Sunday 10 March and concludes with the sacramental celebration on **Sunday afternoon, 7 April.**

Confirmation preparation begins Sunday 5 May and concludes with the sacramental celebration on **Pentecost Sunday morning, 9 May.**

1st Communion preparation begins Sunday 4 August and concludes with the sacramental celebration on **Sunday morning, 8 September.**

Each preparation consists of a parent session and several children's sessions: Reconciliation (4), Confirmation (3) and 1st Communion (4). This programme is parish-based, not school-based as in previous years, and all preparation sessions and celebrations will take place on Sundays, probably in the morning. Enrolments open at the end of January. **Attendance at all preparation sessions is required.**

This programme is best suited for children aged 8 and over at the start of 2019, but children aged 7 may be considered ready. A **Certificate of Baptism in the Catholic Church is required for each child.**

For more details please contact Fr Pat, 521 0871 or patrickb@xtra.co.nz.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays and Wednesdays
5.00 - 6.00 pm.

Please note: there will no longer be Exposition on Tues or Fri.

However the church continues to be open for private prayer each day.

FIT FOR LIFE:

“Advent is a time to prioritise God, overcome indifference.”

Pope Francis, 3/12/17

ADVENT

They watch for Christ

who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind,
who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honouring him,
who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised,
who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed,
if they found that he was coming at once

This then is to watch:

to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen;
to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again;
to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first.

John Henry Newman

Eastern Region Communal Celebrations of Reconciliation

Thursday	6 Dec	7.00pm	Pakuranga
Tuesday	11 Dec	7.00pm	Meadowbank
Wednesday	12 Dec	7.00pm	St Heliers (incl Orakei)
Thursday	13 Dec	7.00pm	Flat Bush
Friday	14 Dec	7.00pm	Mt Wellington
Tuesday	18 Dec	7.00pm	Howick
Wednesday	19 Dec	7.00pm	Ellerslie
Friday	21 Dec	7.00pm	Glen Innes

St Joseph’s Orakei Parish Finance Committee

Church law requires each parish to have a Finance Committee to assist the parish priest in responsible stewardship of parish property and finances.

To carry out our work, our parish needs many people to volunteer their time and skills. Due to a couple of recent retirements from our Finance Committee we are looking for two more team members to share our workload and help lead Finance Committee initiatives.

The Finance Committee is concerned with:

- The provision of parish assets/facilities, financial support of parish personnel, and the budgetary management involved;
- The accounting, administration and safeguarding of all parish income, expenditure and assets.

If you or someone you know has the required skills then we would love to hear from you. This includes people with budgetary, planning and management skills. It is also important that Finance Committee members belong to the parish and have at heart the well-being of the parish as a whole.

Our Chair, Chris Southern (021 1033932), is happy to speak with anyone wishing to discuss the work of the Committee.

Fr Pat invites interested parishioners to contact him personally on 521 0871 or at patrickb@xtra.co.nz. Thank you.

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom.

Advent Series: Encountering the Holy Spirit in Advent with Helen Bergin OP. **Tuesdays 4 & 11 Dec, 7-9pm.** \$15 each session.

Ph: 09638 6238 or email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or go to: www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS are now available for purchase, \$12 each

FAMILY MASS, BBQ AND CATCH-UP!



It’s the last Family Mass of the year on the 9th of December and we thought it would be a great opportunity to have a bit of a get together. You know the one - a bit of a Barbie, may a bit of “beach” cricket, or an adhoc footy game and generally just hang out and have a good time!

We’ll have to leave the weather to Divine Providence, but may we suggest bringing along a salad, a bun or two and your preference of meat, etc, for the chefs (me and whomever I can rope in!) to cook to your specifications!

We look forward to seeing you then!

For the Parish Consultation Group
Anthony McBride—021 521 103



St Pius X Parish, Glen Innes Summer Food Fair 2018

**7.00am—2.00pm 8th December 2018
103 Castledine Crescent, Glen Innes.**

We invite you to come along to our Summer Food Fair in the parish grounds. Featuring cultural foods, entertainment, prizes to be won and much more. Bring family and friends! If you wish to make a donation please contact of- office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz

St Mary’s College Christmas Concert

Sunday 2 December at 7.00pm, in the Stella Maris Hall, 11 New Street, Ponsonby. Performances by the St Mary’s Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, the Clarinet and Wind Ensembles. Admission \$10 (children free)

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral

Saturday 8 December at 8.30am and a Choral Mass at 7.30pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available for both Masses.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL NEWS

You may have noticed the new mural at the school. We had Emily Karaka working with the junior children, she is a renowned Maori artist. Colin McCahon and Greer Twiss met her when she was 12 and became her mentors.

The junior school students invite parishioners to the “Junior School Art Gallery” at school.

The Gallery will stay open this week till the 7th of December.

Make yourself known to Angela in the office and she will give you directions to our Gallery.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS TODAY. EVERYONE

