

Mass Intentions If you would like Fr Pat to remember someone at Mass please call 521 0871 or email him at patrickb@xtra.co.nz

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

Justice & Peace - End of Life Choice Referendum

Dearest fellow St Joseph's Orakei parishioners, I hope you and your loved ones are well. As you know, in this year's General Election, you will be asked to vote in a referendum on the End of Life Choice Act 2019. Please take the time to inform yourself about this piece of legislation here <https://www.referendums.govt.nz/endoflifechoice/index.html> Another resource for you is Family First's "20 Reasons to vote No to Euthanasia in 2020". These brochures are available in our church foyer if you would like a hard copy, or you can download an electronic copy here: <https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/2020/05/new-resource-20-reasons-to-vote-no-to-euthanasia/> Also, as the Justice & Peace lead in our Parish Pastoral Council, I want to bring awareness to all the work that is done in our diocese. The Catholic Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission, along with Bishop Pat Dunn and our universal Church, have a vision of action for social justice as integral to our following the Gospel as Catholic Christians.

Please use this link to learn more <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/>. I would like to invite any parishioners interested in being beacons of social justice for our parish to contact me, Lisa Filitonga (l.filitonga@gmail.com).

The Justice & Peace Commission "listens to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". Laudato Si
God bless you all and stay safe, Lisa

MASS TIMETABLE

SUSPENDED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday	5.30pm Vigil
Sunday	9.30 am & 5.00pm
Weekday Masses	
Monday	9.15 am
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	10.00 am
<i>(4th Wed: CWL Mass at 10.30 am)</i>	
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.15 am
Saturday & Public Holidays	9.00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30 - 10.00am & 5.10-5.25pm or by appointment

SUNDAY READINGS

THIS WEEK

Psalm	145
1.	Isaiah 55:6-9
2.	Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16

NEXT SUNDAY (27 September)

Psalm	25
1.	Ezekiel 18:25-28
2.	Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32



Welcome to St Joseph's

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20 September 2020

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matthew 20:16)

It seems that God's justice turns everything on its head. The words Jesus speaks at the end of today's parable could be considered nonsense. The very definition of first is that it comes before all others. And yet, in today's parable, God makes the ones who have worked the longest in his vineyard equal to the ones who have just begun their labour.

To add insult to injury, the first hired are the last paid. Jesus warns us against our innate human proclivity to demand what is "fair". God is generous. God forgives sinners, seeks out the lost, and desires to bring everyone to the joys of everlasting life. As disciples, we are called to embrace this as good news and not as a cause for resentment.

In dedicating our lives to Christ, we have chosen to follow one whose ways and thoughts are above ours, "as high as the heavens are above the earth" (today's 1st reading, Isaiah 55:9).

Therefore discipleship will demand that we grow and stretch to become more like our heavenly Father and to resist the temptation to try and make God more like us.

Living Liturgy 2020

Parish Update

- Our church is open each day during Level 2.
- If visiting, please record your visit EITHER by scanning the QR code, OR by recording name, phone number, and arrival and departure times in the foyer register.
- Copies of the Family First EOLC brochure are in the church foyer, as are the bookmarks highlighting the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching identified for Social Justice Week.
- Recorded Sunday Masses available on Sundays 2pm on Shine TV, Freeview Channel 25, or Sky Channel 201. These recorded Masses are available to download from 6pm Saturday on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz>
- Please refer to the diocesan website, <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz>
- Online Resources for Prayer and Reflection at home:
The Word: <https://theword.nz> This website provides links to daily reflections, video reflections from Cardinal John Dew, and "Lectio Divina", how to reflect on the bible and its meaning for us today.
- Sunday Masses will return when we reach Level 1.
- You will be notified if/when we are able to resume weekday Masses.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
CANCELLED TILL FURTHER NOTICE**



TELEVISED MASSES

Every Sunday on the free-to-air channel, **Shine TV, channel 25**, there is a 30 minute telecast at **2.00 pm**.

2020-2021 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES and 2019/20 TAX RECEIPTS available.

Christian Care Network Food Assistance

Please contact our Helpline: (09) 521 5712 for assistance. All calls confidential. **Keep these numbers handy for added support:**

St Vincent de Paul, Newton **0800 6800 90**

For food parcels for needy families phone Auckland Emergency Management, **0800 22 22 96, 7am - 7pm.**

THE FIRST EDUCATORS IN FAITH ARE PARENTS/WHANAU

<https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/>, a great source of family-friendly material for RE.. From the National Centre for Religious Studies. New materials constantly uploaded

WELCOME! Come and join in refreshments

in the hall after 9.30 Sunday Mass, and in the foyer after 5.30pm Mass on 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Would you like to help with refreshments

after Saturday evening Mass? Parishioners enjoy chatting together as part of the community. We would like a few more volunteers. You simply turn on the hot water before Mass & put out a table, then serve tea/coffee after Mass. **Just call Aline on 021 137 1505**



The Peace and International Justice Committee

of the Diocese's Justice and Peace Commission seeks new members. If you have the interest in serving in such areas please contact convenor Phillip Cass cass.philip@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

The Sacrament of Anointing:

The Church offers this sacrament to members who are seriously sick, frail, having surgery or approaching death. Please contact Fr Pat for anointing for yourself or a family member.

Hospital Visits and Chaplaincy:

If you or family are in hospital and wish us to know, please contact Fr Pat or ask the hospital staff in the ward to let the chaplain know.

Ministry to the Sick and the Infirm

For the sick or infirm who wish to receive Communion in their home or residence: phone Fr Pat 5210871 or email patrickb@xtra.co.nz

NZ Catholic latest issue available at

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/2a61ed4c-b19f-4f67-9d49-728df7acf784>

Liturgy Conference 2020 is now postponed until October 2021.

Starting Fri-Sat 2-3 October, **Conference** presenters will offer a series of **digital presentations**. If you have registered for the Conference or subscribed to the Conference newsletter, the link to this portal will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you wish to receive the link.

Support for visitors to NZ on temporary visas

NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Permanent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship, being stranded in NZ due to Covid19.

Members of your community may know of people in this difficult position, and it would be great if we could let people know about the support available. More info available at foreignnationals.services.govt.nz or by calling 0800 red cross (0800 733 276)

SACRED HEART COLLEGE ASHBURTON

Reunion lunch Thurs 15 October 2020 at Hotel Ashburton 12.30pm. Contact Mary Schmack mdsmck27@gmail.com – 0275505783 or Therese Toneycliffe grahamtonycliffenz@gmail.com

National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS)

deals with complaints concerning Church personnel. For more information please contact Virginia Noonan (National Director) or Jacinta Stopforth Phone:03-3651993 or 0275-406778

Email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

or go to <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>

St Joseph's Parish Planned Giving

We encourage parishioners and regular worshippers to support our Planned Giving, & help our parish budgeting. **If you wish to make a one-off donation**, our parish account name is **RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Orakei** & our account number is **02 0100 0120974 22**.

Please indicate your name as donor.

If you wish to arrange a direct debit to the parish, just contact the parish office, stjosephsorakei@xtra.co.nz

Mary, the Mother of God

What do we know about Mary? In this zoom series, Brother Kieran fms traces the understanding of Mary through history and Church Councils, starting from scripture: Mondays, 7 - 8.30pm, 21 & 28 Sept. \$25 / session; Special fees for groups or more than 2. For more info and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

The Seal of Confession.

It is reported that the law in Queensland, Australia, now requires priests to disclose to authorities information about abusers of children learned by the priest in confession either from the abuser or from the victim. Other Australian states already have such laws. Similar laws may be proposed in Aotearoa New Zealand at some time. The Vatican has made it absolutely clear that under no circumstances is a priest to reveal any information whatsoever about the sin of any person learned in the sacrament. Catholics can be assured that priests will not disclose such information, even if threatened with imprisonment. Priests would consider this an absolute betrayal of everything we stand for. Fr Pat

Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat

In the dynamic of the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, 'Come and See' 6 day: October 25 (10am) – 30 (4pm) St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough Road. \$770 apply to chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

Diocesan Mission Map

Unpacking Session will be held Sat 14 November.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

2-4 Oct CANCELLED.

The Season of Creation is being marked throughout the Christian world till 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Resources are accessible through the diocesan website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/> and <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.

Job opportunity: Pregnancy Help Inc Auckland Branch Coordinator.

The ideal candidate will be trained in counselling, be IT literate, have good management skills, be willing to commit to achieving great outcomes for vulnerable pregnant women and women in troubled pregnancies. Email CV to Kheng Tan, kdsdtan@gmail.com

PREGNANCY HELP, a charity serving vulnerable pregnant women and women facing unplanned pregnancies, is looking to lease inexpensive office space, 80 -100m2 in the suburbs within a 10 km radius of the city centre. Please contact Kheng or Dori on 09 373 2599 or auckland@pregnancyhelp.org.nz.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops 2020 Election Statement is available at www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf