

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

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for survivors for ongoing courage as they share their experience with the Commission.

Starting this Monday, 30 November and continuing for two weeks, the Royal Commission will focus on cases involving the Catholic Church. While this may be a difficult time for survivors and many in our communities, this is an important process. We listen to the experiences of survivors, acknowledge failings, support the justice and reconciliation process and look forward to the future with hope.

Our bishops and congregational leaders requested that churches and faith-based organisations be included in the Royal Commission process in order to have this significant opportunity to acknowledge the past, listen and learn from the experiences of survivors, and participate in seeking justice

Monday 30 November to Friday 11 December 2020

Faith-Based Redress Hearing: Phase One The first part of the hearing will hear from survivors sharing their experiences of abuse and the redress processes of the Catholic and Anglican Churches, and the Salvation Army.

March 2021, TBC

Faith-Based Redress Hearing: Phase Two In the second phase of the hearing, witnesses for the churches will give evidence. **Tautoko*** has started to coordinate witness statements from the Catholic Church for this part of the hearing.

***Te Rōpū Tautoko: the group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission.**

MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	5.30pm Vigil
Sunday	9.30 am & 5.00pm
Weekday Masses	
Monday	9.15 am
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15 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	80
1.	Isaiah 63:15-17;64:1,3-8
2.	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37

NEXT SUNDAY (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Psalm	85
1.	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2.	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8



Welcome to St Joseph's

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ORAKEI



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29 November 2020

“As We Wait in Joyful Hope ...” The Season of Advent

This Sunday is the beginning of a new Church year. Each Church year presents anew the earthly life cycle of Jesus, from the announcement of his birth, through his ministry, to his Resurrection from the dead and Ascension into heaven. In doing so, the Church offers us scripture readings and prayers which enable us to reflect on all aspects of our lives too.

In this season of Advent we begin by taking up the mood of the last couple of weeks of the old Church year, reflecting on the end of our lives, and the life of the world - Christ's "Second Coming" - but then our reflections take us back to the start of a new cycle, reflecting on Christ's "First Coming" in the stable of Bethlehem. In this Advent season, whether we're waiting for his Second Coming, or preparing to celebrate his First Coming, we do so in a spirit of devout and joyful expectation.

The Christian community lives in an "interim" time between Christ's first coming in the flesh and his second coming in glory. We are called to be strong in faith "as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ." As a time of expectation and preparation, Advent is distinct from the celebration of Christmas. For this reason the Church's Advent liturgies do not include the prayers, music or symbols special to Christmas, even though our wider society anticipates Christmas in these ways. In the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we focus on the distinctive Advent qualities of watchfulness and prayer as we prepare for the joyful wonder of Christmas.

The Diocesan Mission Map

Today our diocese begins its journey along the pathway of its new MISSION MAP. You will find the three key components of this Mission Map **explained inside this newsletter**. Our Parish Council will consider this Mission Map at next week's meeting, and hopefully begin its implementation in the new year.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

On the back page of this newsletter you will find some important information concerning the Catholic Church involvement in the work of this Commission starting this week in Auckland.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday afternoons, 5.00—6.00 pm. You are warmly invited to come and spend some quiet time in prayer with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament.



TELEVISED MASSES

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

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**

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

Food items of Need: baked beans, spaghetti, canned vegetables/fruit/fish, long-life milk, rice, pasta, canned fruit/corn/tomatoes - Thank You for your kind donations

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 to simply turn on the hot water before Mass & put out a table, then serve tea/coffee after Mass. **Call Aline on 021 137 1505**

“Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam”

Christian Care Network (CCN) Update

Listed below are the CCN Food Account bank details, should anyone wish to financially donate. All donations will have tax deductible receipts handed out, with an email addressed listed below for this:

CCN Food Bank Acc: **12-3047-0089077-01**
(your name in the subject line).

Following your donation, please email: priestleyfam@xtra.co.nz (Maxine Priestley) with your name and she will issue you with a tax receipt. Alternatively, in Level 1 we continue with the food donation basket in the church foyer; an updated list is included inside our newsletter today.
God bless
Agnes Gibson PPC (Caring & Service Committee)

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 Infirm

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

CDA Connect Are you wanting to know what is happening in the diocese? CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese. Read the current edition <https://mailchi.mp/cda/cda-connect-issue-5827470> and sign-up to get the latest direct to your inbox.

Online Session (Evening): Christmas Self Care Nibbles with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOOM For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

NZ Catholic The latest edition of NZ Catholic is available today in the church foyer, \$4.00.

National Office for Professional Standards

(NOPS) deals with complaints concerning Church personnel. For more information please phone **0800 114 622**

or 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

NZpray2day - An app to encourage people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day, It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Taizé: An Evening of Meditative Prayer and Music for Advent. Led by Jill McLoughlin rsj. Friday 4 Dec, 7-8pm. Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. Light supper to conclude.

Advent Reflection Day. Presenter: Jill McLoughlin rsj. Sat 5 Dec, 10am—3pm. Mary MacKillop Centre, Mission Bay. \$30 waged, \$20 unwaged persons. Tea/coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. Register by Monday 30 Nov to Sr Julian Langton, ph 09 5281801 or email: marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au

2021 Columban Calendars available today. \$12. Please give the money to Fr Pat.

Auckland Diocese Mission Map

This First Sunday of Advent marks the launching of our Diocese Mission Map. This is our diocesan strategic plan. The name Mission Map reminds us that it is different from what happens in business. It is not about paying dividends to stakeholders. It is about our participation in the mission of God.

As the baptised, no matter our vocational role, we are challenged to be part of this initiative using the gifts generously bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit for mission.

We are called to stay awake, alert to the opportunities to be moulded by God that together we might

- strengthen our Catholic communities for missionary discipleship;
- build up the spirituality of our young people,
- and care for the poor.

These are the three priorities which have emerged from all the consultation and discernment that has been happening this year in the diocese in different working groups. In more detail, our priorities are to:

Strengthen our Catholic Communities for Missionary Discipleship

Our goals:

- to grow and develop servant leaders
- to be strong, inclusive communities of missionary disciples;

Build up the Spirituality of our Young People

Our goals:

- to make schools and parishes visible and active as one faith community
- strengthen families;

Care for the Poor

Our goals:

- to be visible, present and active working for the poor and marginalised
- advocate for peace and justice
- develop and enable people who care.

St Joseph's Orakei Parish Pastoral Council will begin to consider how to implement this Map at their meeting next week.