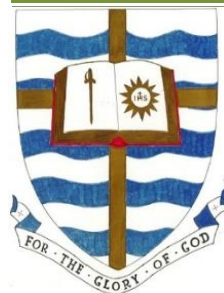


Community



Our vision: To be a Christian faith community that reflects God's love for everyone



St Ignatius Parish

Today's Readings:

First Reading:
Jeremiah 33:14-16
 And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalm: 24:4-5,8-9, 10,14

Second Reading:
Paul To The Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 Beloved: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all just as we abound in love for you

Gospel:
Luke 21:25-28,34-36
 Jesus spoke to his disciples about his return in glory.



Introduction to the Gospel

First Sunday Of Advent

We begin on this first Sunday of Advent our new cycle of the liturgical year. This Advent most of our gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke. The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for Christmas. We use this time as a Church to prepare ourselves, our minds and hearts for the coming of Jesus. In order to understand the message of Christmas we have to start at the beginning — with the history of salvation. Advent is also a time of watchfulness. We are waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time and for his coming to us at the time of our death. For

"Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

the faithful his coming is nothing to fear. As the old year ends and a new Advent begins we are living in hope, remembering past joys and sorrows, challenges met and overcome, unfinished agenda and probably a certain anxiety. Every end is a new beginning and so we wait in joyful hope knowing that God continues to touch our lives now and in the future.

Community Notices & Events

GIFT Christmas Mass

To be held **2 Dec, 4pm**, Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. Growth In Faith Together is Bishop Pat's apostolate for intellectually disabled Christians.

St Pius X Parish, Glen Innes Summer Food Fair

Featuring a variety of cultural foods, entertainment, prizes to be won and much more. To be held **Sat, 8 Dec** at St Pius X Parish grounds. Everyone very welcome!

National Pro-Life Rosary Crusade

Bishop Pat invites parishioners to join him in the National Pro-Life Rosary Crusade by saying the rosary **Sat, 8 Dec, 3pm** in St Ignatius on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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

Sat, 8 Dec, 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.

Pakuranga Choral Society

Many Shades Of Christmas will be presented at All Saints Church, Howick, **Sun, 9 Dec, 5pm**.

Pax Christi Aotearoa

New Zealand AGM will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, **Wed, 12 Dec, 5.30pm**. All very welcome at this meeting.

Mercy Spirituality Centre, 104 The Drive, Epsom

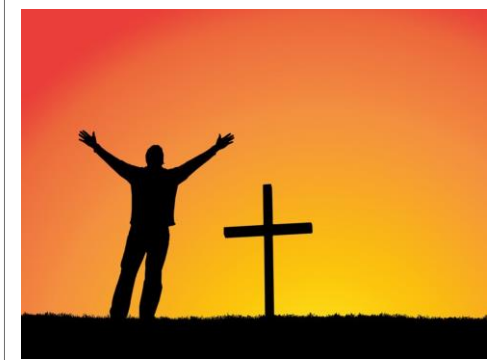
Register via email at info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz, visit www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or call 0-9-638 6238

Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation & Settlement In Early California

If you missed this talk in Nov, Beate Matthies will look at the history of the missions, early stories and the fate of these missions today in modern California. To be held **Fri, 7 Dec, 7-9pm**. Koha/Donation

Who Are You O God And Who Am I?

A retreat led by Christina Cathro rndm. **Tue, Wed, Thu 11, 12 & 13 Dec, 10am-1pm**. Cost for retreat is \$65. We fall into a particular way of seeing and know God that we are given a lifetime to unveil. This is a silent morning retreat with input from Christina, time to oneself and sharing in a group.



Ministers & Housekeeping

Sat, 8 December, 5.30pm

Greeter: Anne van der Straaten
Altar Server: Russell Kereru, Colin Davis
Commentator: Felix Littlejohn
Readers: Alison Davis, Josephine Ellis

Bread Minister:

Christine Jugum

Cup Ministers: Camilla Dunand, Colin Davis

Collectors: Liz Pollard, Bob O'Connor

Data Projectionist: Julia Anderson

Sun, 9 December, 9.30am

Greeters: Sylvia Langridge, Nicola Hermansson

Altar Servers: Emma & Amalia Mazzaschi

Commentator: Nadine Fowler

Readers: Pauline Laithwaite, Natalie Quirke

Bread Ministers: Gina Matijasevich, Simon Pierpoint

Cup Ministers: Anthony Matijasevich, John Wilkinson

Data Projectionist: Sofija Matijasevich

Collectors: Andrew Batterton

Counters: Jannie van Hees, Bob O'Connor

Morning Tea: Paula Guy, Leanne Breen, Sandra Trein Machado

Linen: Dawn O'Connell

2019 Baptismal & Sacramental Programmes

Baptismal Programme

This will kick off in February 2019 with sessions on the sacrament of baptism on **Thu 7, 14 & 21 Feb 2019**.

Sacramental Programme

We run a 2 year Sacramental Programme for children in Year 3. An information session will be held **Tue, 12 Feb 2019, 7.30pm**.

Please email gina@autosys.co.nz to register for or enquire about both of these programmes.



Please pray for all the sick and elderly in our parish. If you would like anyone remembered in the Mass, or know of anyone who is unwell, please contact Pastoral Associate, Maggy Hamilton

Please remember people whose anniversaries occur in December

Celebration Of Jane Lys' 90th Birthday

Jane has been a member of our St Ignatius parish for many years. We plan to celebrate Jane's 90th Birthday at our next Wine & Cheese evening - after Mass, **Sat, 1 Dec, 6.30pm**. To mark this special occasion, please bring a plate of finger food and something to drink. All are very welcome to join us in celebrating Jane's inspiring milestone!

Readings w/b 3 Dec 2018

Monday:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Isaiah 25:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday:

Isaiah 26:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday:

Isaiah 29:17-24

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday:

Genesis 3:9-15,20

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Fri, 7 Dec, 2.00pm - Anointing Mass -

We invite you to join us for this celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing. All who feel a need of healing in mind, spirit or body you are most welcome. *When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said. "Woman you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and praised God.* Luke 13:12-14. We look forward to seeing you there.

FAY HUDNER

We offer Murray, Tim, Clare and Carmel our deepest sympathies on the loss of their darling wife and mother, Fay.

Amazing Fay was a much loved, long-time parishioner at St Ignatius and we will all miss her dearly.

We gave her a wonderful funeral here on Friday!

SINGLE MATTRESS NEEDED

We are looking for the donation of a single mattress for a family in need.

Please contact Mary:

- 0-9-521 3156
- 021 230 5405
- marygraykiwi@gmail.com

Many thanks!

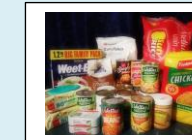
Resignation Of Anna Swann – Principal, St Ignatius School

We learnt this week that Anna Swann has been head-hunted by St Dominic's College, Henderson and begin as Principal there next year. We are both saddened by our loss of Anna and her great leadership and also delighted for her as she embarks on this next stage of her career. Jane Penney will be Acting Principal until the school finds a new Principal.

Sun, 9 Dec - Packing & Delivery of 370 Food Hampers

We will be packing and delivering 370 Christmas Food Hampers on **Sun, 9 Dec** from **10.45am**. We need children and approx. 50 adults to help.

Children will be on the Production Line.

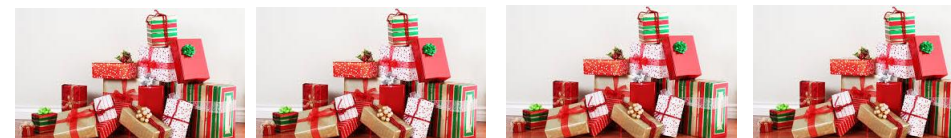


Adults are needed to help with:

- Moving banana boxes along the Production Line
- Carrying food hampers into the cars and trucks
- Stocking up the food items on Production Line
- Breaking down food boxes
- Traffic control - 1 for school grounds and 1 for carpark
- Driving - 7 seater cars with driver to drive food hampers to Glenbrae, St Pius schools
- Unloading cars at Glenbrae & St Pius schools

Glen Innes Christian Community Cooks – Xmas Party

Our 2018 Xmas Party will be held at the GI Community Centre on **Tue, 4 Dec**. Every year St Ignatius Parish has generously donated gifts for children aged 6 months – 12 years old. We are once again seeking donations of gifts. You can leave at the Parish Office or in the Parish Centre. Please write on the outside an indication of the type of gift – boy or girl and age. Many thanks for your huge generosity this year and in the past helping to make this a happy Xmas event for GI families.



Pre-Christmas Parish Reconciliation

This will be held **Tue, 11 Dec 2018, 7pm** in the church.

All very welcome to join together in this Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare individually and as a parish for Christmas.

Weekly Masses

Mon 8.30am
 Tues 8.30am
 Wed 8.30am
 Thu 9am (School Mass)
 Fri 8.30am
 Sat 5.30pm vigil
 Sun 9.30am

Reconciliation By Appointment

Devotions

Adoration:
 Orakei 5pm-5.30pm weekdays
 Glen Innes 8am Weds
Rosary:
 Orakei 5.30pm-6pm weekdays
Exposition:
 Glendowie 9.30am-6.45pm Thu

Parish Groups

Youth Music Group

6.45pm Weds In the Parish Centre. If you're bored with traditional music lessons but enjoy playing your own kind of music with others your age, come and join this lively, fun and social group! Call Jenny Cussins 027 368 9797

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer support for any reason at all please email glen.bob01@gmail.com to be added to the prayer chain.

Christian Meditation

For more information on this please call Jane 09-361 4657. All very welcome.

Playgroup

Tues, 9-11am. In the Parish Centre. All welcome.

St Ignatius Social Club

4th Fri of the month. An opportunity for teenagers to get-together for events, entertainment, outings & general good times! Join the group: www.facebook.com/groups/stignatiussocialclub

Tween Scene

Meeting regularly. Keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for upcoming Tween Scene get-togethers, or email Melinda melindapdewit@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

