

Community Notices & Events

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

Who Are You O God And Who Am I?

A retreat led by Christina Cathro rmdm. **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. At Mercy Spirituality Centre, 104 The Drive Epsom. Register on 0-9-638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Pax Christi Aotearoa AGM

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

Reflection Day 'Taize'

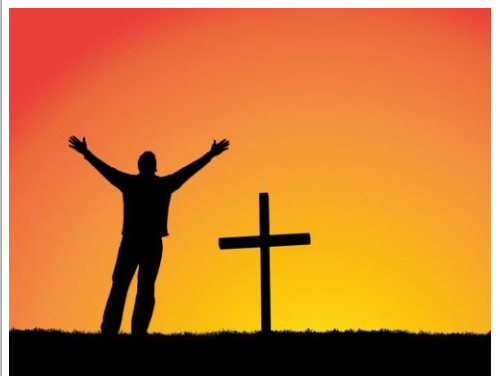
A meditative, candlelit service which will include singing of chants, listening to the Word of God, intercessory prayer and time for a quiet prayer in an atmosphere of silence and peace. **Fri, 14 Dec, 7-8pm.** Facilitated by Jill McLoughlin rsj. Location Mary MacKillop Centre, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland. Light supper served at conclusion. Registrations: Auckland.MMKCentre@sosj.org.au

Time Out Day For Prayer And Reflection, St Francis Retreat Centre

To be held **Wed, 12 Dec 9.30am – 2.30pm** at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill. Light lunch provided. Gold coin donation. Booking essential. Tel 0-9-625 6651 or email admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Hear The Cry Of The Poor And Of The Earth

A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj. To be held **9am-4pm, Sat, 23 Feb 2019** Mary MacKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Rd, Kohimarama, Auckland. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick on peterg@cda.org.nz or 022-1300 730



Ministers & Housekeeping

Sat, 15 December, 5.30pm

Greeter: Kate & Andre de Graaf
Altar Server: Russell Kereru, Colin Davis
Commentator: Josephine Ellis
Readers: Delphine Lomas, Inge Edwards

Bread Minister: Terence Chetty

Cup Ministers: Noelene Chetty, Anita Anderson

Collectors: Leonie Bragg, Daniel Samy

Data Projectionist: Mary Gray

Sun, 16 December, 9.30am

Greeters: Victoria & Tessa Atkinson

Altar Servers: Vakatapu Family

Commentator: Helen Partington

Readers: Maree Wrigley, Gerry Lynch

Bread Ministers: Anne Mazzaschi, Amy Laithwaite

Cup Ministers: Luca Mazzaschi, Pip Block

Data Projectionist: Kelly Fernandes

Collectors: tbc

Counters: Bernadette Ioane, Bridget Gleeson

Morning Tea: Adrienne Grogan, Danielle Esplin, Sharon Saunders

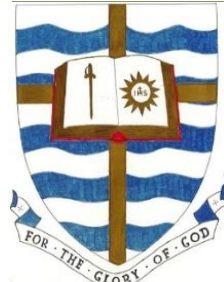
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8 & 9 December
2018

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



St Ignatius Parish

Today's Readings:

First Reading:
Baruch 5:1-9
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
Psalm: 125
Second Reading:
Paul To The Philippians 1:3-6,8-11
And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight...
Gospel:
Luke 3:1-6
He went into the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...



Introduction to the Gospel

Second Sunday Of Advent

The Word of God which comes to John in the wilderness is not a word meant for him alone but is to be shared with all people. John's proclamation of the Word of God through the whole Jordan district is a precursor to Jesus' instruction to his disciples that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations. The salvation brought by the Lord is not a personal and private matter but one which is destined for the whole of humankind. This salvation can only be achieved, however, if one is prepared to realign one's life - to repent of past sins and take a new path.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!

John's call is a call to a new beginning. Who are the prophets of the modern age who call people back to fidelity to God's plan for the world? Are there voices which are raised in warning us to honour the Earth and all people? Are there voices which call us to respect creation and to share the bounty of God's gifts more equitably? How does the modern world receive the voices of today's prophets?

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

NZ Catholic Herald – Dec 2-15 Issue

The latest issue of NZ Catholic is available in the back of the Church. Cost \$4.

Some headlines are: New Priest Ordained In Dunedin; Gender Diversity Issues Guide For Catholic Schools; World Day Of The Poor Activities Wellington; Catholics In Palmerston North Anti-Weapons Protest.

Readings w/b 10 Dec 2018

Monday:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Isaiah 40:25-31

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday:

Isaiah 41:13-20

Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

Friday:

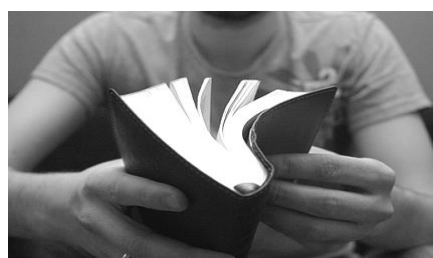
Isaiah 48:17-19

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday:

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11

Gospel: Matthew 17:10-13



New Passionist Family Group To Be Formed

Are you new to our Parish or wishing to connect with other young families? We have had a suggestion from families who were part of the recent Baptismal Programme that they stay connected by forming a new Passionist Family Group. If you would like to join them, you can contact Daria Murray, who has kindly offered to co-ordinate this new group, on daria.y.murray@gmail.com

This is a great way of getting to know other parishioners in a social setting - the members of our Parish's other 7 groups will attest to this!

Or you may prefer to contact us: John and Rosie Crawford, Parish Co-ordinators. John 021-995 884 or Rosie 021-160 1369. Pamphlets with more information also available on the stand at the church door.

2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR



Now available from the office, cost \$12. Proceeds go to support the missionary work of the St Columban's Mission Society.

CARDS AFTERNOON

There will be cards on **Wed, 12 Dec, 1pm** in the foyer of the Parish Centre. This will be the last time for the year. We'll be starting again Feb 2019.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Christmas.

For further information please call Bob on 0-9-575 7622.

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

We will be packing and delivering 370 Christmas Food Hampers today **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



Pre-Christmas Rite II Reconciliation

To be held **Tue, 11 Dec 2018, 7pm** at St Ignatius church to prepare individually and as a parish for Christmas. Rite II includes a community liturgy plus an opportunity for private reconciliation with either Father John or Father Pat Brady.

Job Vacancy – Parish Administrator, Glendowie Parish

Ingrid Coakley, long-standing administrator of the Glendowie Parish has decided to retire so the Parish are looking for someone to replace her. This is a part-time 22.5 hours/5 days role. For more information email glendowiemph@xtra.co.nz or contact Dennis Lynch, Chair, Finance Committee, on 021-963 733. To apply please do so in writing including your CV to the above email or to Glendowie MPH Parish, 510 Riddell Road, Glendowie, Auckland. Applications close 23 Dec 2018.

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.