

Community Notices & Events

Christmas In The Carpark

To be held **Sat, 22 Dec, 5pm** 2134 Great North Road, Avondale, St Mary's Avondale Community Centre (SMACC) Includes Vigil Mass and carols. All are welcome.



First Diocesan Youth Mass 2019
Taking place **Sun, 10 Feb 2019** at St Pat's Cathedral. Prayer at **6.30 pm**, Mass at **7pm**. Hosted by Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and Auckland Catholic Youth & Young Adult Ministry (ACYM). Bishop Patrick Dunn is main celebrant and will commission youth leaders, YAC members and ACYM team. Please RSVP to Rynne marryanneg@cda.org.nz by **Mon, 4 Feb 2019**.

Hear The Cry Of The Poor And Of The Earth

A day of retreat 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 McKillop Centre, 30 Holgate Rd, Kohimarama, Auckland. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Please register with Peter Garrick on peterg@cda.org.nz or 022-1300 730.

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

Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ

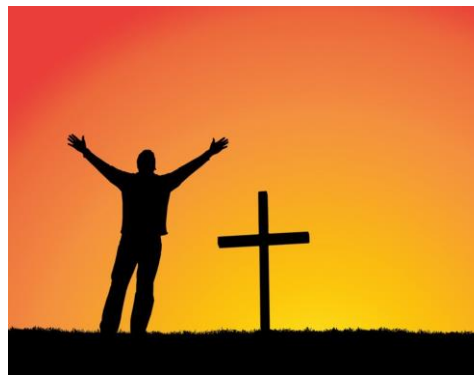
Workshop will be led by Sarah Cooper. To be held **Sat, 16 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm**. Cost is \$65 including lunch. This session will look at how gratitude opens the way.

Music Workshop

To be led by Fr Chris Skinner sm. The focus will be psalms and gratitude. Will be held **Sat, 23 Feb, 10am-1pm**. \$30 including morning tea. Will be held St Columba Centre.

Dreamwork 101

This will be led by Margaret Bowater a senior counsellor specialising in dreamwork. To be held **Fri, 23 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat, 24 Feb, 9.30am-4pm**. Cost \$130. This is an introduction to looking at dreams and exploring their meaning.



Ministers & Housekeeping

Sat, 29 December, 5.30pm

Greeter: Anne van der Straaten

Altar Server: Russell Kereru, Colin Davis

Commentator: Josephine Ellis

Readers: Ann Hay, Alison Davis

Bread Minister: Anne van der Straaten

Cup Ministers: Christine Jugum, Camilla Dunand

Collectors: Doug Osborne, Daniel Samy

Data Projectionist: Julia Anderson

Sun, 30 December, 9.30am

Greeters: Tina Raines, Ali Patton

Altar Servers: Vakatapu Family

Commentator: Jenny Sanders

Readers: Pauline Laithwaite, Jim Gildea

Bread Ministers: Amy Laithwaite, Afu Vakatapu

Cup Ministers: John Wilkinson, Pip Block

Data Projectionist: Jannie van Hees

Collectors: Craig Fraser

Counters: Kaye & Andrew Batterton

Morning Tea: Adrienne Grogan, Vakatapu Family

Linen: Christine Webster

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



St Ignatius Parish

Today's Readings:

First Reading:

Micah 5:2-5

"You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah ... from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel ..."

Psalm:

79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:5-10

"See, I have come to do your will."

Gospel:

Luke 1:39-45

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb.



Introduction to the Gospel

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Elizabeth's response to the visit of Mary, her young kinswoman is quite remarkable. She can have no way of knowing what had happened to Mary but she receives a sudden intuition from God and is 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. Elizabeth and the child she carries both recognise and respond to an in-breaking of God's action in human history. The revelation to Elizabeth is even more profound when we realise that she rejoices not only because Mary is carrying the long awaited saviour, but because she sees that Mary's blessedness is a direct result of her faith.

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

'Blessed is she who believed that that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' It is Mary's willing acceptance of the role God chose for her that has resulted in her being blessed among women. Can you think of a time when you 'knew' something without being told? What was the source of your intuition? What promises has God made to you?

Weekday Mass During Xmas & New Year

NO 8.30am Mass

There will **NO** 8.30am weekday Mass on **Wed 26, Thu 27, Fri 28,** and **Mon 31 Dec 2018.**

9am Mass

We will hold Mass at 9am on **Tue, 1 Jan 2019.**

Normal 8.30am Mass

This will re-commence on **Wed, 2 Jan 2019.**



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 – Christmas Hampers Article

Take a look on page 17 in the latest edition of the NZ Catholic! There's a great article and photos about our Christmas Hampers Outreach titled **St Heliers parish brings Christmas joy to neighbours.** We've placed a special order of extra newspapers for people who would like their own copy of the article. These are available at the back of the church at a cost of only \$4.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

- 5.30pm Family Mass
(Sacred Heart College Chapel)

- 9pm Christmas Vigil Mass
(Carols and readings from 8.30pm)

Christmas Day:

- 9.30am Christmas Mass



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.

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.

Christmas Message From Father John

As we come to celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank you all for your faith, hope and love offered so generously in our Parish Community in 2018.

I wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year, and, if you are so fortunate, happy and safe holidays.

Fr John

Readings w/b 24 Dec 2018

Monday:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,14,16

Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

Tuesday:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Wednesday:

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59

Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday:

1 John 1:1-4

Gospel: John 20:2-8

Friday:

1 John 1:5-2:2

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday:

1 John 2:3-11

Gospel: Luke 2:22-35



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



This beautiful calendar is still available at a cost of only \$12. Makes a great Christmas present for those who love art. Proceeds go to support the missionary work of the St Columban's Mission Society.

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