

Community Notices & Events

Orakei Eastern Suburbs Catholic Women's League

The next meeting will be on **Wed, 27 Mar** starting with Mass at **10.30am** at St Joseph's Church, 16 Brenton Place, Orakei. This will be followed by guest speaker Sister Cherubina, from the Saint/Mother Teresa Foundation, who will talk about the order's work in NZ. A full lunch will be served. Price \$15 per person.

St Ignatius School Dads' Lawn Bowls

For St Ignatius School Dads and friends and family Dads. To be held **5.30pm, Fri, 29 Mar**. Cost \$40 includes bowls, drinks and a burger. Money raised is for Teacher Aid support at St Ignatius School. Tickets by bank deposit to St Ignatius PTA Account: 12-3027-0309773-000 Ref: Surname, bowls. For more information please email us on saintignatiuspta@gmail.com.

Diocesan Youth Mass

The next Diocesan Youth Mass will be held, **7pm, Sun, 31 Mar** at St Patrick's Cathedral. The theme will be *Created Anew*.

Family Life Marriage Getaway

A weekend getaway is being held **5-7 April** at the Waipuna Hotel, Auckland. This is a very inspirational, non-threatening event valuable for couples with good marriages or who are struggling in their marriage. For more information contact Steve Hooper 0-9-320 3383, email info@familylife.nz.

Mercy Spirituality Centre, 104 The Drive, Epsom

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

Lenten Series: Journey of the Cross

An opportunity to reflect on the cross in different ways. Presenters Max Maxwell, Anne Warren chf, Cathryn Wiles-Pickard rsm. You are welcome to come to one, two, or them all! To be held **Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm**. Price \$10 each or all 6 for \$50.

Gratitude for Creation: An Invitation to Earth-Care

Reflection on the gift, beauty and intricacy of creation through spiritual writers and exploration of a checklist of practices and behaviours to lessen our environmental footprint.

Led by Mary Betz. **Mon, 1 Apr, 10.30am-12.30pm**. Price \$15 incl. morning tea

Lent Reflection: Ignatian Contemplation for Lent

A prayer experience in the tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola, being guided through a contemplation to prepare us to enter meaningfully into the mystery of the Passion of Jesus Led by Laetitia Puthenpadath. **Sat, 6 Apr, 1.45-4.00pm**. Price \$20

Ministries

Sat, 30 March, 5.30pm

Greeter: Sophie Partington

Altar Server: Russell Kereru, Colin Davis

Commentator: Glennis O'Connor

Readers: Bob O'Connor, Michelle Yates

Bread Minister: Anna Lippard

Cup Ministers: Colin Davis, Kate de Graaf

Collectors: Liz Pollard, Bob O'Connor

Data Projectionist: Julia Anderson

Sun, 31 March, 9.30am

Greeters: Sylvia Langride, Anne Mazzaschi

Altar Servers: Anastacia Campos, Ana Matijasevich

Commentator: Akata Siale

Readers: Margaret Toland, Greg Pinches

Bread Ministers: Pip Block, Val Dallimore

Cup Ministers: Anthony & Gina Matijasevich

Data Projectionist: Jannie van Hees

Collectors: Felise Pailate

Counters: Maria Sanders, Bob O'Connor

Morning Tea: Ann & John Howard, Nadine Fowler

Linen: Margaret Ward

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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:

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

And Moses said "Here I am."

Psalm: 102:1-4,6-8,11

Second Reading:

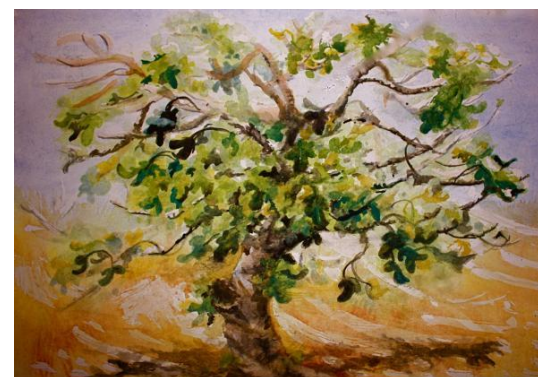
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

Gospel:

Luke: 13:1-9

... unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.



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Introduction to the Gospel

Third Sunday Of Lent

This gospel is really about the loving care and patience of God. It was commonly believed that a loving God could not be responsible for terrible calamities which befell people but that these events must somehow be a result of their own sinfulness. Jesus takes the opportunity to say that the recent deaths of both Galileans and inhabitants of Jerusalem do not mean that they are any more sinful than others. They were no more deserving of death than anyone else. Indeed, we must not look to the sinfulness of others but to our own need for repentance. The parable of

'Sir, let the fig tree alone for one more year ... If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'

the owner of the vineyard tells of God's infinite patience in dealing with the sinfulness of humans. Despite our failings, God will graciously allow us time to produce our best fruit. The theme of this gospel, God's forgiveness and care, will be taken up in the gospels of the next two weeks. How can you cultivate your own garden of faith in this special time of Lent?

Grieving Together With Our Muslim Sisters & Brothers

The shootings last week at the Christchurch mosques were a horrific tragedy. At St Ignatius and across the whole world we grieve together with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

From Father John

As I promised, I wrote to Zain Ali and his community at the Ponsonby Mosque, telling them of the crowds and prayers at St Ignatius church, and assuring them of our love and prayers. He replied, "Dear John, Many thanks for your kind words. These are difficult times - your prayers are much appreciated. Peace and blessings to you and your community. Warm regards, Zain"

From Pope Francis - Excerpt

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and loss of life caused by the senseless acts of violence at two mosques in Christchurch, and he assures all New Zealanders, and in particular the Muslim community, of his heartfelt solidarity in the wake of these attacks. ... His Holiness prays for the healing of the injured, the consolation of those who grieve the loss of their loved ones, and for all afflicted by this tragedy.

In the weeks, months and years ahead, let us continue to stand together in love as one - not only with the Muslim community - but with everyone.



Let us 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 also remember people whose anniversaries occur in March.

Diocesan Job Vacancy – Secretary Catholic Education Services

This is a part-time - 3 days per week - secretary role at Catholic Education Services, Pompallier Centre, commencing **1 May 2019**. Key Responsibilities include administrative and clerical support to the Manager, RE Advisors, Board and the Vicar of Education and providing effective communication with schools and other agencies. For more information visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and Staff Vacancies. Closes **29 Mar 2019**.

Cards Group Next Week!

Cards will be held again at **1pm, Wed, 27 Mar** in the Parish Centre.

Come along and have a fun afternoon. All are very welcome!

For further information, please ring Bob on 0-9-575-7622!

Caritas Lenten Appeal – Living Our Lives With Love



This year's theme comes from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world – *Gaudete Et Exsultate – Rejoice and Exult*.

Living Our Lives With Love highlights the call to let love permeate all we do. As Mother Teresa once said "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Caritas Lenten Appeal donation envelopes are in the back of the church.

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

Weds, 6.45pm in the Parish Centre. Come and enjoy playing your own kind of music with others your age by joining this lively, fun and social group who also play monthly at Mass! 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.

Glenbrae School Reading & Conversation Group

This is 1 on 1 with years 1-4 pupils, 1 hr/wk. To volunteer or for more details contact Cynthia morriscm.nz@gmail.com

Christian Meditation

For more information please call Jane 0-9-361 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 us on tweenscene.parish@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

Readings w/b 25 Mar 2019

Monday:

1 Isaiah 7:10-14

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Gospel: Luke 11:14-23

Friday:

Hosea 14:2-10

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hosea 5:15-16:6

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



Thank You For Handing In My Silver Earring!

Grateful thanks from Jan to whomever handed in her silver earring. She was delighted to re-unite the lost earring with its companion!

Mt Carmel School, Meadowbank, Open Days

This will be held on **Wed, 3 April** with a tour at **1.15pm**.

Connecting School & Parish – Update On St Ignatius School

St Ignatius school is a key part of our parish. To keep us all connected we thought we would include school activities in our newsletter. Many thanks to Pat Hickey for the great suggestion. Recent activities:

- At the beginning of March pupils took part in a 2019 Rotary Top Schools Games at Churchill Park
- A review of Tomorrow's Schools is being carried out. The report is now open for public consultation. St Ignatius board met last week to discuss their submission regarding the review
- St Ignatius teachers will be attending Family Mass, Sun 24 Mar

NZ Catholic, March 24 – April 6 Issue

The latest issue of the *NZ Catholic* is available at the back of the church.

Headlines include: Faiths Come Together After Terror Attacks; Tears At Christchurch Mass For Peace; Reactions To Terror Attacks From Other Nations; March For Life In Hamilton.

The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on 7 April 2019.