

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A God of Love

One day two learned men were walking along the seashore, discussing the mystery of God. However, they weren't making very much progress. Suddenly they came upon a small boy playing on the beach. He had dug a hole in the sand and kept running down to the sea, dipping his toy bucket in the water, and running back up the beach to empty the water into the hole.

The two men watched him for a while as he ran back and forth filling and emptying his bucket. They found the scene amusing. They went up to the boy and asked him what he was doing. Very seriously he told them he was emptying the ocean into the hole he had dug in the sand.

The two smiled and walked on, resuming their discussion about God. After a while, one of them stopped and said to the other, 'You know, we were amused just now when that child told us what he was trying to do. Yet what we have been trying to do in our discussion about God is just the same. It is as impossible for us to understand the mystery of God as it is for that child to put the water of the ocean into that hole. Our minds are but tiny thimbles, whereas the reality of God is as great as the ocean'.

As the story says: it is impossible for us to understand God. God is a mystery. But a mystery is not something we can know nothing about. A mystery is something which is so full of meaning, that no matter how hard we try, we will never get to the bottom of it. Therefore, the story must not be used to justify laziness or superficiality in our efforts to understand something of the mystery of God.

It's possible to know of the existence of God by our own reasoning. At the sight of something or other, a person will know in an instant that these things do not exist through themselves, and that God is.

God is a God of love. Our response can only be one of trust in God and love towards one another. What Paul said to the Corinthians is meant also for us: 'Help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you'.

Once a young girl stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the town square. After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone. He was a giant of a man but had a friendly face. So the girl approached him and asked: 'Who lives down there?' 'God does,' answered the gypsy. 'Can I see God?' 'Sure you can,' said the gypsy. Then taking the girl into his arms he lifted her up so that she could see down into the well. All the girl could see, however, was her own reflection in the water. 'But that's only me,' she cried in disappointment. 'All I see is me'. 'Ah,' replied the gypsy, 'now you know where God lives. God lives in you'.

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HOLY TRINITY

11th June 2017

MASS: Saturday 5.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am
 Monday to Friday 7.00am & Fridays 7.30 pm
 Saturday 8.00am

The Holy Rosary

Is prayed before Mass Daily
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturdays 9-9.30am

Mass for Sick & Elderly – 25th June 2017 at 12.00 noon

1st Friday Mass – 7th July /Tamil Mass 1st July 7.00 pm

Samoan Mass 18th June 12.00 noon Tongan Mass 27th Aug 3.00 pm

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 10th June 2017 5.00pm	Lizanne Gomes Wilfred Mascarenhas	Mathias Gomes Diana Gomes Lazarus Serrao Adelia Serrao Cynthia Mascarenhas	Radelle Dalia Stephan Aaron Zoisha	Tongan Community
Sunday 11th June 2017 9.30am	Tongan Community	Luc Marie Telesia Alualu Monica Austin Xavier Braganza Bro Michael Goh	Kevin Greta Matthew Nivelei Emmanuela	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 17th June 2017 5.00pm	Samantha Rodrigues Agnes Faapoi	Nola Paku Cheryl Moan Anna Joseph Rosalie Su'a Brenna Castelino	Marika Gloria Dalia Stephan Aaron	Indian Community
Sunday 18th June 2017 9.30am	Indian Community	Agnes Schaaf Monica Austin Annie Lim Telesia Alualu Bro Michael Goh	Agnes Leander Matthew Ana Realyn	

Please Recite after Holy Communion

Priestly/Religious Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 11th June 2017

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
Psalm Daniel 3:52-57 page 172
Second Reading 2Corinthians:13:11-13
Gospel: John 3:16-18

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 18th June 2017

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
Psalm 147B page 158
Second Reading 1Corinthians:10:16-17
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Sunday Offering for 04th June 2017

1st Collection: \$ 587.00
2nd Collection: \$ 1176.00

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick:

Regina Lee, Gloria Cruz, Monique Simon, Emily Matthews, Ali Ahmed, Ana Hiliate, Mafi Lelea, Rosemary Cannon, Jenny Toh, Leo Zigiani, Peter McConnel, Anamalia Vakameilalo, Fatima Rodrigues, Vyga Sanu, Tuala Akeli, Tafu Tuala, Anna Maria Coelho, Irene Makanga, Elena Roman, Betty Drinnan, Siosianna Tuli, Po'e Heather, Neil Almeida, Philomena Stevens, Fili Otufangavalu, Telesia Folaumahina, Babs (Bridgette) Lvons. Jacob Saldanha & Shirlev Mathews..

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:

Peter R. Drinnan, Ngairé, Wim Bolscher, Finau Schaaf, Betty Coutinho, OlaDevit, Lila Vaiaoga, Rev. Msgr. Lui Tevaga, Carmeline D'cruz, Diego Coelho, Percy Nazareth, Mele Toloa, Felix Giborees, Rosy Vaz, Jerome Aranha, Basil Humphries Brand, Steven Ivan Ravlich.
Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

St Therese Parish News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

Starting Saturday 17th June 3:30pm-4:30pm

Parents & Children requested to attend this first meeting. Classes on Saturdays before evening Mass, 3.30pm to 4.30pm.. Enrolments still open for children above 8 years. Please fill in the registration form placed at the entrance to the church and give it to the parish office
Contact Fr Arul/ Parish Office on 09-6209689

Pledge Envelopes & Tax Receipts

Please collect the Pledge Envelopes and Tax receipts placed at the entrance of the church. If you wish to have a set of pledge envelopes, please contact the parish office on 09-6209689 or st3kgs@xtra.co.nz. Thank you all for your generosity

HOUSE BLESSING

Fr Arul has started Easter Blessings from 19th April. Parishioners who wish their house to be blessed are requested to fill in the form and deposit it in the box marked 'HOUSE BLESSING' placed at the entrance to the church.

Meetings

Parish Council meeting 2nd July 2017 after the 9.30 am mass
Finance committee meeting 15th June 2017 at 7.30 pm

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday the Eucharistic Adoration will start after the 7.00 am mass and end at 7.00 pm. Fr Arul invites parishioners to spend some time before the Lord.

The adoration will end on 24th November 2017.

If you are willing to pray at a particular time each Friday, please write your name on the schedule placed at the entrance to the Church.

Divine Mercy

Devotional prayers every Friday at 7.00 pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction followed by Mass.

Reconciliation 28th June 2017

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, Father will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation between 7.00 pm – 8 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Reconciliation is also held every Saturday from 9.00-9.30 am

New hope with Faith Fellowship

It is an informal gathering, a confidential sharing platform for the people who are hurt by the grief of separation, divorce and widowhood.

Thank you all for attending the First meeting on the 28th of May at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road. If you wish to participate in the next gathering on 11th June 2017 at St Therese Parish Office, 4-6pm, please contact Dr Reesa on Mobile 0211612994. (Please leave a text message if the call is not attended) or Father Arul on 09-6209689

St John Paul II Auckland Rosary

Every Saturday at 12.00 noon a 20 decade rosary is prayed in our church

Mass for the Sick & Elderly – 25th June 2017 at 12.00 noon

A special Mass is held every 4th Sunday of the month for the Sick and Elderly. The mass is at 12.00 noon. Anointing of the sick is held during the mass

Youth News

World Youth Day Auckland Experience

Registrations are now open for groups and individuals attending World Youth Day Auckland Experience 2017, as well as for volunteers! WYDAK17 will be held on the weekend of 15 and 16 July, with regional events happening on the Saturday, and prayer, the pilgrim walk and an exciting programme happening on the Sunday! Visit our website to register, or contact Rochelle (rochelled@cda.org.nz). Watch our promo video on Facebook to find out more info (and to catch an Oscar-winning performance by one of our very own team members...!)

Auckland Catholic Diocese News

Liturgy Talks

Professor Thomas O'Loughlin presents two lectures on the Liturgy for those involved in parish liturgy committees and for all with an interest in learning more about the Liturgy:

The Eucharist, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, on Tuesday, 4 July, and **The Principles for Celebrating Good Liturgy**, on Wednesday, 5 July. Koha of \$10.00 per evening. These lectures will be held in the Poynton Room at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby, from 7.30 – 9 pm both evenings. To register, please contact Tina, Ph: 09 360 3061, Email: tinac@cda.org.nz

NZ CATHOLIC

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Headlines and a few of the topics

- Pope Francis meets President Trump.
- New national structure for youth ministry.
- Living wage & Easter trading topics at hui

The Newspaper is at the entrance of the church

Vocations

Holy Cross Seminary would like to promote vocations throughout all the parishes in New Zealand and create more awareness of the Seminary in Auckland.

Visit: www.holycross.org.nz

Guitars Wanted

Catholic Prison Chaplains are looking for spare guitars for use in their prison guitar groups.

If you are able to donate a used or unwanted acoustic guitar please drop it off to our Parish Office or it can be collected by Catholic Social Services.

Phone: Emma or Maryanne on 09 378 9650 or Email: reception@cssauckland.org.nz

24-Hours Silent Retreat

Date: 15 – 16 Sept 2017 (Friday 7pm – Saturday 7pm)
Venue: St Francis Retreat Centre
50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland.
Cost: \$115 (all inclusive).
Please contact us at 09-625 6651

Mercy Spirituality Centre

104 The Drive, Epsom Ph. 638 6238

LECTIO DIVINA every Tuesday Evening (in chapel) with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm 7-8pm. Koha/Donation

HEALTH IN OLDER AGE – HOURING THE LATER YEARS with MARGI MONTAGU-FRYER and CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm Wed 14 June, 10am-3.30pm. \$35.

FLAX WEAVING with DONNA TE TAI Thursdays 15 & 29 June, 7-9pm. \$15 each session

Bookings essential. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

WANTED: Unused woodwind and Brass music instruments. (no strings)

St Paul's College, is establishing an "everyone can play a musical instrument" opportunity for all boys.

We need unused Brass or woodwind instruments lying in attics or garages for use by our young men.

For details contact the College office

Phone: (09) 376 1287.

Email: stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz.

Payment in eternity.



"Every one is a story of love that God writes on this earth. Every one of us is a story of God's love. God calls every one of us by our name: God knows us by name, God looks at us, God waits for us, God forgives us, God has patience with us" (Pope Francis: Feast of Mary Magdalene 17 May 2017)

St. Therese School

Dates for your diary

25th June 2017 – School /Parish Community Mass
Volunteers needed for Breakfast Club – Monday – Friday @ 7.30 – 8.30am. Please consider helping us as it is so beneficial for the children

The school is taking enrolments for all year groups. Please contact the office on 620 9441 if you have a child due to start school soon or if you would like further information about us.