

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Enabling the Spirit to Work in our Lives as Followers of Christ

Ethiopia is a land that is familiar with hardship, with famines, droughts and wars that increase the suffering of the people. For the love of these people, Bishop Armido Gasparini, an Italian missionary, made Awasa, in southern Ethiopia his home. He and his small band of Comboni missionaries showed the love of God through their tireless work in training catechists, establishing medical clinics in rural areas and providing schools.

From having one parish in the early 1960s, the Church in Awasa has grown to twenty parishes, with many more outstations. There are now hundreds of catechists and the Catholic population has increased enormously. Every day many hundreds of people are treated in the clinics, and thousands of children are receiving an education who would not otherwise have done so. When Bishop Armido retired in 1993, he explained how he could see the difference that Christ had made in the lives of the people.

We cannot all be missionaries in distant countries, but we can take the love of Christ to the people around us. It has never been easy to evangelise, and persecution has been the response to many who have gone before us. When Philip the deacon first went to the Samaritan town he was by no means assured of a warm welcome. This is shortly after Stephen, another deacon, had been stoned to death. Philip proclaimed the Good News of Christ and by his authentic witness won over the people there. The power he had drawn on to enable him to do his work was the Spirit of truth. Jesus promised this to all who love him and who keep his commandments.

As Christians, we have received the Holy Spirit in baptism – a power that is not of our own making. This power is the very same that sustained the martyrs in their gruelling punishment and executions; the same that encourages missionaries to endure hardships for the love of other people. It is the Spirit that enables us to find the words to use to describe why we are followers of Christ.

But the Spirit needs our cooperation too. Philip could not have converted the Samaritans if he had not gone to them, not could Bishop Armido have established his schools and clinics if he had not settled in Ethiopia. To have the answer ready for anybody who wants to know about Christianity, we do have to give the matter some attention. We need to know about our faith to share it with others. It helps if we have access to courses, or books or other means of deepening our knowledge. Talking about it with our friends and family can help us put our thoughts into words. Studying scripture and spending time in prayer are also vital ways of preparing for the times we need to explain our belief to others.

How easy it is, when something so dear to us is discussed, to allow ourselves to become embroiled in arguments. Yet it is also in the way we conduct ourselves, and in what we do, that the message is most effectively conveyed. But we need not be discouraged, for even if we do not think we have the right things or been great models of Christian living, it is the Spirit who will work in the hearts of the other people; and we know we can leave the results of our endeavours safely in the keeping of that same Spirit.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st May 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 – 28th May 2017 at 12.00 noon

1st Friday Mass – 2nd June /Tamil Mass 3rd June 7.00 pm

Samoan Mass 18th June 12.00 noon Tongan Mass 28th May 3.00 pm

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 20 th May 2017 5.00pm	Royston D'Lima Frances Faapoi	Nola Paku Cheryl Moan Anna Joseph Rosalie Su'a Brenna Castelino	Marika Gloria Dalia Stephan Aaron	Indian Community
Sunday 21 st May 2017 9.30am	Indian Community	Frances Faapoi Telesia Alualu Malia Falemaka Annie Lim Bro Michael Goh	Agnes Reeve Adele Anstan Realyan	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 27 th May 2017 5.00pm	Valerie Johnson Amanda Saldanha	Ferdinand Pinto Selma Pinto Mathias Gomes Diana Gomes Cynthia Mascarenhas	Stephan Dalia Radelle Aaron Zoisha	Parish Youth
Sunday 28 th May 2017 9.30am	Parish Youth	Luc Marie Jeffrey Rodrigues Lydia Quadros Xavier Braganza Bro Michael Goh	Nivelei Gloria Matthew Emmanuela Greta	

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 21st May 2017

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66 page 72
Second Reading 1Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 28th May 2017

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 page 55
Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday Offering for 14th May 2017

1st Collection: \$ 417.00
2nd Collection: \$ 836.30

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

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

Ana Hiliate, Mafi Lelea, Rosemary Cannon, Jenny Toh, Leo Ziglani, 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) Lyons, Jacob Saldanha & Shirley Mathews..

Prayers for the Deceased

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

Ngaire, Wim Bolscher, Finau Schaaf, Betty Coutinho, , OlaDevit, Lila Vaiaoga, Rev. Msgr. Lui Tevaga, Wanda Nair, 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

DEVOTION TO MARY

In devotion to Mother Mary during May, parishioners are encouraged to participate in reciting the Rosary daily before the 7.00 am mass and join in the 20 decade rosary on Saturdays at 12.00 noon.

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

EASTER 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.

Blessed Virgin Mary

There are 2 statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary available for circulation. This is a Legion of Mary Three Kings initiative aimed at promoting devotion to Our Lady. For booking details please contact Rovena 0223948472

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St Therese Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on 21st May 2017 at 11.00 am in the Parish Hall. All Parishioners are invited to attend this meeting.

Meetings

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 24th May 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

Legion of Mary

Meeting every Thursday in the Meeting Room at 6.30 pm. Fr Arul is the Spiritual Director. New members are welcome. Please contact Fr Arul if you wish to join 'Legion of Mary'

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.

First meeting to be held on the 28th of May from 4-6 pm at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road. (Free)

For further inquiries contact Dr Reesa on Mobile 0211612994. (Please leave a text message if the call is not attended)

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 – 28th May 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

Emmaus Leadership Programme

Emmaus is a leadership programme for current and developing youth leaders running from 21 May - 29 October (9 sessions including a day retreat) starting at 1pm at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Ponsonby. The programme is free. Please register with Joey (joeyb@cda.org.nz) by 16 May

Youth Synod - Date for West Region Leaders Meeting !

In October 2018, Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Young People, Faith and discernment of Vocation. Between May and August this year, in preparation for the Synod, a pastoral process will take place collecting responses from all young people (both those connected to the Catholic Church and all other young people). Teresa recently attended meetings in Rome to find out more about this pastoral process and will be sharing about that at regional leader meetings throughout May. A date has been set for leaders from the West Region

West Region: Tuesday, May 30, 7pm at Glen Eden Parish

Dates for other regions will be advised direct to leaders and published in our weekly updates and on our Facebook page as they are confirmed or text Teresa on 021 649 012 and she will reply once a date has been set for your region. All parishes and groups are encouraged to have one or more leaders attend a meeting.

Auckland Catholic Diocese News

NZ CATHOLIC

**21 May – 03 June, 2017 Issue
Headlines and a few of the topics**

- PM quizzed by students on poverty, housing.
- Fatima anniversary in Portugal and NZ.
- New priest for Wellington.

The Newspaper is at the entrance of the church

Choral Vigil Mass

The Ascension of the Lord

at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph
Saturday, 27 May at 7.30 pm Featuring the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles, this is also an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the musical tradition of the Catholic Church, music that is now often only heard in concert performances.

Validated parking is available at the Wilsons' Car Parks on Hobson St (\$4) or Durham Lane (\$2).

DRC RETREAT

Fr Michael Payyapilly VC from the Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India, based in Sydney, Australia will conduct a Retreat in Auckland. Details as below:
Sunday 28th May 2017; 1 pm - 7 pm
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 317 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough, Auckland.

Please join us with your family and friends. No registration fee.

For more details please contact:
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Learn to encounter others with the right attitude, which is to accept and esteem them as companions along the way. Learn to find Jesus Christ in the faces of others, in their voices, in their pleas

WHERE ARE THE FAMILIES AT CHURCH

At these sessions we will explore how we might use the opportunities of Sacramental Preparation and other significant moments to encourage and welcome families to Mass.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday 24 May @ St Dominic's Church, Blockhouse Bay

Thursday 25 May @ St Theresa's Church, Mangere
Interested participants are welcome at any of these sessions. To register, please email re.team@cda.org.nz, or register directly on: <https://tinyurl.com/luxq28z>

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.