

For Your Diaries: 2020

8 July, Healing Service

Fr John Rea SM will conduct a Healing Service at St Bernadette's Church, 194 Naenae Rd, Naenae beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome. Phone 819 8323 for any enquiries.

9 July, A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert

A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert from 10am to 2pm at Crombie Chapel at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. The theme for July: *Let us go together – me haere tabi tāua*. A simple lunch is provided – or bring your own. There is no fee, but a koha is greatly appreciated. Registration required.

16 July, Joshua Men's Fellowship

Come and join other men for a cuppa, prayer and a talk at 7.30pm (Note: fellowship from 7pm for 7.30pm start) In Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind the Sacred Heart Cathedral). The speaker will be Jack Ponting, our Joshua Newsletter Editor on "Gift of JOY, pure and simple". Want to know more? Contact Steve Ready by phoning 027 356 9555 or emailing joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

15 August, Coast to Coast Rosary

The Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith will be held this year on Saturday 15 August at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information, go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz or phone Clare 022 1912 886

A Test of Faith

The documentary 'A Test of Faith' provides a wonderful insight into the seismic strengthening work that took place at St Mary of the Angels. The documentary also includes the story of the Church in Wellington from 1843 and in particular the three churches that have been built on the present St Mary of the Angels site. DVDs are available to purchase from the parish office for \$30, with all proceeds going towards the ongoing maintenance of the church.



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5 July 2020, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REST FOR OUR SOULS

So much is said about Jesus. He works miracles and He commissions His disciples to follow Him in His mission. Jesus is to be the focal point for the life of the disciple. The way of telling the story could lead the reader of the Gospel to lose sight of the centrality of God in the Christian life: "the One who sent" Jesus. This concern is averted in today's Gospel, as Jesus points away from Himself towards His Father. Everything Jesus says and does comes from His Father: "Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father." The learned and the clever are unable to reach beyond what they see happening before their eyes. They do not even wonder about the more profound mystery of the God and Father of Jesus who sent Him.

Some, however, do not need to be able to control all the answers with their own schemes. These are the ones who are not full of themselves and their own abilities and achievements. The image of "mere children" is carefully chosen. To be a child does not mean to be ignorant or irresponsible. It means to adopt that receptive attitude of a child to whom everything is new. Children wait, with an open mind and an open heart, to receive all the wonderful new things that happen and are said each day. They have space in their hearts, their minds and their lives to receive the gifts which are given to them. Thus it is with true followers of Jesus. They too have space in their hearts, their minds and their lives to receive the gifts the Father gives them. The greatest of all these gifts is His Son.

In today's Gospel Jesus expresses one of the main beliefs of the Christian Faith. The Father of Jesus would be unknown, were it not for Jesus His Son. Jesus knows the Father and makes Him known to us. Without Jesus, the deepest longings of all women and men would not have their ultimate answer: the God and Father of Jesus who is also our God and Father. By means of His life, teaching, death and resurrection, by means of His "story" Jesus has made the unseen God known to us. Have we made space to receive that knowledge?

In the time of Jesus it was thought that one could only know God by the exact observance of the yoke and burden of the Law. There were 613 laws which, if perfectly lived, assured the faithful Israelite of a righteousness in the eyes of God. Jesus does not take away the obligations of law. After all, He did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, He came to bring them to perfection. But Jesus offers a new yoke and a new burden.

The words of Jesus must be taken seriously. There must be a yoke and a burden in Christianity. There is a discipline to the Christian life. We must be prepared to take on the command of Jesus to love, and we must strive to live the Gospel we proclaim. That can, at times, appear to be a yoke and a burden, but Jesus assures us that it frees our hearts and responds to our deepest needs. That is why it is easy and light; that is why in taking the risk of opening ourselves and accepting the God and Father of Jesus as our God and Father we will find rest for our souls.

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MASSES

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm
Mon-Fri 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm
Saturday 11am

EACH MONTH

4th Saturday Sacrament of Anointing at 11am Mass

ADORATION

Mon-Fri 6.30am - 7.20am
Friday 11am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Mon-Thurs 11.30am - Noon
12.30pm - 1pm
4.30pm - 5pm
Friday 11am - 11.50pm
12.30pm - 1pm
4.30pm - 5pm
Saturday 10.30am - 10.55am
4pm - 5pm

This Week's Readings

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

Now humbly your king comes to you!

Second Reading Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Next Week's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm 64

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-23



Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$5,485

Missing Parish Statue

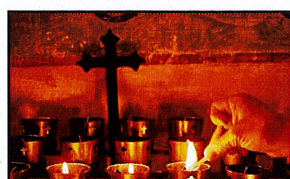
The statue of Our Lady, which the *Legion of Mary* provides for weekly loan to promote Daily Rosary around the parish is currently missing. Perhaps understandably, it has not been returned to the Sacristy, nor the List (at the back of the church) filled-in, since before the COVID-19 Level 4 Lock-down. Could anyone who knows of the current whereabouts of the statue please contact the Legion Praesidium Chairman as soon as possible, please. Please phone Neil on 021896924

Mass has been offered for:

Recently Deceased: Michael Dunn, Krystine Tomaszuk, Brian Bennett

Anniversaries: Ron Finlayson, Tadeusz Braczek, Ruth Garland, Fr Peter Wall, Maureen Ayling, Ngavaine Goodwin

Prayers for the Sick: Peter Aldridge, Tony Crawley, John Adams, Geoff Sweet, Dianne Sweet, Losalia Leo, Patricia Smyth, John Foden, John Mora, Kerry Barber, Pam Finlayson, Paul and Francisca Sparnaay, Brendan Gilmore, Pat Johnson, Peter Aston, Barbara and Vic Stairs, Josephine McLean, Shirley Mahony, Dennis Whimp, Doug Matthews, Gerard McGreevy, Tran Minh Quang



Please remember these and any others in the Parish who are ill. If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact Sister Frances at the parish office.

Responsorial Psalm 144

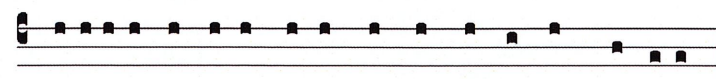
R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R**



Exaltábo te Deus meus rex, in saé-cu-lum saé-culi.

I will extoll thee, O God my King, for ever and ever.

Planned Giving Receipts & Envelopes

The remaining donation receipts and donation envelopes are in the church now. Please collect these if you haven't done so already.

RCIA

On Sunday, July 19th, at the 11.00am Mass we will welcome into our community the graduates of the RCIA program 2019-20. Three candidates will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They and five others will then also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and, finally, share in the Eucharist for the first time. It is a joyful time for the parish community as we witness this commitment to our Catholic way of life. In turn, we hope that all parishioners will pray for the candidates and also support them as they begin this deepening of their journey in the footsteps of Christ. After the 11.00am Mass everyone is invited to share refreshments in the parish hall. We would be grateful if members of the parish could bring a plate to this gathering.

Because of the celebration of the three Sacraments we expect the 11.00am mass will be longer than normal. Please take this into account when planning your day.

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Alert Level 1 Parish Guidelines

These recent guidelines from the Bishops for our liturgical practices remain in place for the meantime:

- ♦ **Holy Communion** - The faithful are to receive Holy Communion in the hand only, and not from the chalice.
- ♦ **Sign of Peace** - The exchange of peace can be by spoken word, by a gesture such as bowing, or by a pause for silent prayer for peace. At this stage people should not feel obliged to shake hands.
- ♦ **Holy Water Fonts** - are to remain without Holy Water.

These guidelines will be re-evaluated as further health advice is given, or in one month's time. The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place for this weekend. People should stay home if they are sick, and contact their doctor if they have flu-like symptoms.



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