

# St Francis of Assisi

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

15 APRIL 2018

### **1st Reading:**

**ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19**

*You killed the price of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**JOHN 2: 1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

**LUKE 24: 35-48**

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

**Lord, let your  
face shine on us.**

**Ps 4:2**

## Claim your restoration

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter delivered a stinging sermon to the people of Israel. It will be good to quote him in full: "You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though He had decided to let Him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the Author of life but God raised Him from the dead." (Acts 3.13-15)

The first Pope of the Catholic Church was not one who sugar-coats his words to avoid offending the feeling of his hearers. However, he reminded the people of Israel of their collective guilt, not to reprimand them, but to encourage them to repent and turn to God so that their sins may be wiped out. It was clear that the God Peter was preaching about was not a God of accusation but of restoration. Thus he ended his sermon with a note of hope and encouragement "that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

We see the same pattern in full display in the gospel. Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection. As He addressed them, He showed them His wounds, "Look at my hands and my feet." It was as if He made

rather called –to conversion, renewal and restoration. Take this to heart and commit it in your memory: Our God is not a God of accusations but restoration.  
*Fr Vally*

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but  
restoration."*

them see that this is what sinful humanity did to the Author of life. But then again, His initial message was, "Peace be with you!" and then he commissioned them to be His witnesses and appointed that conversion may be "preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Before the convicting words of our readings today, let us not feel condemned but

*Peace  
be with  
you*



**WELCOME VISITORS**, to St Francis of Assisi, Thames. Whether you are here for the first time or visit periodically you are most welcome. Please join us in the Parish Centre for morning tea after Mass.



ST FRANCIS of ASSISI  
THAMES

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEDGE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST COLLECTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Offering for the support of:  
• The Priests  
• The Bishop  
• The Clergy Trust Fund

SECOND COLLECTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
To help provide for the Parish

**New pledge envelopes—PLEASE REMEMBER to write your pledge number on each envelope**



## House Blessing

Immediately after Easter it is traditional for Father to visit each household in our parish and bless the house.

Father Vally is keen to begin this tradition here, please let him know if you would like to participate. A clip board is available to record you name and phone number. **BOOK YOURS NOW!**

*Thank you all again and may God Bless you all Mary Connors 07-8690077*

**114 MacKay Street every Thursday morning.  
Call in and see what we do any time**



We must turn our communities and hearts "into living signs of his presence, which is joyful and festive because we have experienced that God is with us, because we have learned to make room for him in our midst." Pope Francis *Is our community a joyful sign to the wider community outside? How?*



The value of persistent prayer is not that He will hear us but that we finally hear Him.

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## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

**Can you help continue the tradition of giving?**

Last weeks collection

Loose \$140

Pledge \$459.90

**TOTAL \$599.90**

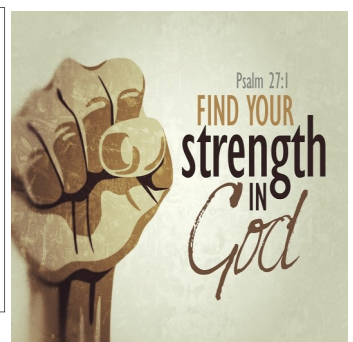


RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames  
**02—0100—0120990 — 008**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY HAVE ONE COLLECTION**

Have you considered giving your gift to the Parish through **Auto Payment?**

This is a way to show a strong commitment to your Parish. AP's continually support even when you are away on holiday.





## From the Liturgy Committee Training Day

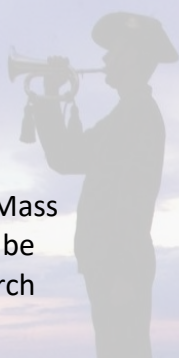
**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** there will be a short training session for all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. This will be immediately following Mass at 8.30am and should take approx. 1 hour. It will be a practical session taking us from what was learnt at the workshop day to its application in our worship at St Francis.

## Commissioning

of all Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April** 8.30am Mass.

## ANZAC Day

25<sup>th</sup> April. The Mass on this day will be held in the church



Don't forget we can use those clean empty plastic containers (especially the TipTop ice cream) and egg cartons .

- Tinned meat
- Pasta
- Potatoes
- BB/Spag
- Any excess fruit and veges from your gardens.



*Please place in the basket in the church porch or drop at Community Ministries in Mary Street*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Have you got something special to celebrate or acknowledge?

**Birthday, anniversary, safe travel, healing?**  
 Mass Intentions are for any and every life occasion.

**You will find Mass Intention envelopes at the front of church on the right beside the votive candle stand. Place your completed envelopes in the collection plate—or hand to Fr.**

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."  
(Matthew 18:20)

PLEASE OFFER  
 HOLY MASS

INTENTION \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Ill health, anniversary, deceased etc)

FROM \_\_\_\_\_



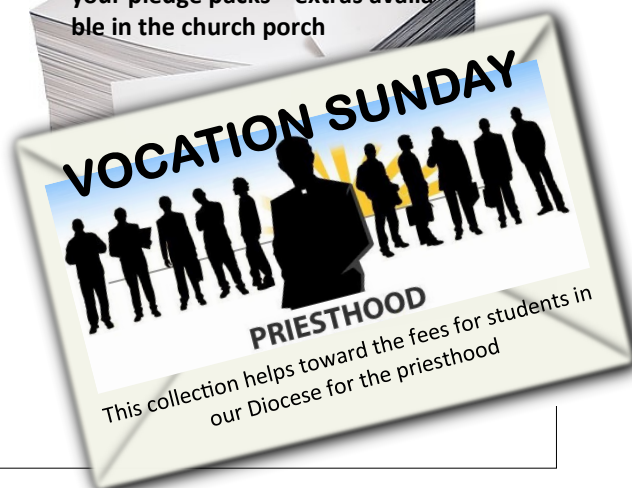
*Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us:*

*'God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.'*

*Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.*

**Fr. Sherwin Lapaan**  
 Director of Vocations  
 Diocese of Auckland

Special collection envelopes are in your pledge packs—extras available in the church porch



## IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

**Mass of the Neophytes** 5:00pm Vigil Mass of the Ascension  
Saturday 12 May Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph  
Validated parking available All are welcome

**Holy Cross Seminary invites** all clergy and parishioners to celebrate with the seminary staff and students the Founders Day Mass. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, at 5.00 pm on Monday 30 April. Principal celebrant will be Bishop Paul Martin, newly ordained Bishop for Christchurch. All the bishops from the New Zealand Bishops Conference will also be in attendance.

**ALONE AGAIN? Widowed, Separated or Divorced?** The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto "a weekend away for a lifetime of change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. Participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. From Friday evening 18-20 May 2018. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 14 April. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol on (022) 089 0458 or leave a message on (09) 360-3054. For further information visit [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz).

### WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

#### Readers

15 APR Margaret Mabey Margaret Quinn  
22 APR Lois Wright Peter McAuliffe

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST &

#### Sacristans

15 APR Jenny Cooper Frank Schnuriger  
22 APR Eric Hamilton Robyn Smith

#### PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

15 APR Geraldine Sumner  
22 APR Judy Thomas

#### MORNING TEA

15 APR Team Leadership  
22 APR Team Merla

#### CHURCH CLEANING

MAY WK 1 Gill Benton / Frank Schnuriger /  
Mary Wenzlick

#### FLOWERS

APRIL Olivia Pharaoh  
MAY Mary Connors Margi Humphrey

**Marist College, Mt Albert, Auckland, 90TH JUBILEE** on 12-13<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Register on-line at: <http://www.maristcollege.ibdn.nz>

**St Thomas More Parish** warmly invites you to join us in celebrating our 35 years as a parish in Glenfield, Auckland. Mass will be celebrated on **6 May 2018 at 10.00 am** with Bishop Pat Dunn DD at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. That evening, a concert will be held at **7.30 pm** at Rosmini College Auditorium, 36 Dominion Street, Takapuna. (Doors open 7.00 pm.)

**Consultation on the Future of Hato Petera College** Bishop Patrick Dunn, as Proprietor of Hato Petera College, is undertaking a second consultation process about the possible cancellation of the Integration Agreement for Hato Petera College. This consultation process is being undertaken by mutual agreement with the Minister of Education, under section 430 of the Education Act 1989. Following due process, this could ultimately result in the closure of the school.

All interested parties are invited to read the 2018 Hato Petera Consultation information available on the Diocesan website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) and make a submission. Submissions are due by **5pm on 14 May 2018**. They must be in writing either via email to [hatopeteracon-sulting@cda.org.nz](mailto:hatopeteracon-sulting@cda.org.nz) or by post to Hato Petera Consultation, Catholic Diocese of Auckland, Private Bag 47904, Ponsonby, Auckland 1144.

## CALENDAR

### APRIL

Tues 17th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 18th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Thurs 19th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Fri 20th	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 21st	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 22nd	8:30am—Sunday Mass
Wed 25th	9:15am—ANZAC DAY Mass in the Church

## PARISH INFORMATION

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#### Ministry to the Sick/Elderly

Eileen Campbell (Coordinator) Ph 8687473

#### Catholic Women's League

Lois Wright Ph 868 6600

1st Thursday of the month at Parish Centre

## LITURGICAL TIMES

#### Sunday Mass

8.30 am

#### Tuesday–Thursday & Saturday Mass

9.15 am

#### Thursday

9.15am. Mass, Exposition, Benediction & Reconciliation.

#### Friday

12.15pm

#### Reconciliation

During Exposition, Thursdays  
Saturdays after 9.15 am Mass.