



St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B

20 MAY 2018

1st Reading:

ACTS 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

GALATIANS 5:16-25

The fruit of the Spirit

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

**Lord send out
your Spirit, and
renew the face of
the earth. Ps 103**



The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has

begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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A JESUIT MINISTRY

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.





"The world needs the fruits, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul lists them: 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.'" God sent the Holy Spirit "so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace."

Pope Francis said.
Which fruit do you need to ask for?



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
13-20 May 2018
Message for parish bulletins for Ascension Sunday

Dear friends
As we gather in our parish each weekend for Mass other Christians are gathering in churches in our area for their

Sunday worship. They are our neighbours, friends, people we meet in the supermarket, perhaps even our relatives.

We gather separately because of events that happened centuries ago. We have moved on from wars among Christians, hostility and bitterness, to respecting one another and being able to honestly acknowledge the many things we have in common – at the heart of which is our shared belief in Jesus Christ. We have also found many practical ways to work together for the common good of our community.

The feast of the Ascension this weekend marks the beginning of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which extends until Pentecost Sunday next weekend. It is a time to reflect upon how we each might do some small thing for Christian unity, prayer, reaching out to someone from another Christian church, contributing to foodbanks supported jointly by churches, taking part in an ecumenical service.

Nothing is too small in the work of promoting Christian unity. We are restoring that fractured unity piece by piece, and each of us has one or more of the pieces to put in place.

+ John A Cardinal Dew

Archbishop of Wellington

Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

There will be a concert in
St George's Church, Thames of
United Voices

- a massed choir of 80 singers from
Thames, Te Aroha and Katikati.

The performance will be on
Sunday 27 May at 2.00 p.m.



CAKE OR DEATH

by alex baker



WHAT IF PENTECOST HAPPENED TODAY?

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Can you help continue the tradition of giving?

Last weeks collection

Loose \$61

Pledge \$280

TOTAL \$341



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.



2018 Bishop's Forums

Youth and faith

Tues 22 May
St Anne's , Manurewa

126 Russell Rd

Daytime

Sun 27 May 1-3pm

St Columba Centre
Ponsonby

Sat 11 August 10am
St Therese, Moerewa
Come to whichever suits you



ALL WELCOME!

Parish Priests & Parishioners
especially

Pastoral Councillors, Youth

Pastoral Workers, Ethnic

Community Members

Everyone!



MUSIC NIGHT

(NEXT DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

in the parish Centre

A fun evening of music and singing.

Whatever instrument you have

(or use one of ours) come along

and join us for a great night.

Contact Murray Pharaoh

027 4398787 muzz@muzz.co.nz



Feast days coming up

24th May

Our Lady, Help of Christians
(Patroness of New Zealand)

31st May

Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each and every canonized saint — known as the saint's feast day. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading.

House Blessing

See Fr Albert.

BOOK YOURS NOW!



CHURCH ARCHIVES

If you have a few spare

hours on a Thursday or

Friday and enjoy

archives I would love to

have some help with

updating our church records at the

parish office.

Many thanks Robyn.

Email: stfrancisthames@xtra.co.nz

Phone: 027 2915165



Pentecost

Parishioners are invited to wear costumes from their own cultures on Pentecost Sunday — 20th May



Pentecost ("the fiftieth day") is a Christian holiday commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Apostles began to speak in many languages and have received other spiritual gifts. The event was foretold by Jesus before his Ascension.

In Christian tradition Pentecost is a moveable feast observed exactly seven weeks after Easter Day, i.e. 50 days after Easter (inclusive, 49 + Easter). It always falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter Day. Pentecost is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church.

IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

Theology of the Body for young adults, engaged and young married couples

A six week immersion course into the beauty of John Paul II's teaching on the human person and love.

Who: Young Adults 20+, Engaged and Young Married Couples.

When: Thursdays 7th June - 12th July; 7-9pm

Where: Little Sisters of the Poor, 9 Tweed Street, Ponsonby

To register email Maria Pais at ria.ckk.wyd@gmail.com or

0272105050 **Registration closes 1st June. Early bird rates extended till 23rd May.**

Mercy Spirituality Centre 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

• **TRINITY Series: Relating to oneself, relating within God, relating between God and ourselves** with HELEN BERGIN op. Thurs 24 May, 10am-12noon. \$15 incl. morning tea.

• **Weekend Workshop: EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED Completing the Works of God** with KATHLEEN RUSHTON rsm. Fri 18 May, 7-9pm & Sat 19 May, 9.30am-4pm. \$50. BYO Lunch.

WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers

20 MAY Gill Benton Shelley Johnson
27 MAY Lois Wright Margaret Quinn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

20 MAY Yolanda Kirkbeck Olivia Pharaoh
27 MAY Jenny Cooper Frank Schnurger

PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

20 MAY Margie Humphrey
27 MAY Geraldine Sumner

GIFTS

20 MAY Pauline Jenkinson Yolanda Kirkbeck
27 MAY Lois Wright Sheila Jones

MORNING TEA

20 MAY Team Liturgy
27 MAY Team Leadership

CHURCH CLEANING

MAY WK 3 Mary Dixon / Tania Scarborough / Margi Humphrey
JUNE WK 1 Jenny Cooper / David Cooper / Mary Connors

FLOWERS

MAY Mary Connors Margi Humphrey

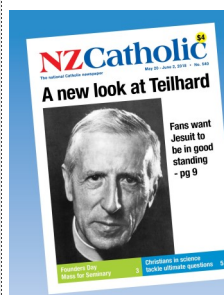
"Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of ...global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity" (Laudato Si, 240). In this reflective time together, we shall take up the invitation by exploring the role of the Spirit in completing the works of God as in the gospel according to John.

• **The LAUDATO SI Pledge Talk 1: 'Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion'. What does this mean for all of us?** with Fr NEIL DARRAGH. Tues 22 May, 7-9pm & repeated on Wed 30 May 10am-12 noon. \$15 (talk 2 in Oct)

Writers Weekend Workshop with JOAN ROSIER-JONES. Fri 25 May 6.30-8pm, Sat & Sun 26 & 27 May 9.30am-4.30pm.

\$200. Tea/Coffee, morning & afternoon tea, lunch incl. Accommodation available at extra cost **See our website for more details. Bookings essential.**

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MENS FELLOWSHIP invites all men to its May meeting Date: **Wed 30 May 2018 - 7.30pm-9.30pm** Speaker: **Bishop Denis Browne DD, (Rtd) National Chaplain of Joshua Fellowship will do a presentation on the fellowship's 2018 theme - 'Stay Connected to Christ.'** Bishop will also commission the Branch leader at the meeting. We look forward to your support and your presence. Venue: 1 Fred Thomas Drive, St Josephs Centre Takapuna. Want to know more? **Contact Russell: 0220345678 or Basil 0272612585 www.joshua.org.nz**



The May 20 – June 2 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Private NZ screenings of Paul movie. Christians in Science tackle ultimate questions. Communion issues for inter-church couples. Call for courage at seminary Mass. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on June 3.

CALENDAR

MAY

Tues 22nd	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 23rd	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Thurs 24th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Fri 25th	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 26th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 27th	8:30am—Sunday Mass

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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.