

St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

22 APRIL 2018

1st Reading:

ACTS 4: 8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

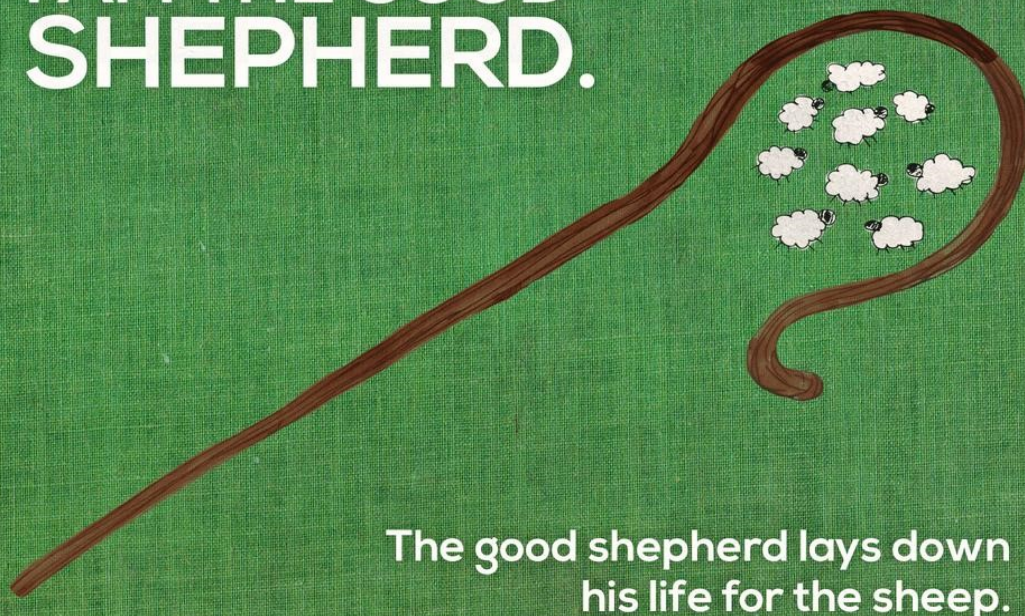
JOHN 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

JOHN 10: 11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.



The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Ps 117

YOU ARE THE GIFT

Have you ever been in a situation where someone approached you, looking and sounding so excited to see you and you couldn't remember where and when you met that person?

Once I went to the Mobil station and saw a young man who was at the counter. I called out his name and he was so surprised to hear his name from my mouth. He was trying to figure out if he had met me anywhere! I told him that I met him at the fire station, and he recognized me. We

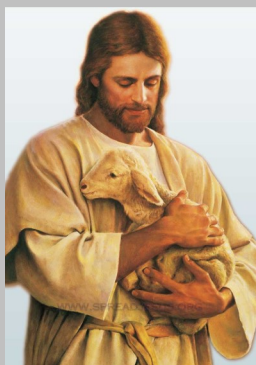
are good friends now! Now I know the truth of the saying, "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care!"

The Lord said, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the father." Intimate knowledge and sharing of life mark the relationship of the shepherd with his flock.

Being a new parish priest I'm still anxious and overly concerned over what I'll be sharing with the community in terms of homilies, formation talks and recollec-

tions. These things will be the matters of concern yet, that is not the concern compared to my role here as a friend and father to my parish community. I haven't perfected the art of pastoring yet. I'm trying my best and I believe I'm getting there. My person and my friendship with a service of live re the most important gifts I can give to my community. Let's pray that we may remain a beautiful and united community for the glory of God. Amen.

Fr Vally



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 Thames Active sewing group would like to thank all who have given us support over the past year. This year we are sewing for dress a child around the world, better known as "dress a girl around the world" but they are now asking for Boy's shorts and shirts. We send all the articles

through Invercargill. To date this year we have made 150 dresses and over

20 pairs of boys shorts and shirts. We are receiving good support from the people of Thames and nearby districts. It amazing how the material keeps coming in along with the lace, rick rack and other bits and pieces we need.

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



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!



EARTH DAY 2018 APRIL 22

Quotes from Pope Francis' Laudato Si
"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our

planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness. "# 53

"We can develop ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices." # 211

What can I do?

What can our parish do?



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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Can you help continue the tradition of giving?

Last weeks collection
 Loose \$205.50
 Pledge \$500
TOTAL \$705.50



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.

ST FRANCIS of ASSISI THAMES

DATE: _____
 PLEDGE NUMBER: _____

FIRST COLLECTION
 \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTION
 \$ _____

Offering for the support of:

- The Priests
- The Bishop
- The Clergy Trust Fund

To help provide for the Parish



From the Liturgy Committee

Training Day

TODAY 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.

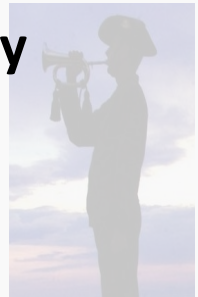
Sunday 29th April

8.30am Mass.

ANZAC Day

25th April.

The Mass
on this day will be
held in the church



Gifts Roster



If you would like
to be included on
the next Gifts
Roster—please
give your name
and number to
Gill Benton.

- 868 6278
- 021 1157316
- gillmbenton@gmail.com

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 _____

TODAY 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



**12-hour prayer vigil for
our nation and our community,** held on the last
Friday of each month,
10am – 10pm
at THE LAMP, *Prayer Vigil*
corner of
Mary and
Mackay
Streets.

ALL WELCOME

Any enquiries phone
02102231805



IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

A PRAYER for our EARTH for World Earth day Sunday 22 Apr 2018 *Father, foster in us a love for your creation: animals small and tall; the soil, trees, plants of every hue; water, mountains and deserts too. The wisdom to care for our earth and to nurture our young to do the same. The sense to use only what we need without excess; to share more and covet less. The understanding that 'being' is more important than 'having.'* And the grace to live in harmony, with one another, with nature, and with You. **Amen**

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.

WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers

22 APR Lois Wright Peter McAuliffe
29 APR Michelle Sim Barbara Hennessy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

22 APR Eric Hamilton Robyn Smith
29 APR Margie Humphrey Judy Thomas

PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

22 APR Judy Thomas
29 APR Robyn Smith

MORNING TEA

22 APR Team Merla
29 APR Team Kerela

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 12-13th 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.)

Abortion Law Review – Have Your Say

The Minister of Justice has asked the NZ Law Commission to review NZ abortion law with a view to taking it out of the Crimes Act. The effect of this would be that abortion would be unrestricted, even up to birth. There is strong evidence that abortion is connected to increased risk of mental and physical health problems and relationship breakdown. Input can be sent to the Law Commission up to 5pm on 18 May 2018, online at:

abortionlaw.lawcom.govt.nz/ or emailing:

alr@lawcom.govt.nz or posting your comment to:

Abortion Law Review, New Zealand Law Commission, PO Box 2590, Wellington 6140.

There is no set format for input. *It is worth noting that the current abortion law regulates providers, but protects women who undergo abortions from being prosecuted.* For further information:

<http://voiceforlife.org.nz/blog/>

www.chooselife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Law-Commission-Submission-Guide.pdf

CALENDAR

APRIL

Tues 24th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 25th	9:15am—ANZAC DAY Mass in the Church
Thurs 26th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Fri 27th	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 28th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 29th	8:30am—Sunday Mass

PARISH INFORMATION

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www.coromandelcatholic.org.nz

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Ph. 868 7655

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Margaret Mabey Ph. 868 9818

margmabey@xtra.co.nz

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.