



# St Francis of Assisi

## CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

22 JULY 2018



### 1st Reading:

**JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

*The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

**EPHESIANS 2: 13-18**

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

**MARK 6:30-34**

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

**The Lord is my  
shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want..**

**Ps 22**

Last Sunday we heard Mark's account of the Twelve sent out to share in the Saviour's mission. Today we have the aftermath described in vivid detail. As they rejoin Jesus, they are full of stories as they share the experience of their missionary journeys. We glimpse the openness and hospitality of the band Jesus gathered around him – 'there were so many people coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat'. Jesus suggests they cross the water to a 'lonely place' where they can 'rest for a while'. Now he will teach them how to find the interior strength that comes from reflection and contemplation. The scene Mark describes, as Jesus and his disciples arrive at their destination, is a memorable one. The crowd has heard of their coming and awaits them. Hungry for what Jesus has to give them, they 'were like sheep without a shepherd'. So he changed his plans and 'set himself to teach them at some length'.

During the Easter season we were reminded that the Risen One is 'the good shepherd'. On Good Shepherd Sunday, however, our image was the familiar iconic figure, bringing back the lost sheep on his shoulders. Today we have a down-to-earth image. People weighed down by life's daily problems are looking to Jesus to renew the vision of hope he has given them in the past. He changes his plans and responds to their need. He has another important lesson for the Twelve – the love for struggling humanity that he shares with his Father. He knows no limit or holding back. He wants his disciples to be one with him in this love if they are to be companions in his mission.

The prophet Jeremiah gives expression to old Israel's faith and hope, as it looks forward to the



**He had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd..**

'virtuous Branch' of the house of David - the messiah who would bring fulfilment to all Israel's immense hopes. Jeremiah saw the Babylonians bring ruin to Jerusalem, because the 'shepherds' who should have cared for the people were deaf to his message. Now, he declares, God's people must look forward to the promised messiah, the 'true and wise king' who – as his name indicates – will express the Lord's own 'integrity' as he cares for them.

In our reading from the letter to the Ephesians, the teaching of Paul again makes a dramatic shift to the time of fulfilment. What the prophet looked forward to, what Jesus promised as he gave hope to the people and instructed his disciples, has been realised in the Paschal Mystery. God's final achievement, through the power of the Saviour's resurrection, has many aspects. This passage celebrates the Paschal Mystery as bringing the peace and reconciliation in which the apparently insurmountable barriers that divide the human family are overcome: 'by the blood of Christ' those who were estranged and hostile to one another have been brought together. Paul's teaching is profound. The Saviour 'in his own person has destroyed the hostility'. In his Paschal Mystery he has identified with struggling humanity that we may be taken into a sharing in his resurrection triumph. God's project, so long frustrated, has now been gloriously successful, in the 'New Man', the 'Last Adam' (1 Cor 15:45). Through the Risen Lord, our disrupted human family has 'in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father'.

Fr. John Thornhill sm

**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.



# REST

**(it's part of the program!)**



Pope Francis reminded us that God's merciful love demands "that we too go forth to every corner of life, to reach out to everyone, even though this may cost us our



"good name", our comforts, our status... even martyrdom. " June 18  
Whose hand do you need to reach this week?



We are turning 30

Friends and colleagues of Family Safety Services – formerly Hauraki Safety Network, formerly Men's Education Network, you are cordially invited to come and help us celebrate

Date **8/8/2018**

Venue: **Family Safety Services**  
**415 Pollen Street Thames**

Time **11:30am**

RSVP: 3/8/2018 on 07 868 8320 or  
karen.fss@xtra.co.nz

**12-hour prayer vigil for our nation and our community,** held on the

last Friday of each month, 10am – 10pm at (new location) ELIM CHURCH by the wharf

**ALL WELCOME**

Any enquiries phone 02102231805



### JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE

Every year we gather a group of people who want to enter more deeply into the faith of the church. This group is made up of:

- people who have never been baptised;
- people who were baptised but have been "resting" from their faith;
- people who practice their faith but have never been Confirmed;
- people who were baptised in another Christian Community but now want to practice their faith in the Community of the Catholic Church

**We will be starting this course again soon and if you are interested in joining this group, then please contact any of the following:**

**Sister Paula 021 206 8062**

**or Olivia 021 083 25403 or Murray 027 439 8787**



## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Last weeks collection

Loose \$229

Pledge \$235

**TOTAL \$464**



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.







COMBINED CHURCHES

SERVICE

**SUNDAY 29th July at (earlier time) 5pm**

**HOSTED BY ELIM CHURCH by the wharf**

All donations will go to the Bible Society

**ALL WELCOME**

AGM & Leadership Team Elections will be held in September. Please consider offering your gifts to this great Team of people.



The Catholic Caring Foundation is Bishop Pat's charity which supports the poor and vulnerable in our diocese through donations and bequests. The Catholic Caring Foundation believes that no one should live in poverty or abuse, and, it supports social organisations in our local community who are working to transform the lives of those in need. A donation to the Bishop's Foundation helps families in need of emergency housing, counselling, nutritious food, care of our youth, special needs of our elderly, victims of domestic violence, parenting programmes for struggling families and so much more.

Today is Caring Sunday and we ask you to give as much as you are able, and to keep the Foundation and its partners in your prayers.

Please support the second collection today or pick up a newsletter on your way out. You can donate online at the Catholic Caring Foundation website or by ringing them directly. Their contact details are in the newsletter and on a poster on our notice board.



**Sacramental Programme**



commencing after Mass Sessions 5 Aug,  
**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 12th AUGUST**

**with Bishop Pat**

For more information, call  
Mary Hamilton 027 503 5505,  
Eric Hamilton 021 509906 or  
Sr Paula 021 2068062



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.

**Feast days coming up...**

**15th August** The Feast of the Assumption is a day of Holy obligation



**THAMES 150<sup>TH</sup>**

(12 MONTHS OF EVENTS COMES TO A CLOSE WITH)

**AN EVENING  
OF  
REFLECTION**

Entertainment, song, story telling and much more.

A chance to reflect on the past and to thank all those wonderful people in our heritage community that have helped commemorate 150 years since the opening of the Thames Goldfields

**Thames Civic Centre  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
7pm – 9pm  
Gold Coin entry**



## IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

**LifeFest 2018: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.** Family Life International's wonderful youth event LifeFest will run again this October School Holiday and will be held at Epsom Girl's Grammar School on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you register if you are aged between 13 and 18 for a full day of fun, food and prayer. Bring your entire youth group and all of your friends and meet the daughter of canonized saint, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla! She is also called Gianna and is a doctor, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla from Italy. LifeFest will be the youth event of 2018. Don't miss out. Just \$20 per person (sponsorships available). Please visit [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018) for more information or ring Michael on 021 825 955.

**WYD Panama: People aged 18+** who are keen to join the national pilgrimage group accompanied by Bishop Charles Drennan have until Monday 23 July to indicate their preferred pilgrimage option. For more info text Teresa on 021 649 012.

### WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

#### Readers

22 JULY Gill Benton Shelley Johnson  
29 JULY Lyn Hopkins Mike Hopkins

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

22 JULY Margie Humphrey Judy Thomas  
29 JULY Liz Govorko Clark Mary Connors

#### PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

22 JULY Robyn Smith  
29 JULY Eric Hamilton

#### GIFTS

22 JULY Barbara and Kerry Hennessy  
29 JULY Herb and Margaret Mabey

#### MUSIC

22 JULY Team Pharaoh  
29 JULY Team Hamilton

#### MORNING TEA

22 JULY Team Kerela  
29 JULY Team Lois

#### CHURCH CLEANING

JULY WK 4 Mary Dixon / Olivia Pharoah / Teresa Yang  
AUG WK 1 Jenny Cooper / David Cooper / Mary Connors

#### FLOWERS

JULY Elizabeth Govorko-Clark  
AUG Mary Dixon Pat Feliciano

**Society of Mary Priests & Brothers:** Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother, there is an information and prayer weekend on 24-26 August. Information at [www.maristseminary.org.nz](http://www.maristseminary.org.nz) or [facebook.com/marists](https://facebook.com/marists) or email Fr Pat Breeze SM on [vocations@smnz.org.nz](mailto:vocations@smnz.org.nz).

**COME AND SEE** – Priesthood vocations afternoon with Bishop Patrick Dunn, **Saturday 18 August at 1.00 pm** at Pompallier Diocesan Centre. Refer noticeboard for further details or email [aucklandpriests@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandpriests@gmail.com) or Facebook [aucklandpriests](https://facebook.com/aucklandpriests).

**MAX18NZ** – a National Catholic Event for Men, 28-30 September 2018, Kings College, Auckland. Great line up of international speakers, single room accommodation, excellent food, not to be missed. Details available

carve out  
A FEW MINUTES  
EACH DAY,  
anywhere.

PEEL AWAY AND SAY.  
"JESUS, HERE I SIT."  
BE STILL, AND LISTEN.  
Mark 6:30-34



### CALENDAR

#### JULY

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| Tues 24th  | 9:15am—Mass in the Chapel  |
| Wed 25th   | 9:15am—Mass in the Chapel  |
| 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 Mass in the Church  |

#### AUGUST

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| Sun 12th | 8:30am Mass and Confirmation with Bishop Pat |
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### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Fr Valarian D'Souza— Parish Priest

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#### Fr Albert Pandu—Assistant Priest

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#### Pastoral Care

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#### Parish Office

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#### St. Francis School

Principal: Geraldine Sumner  
Ph. 868 7655

#### Parish Leadership Team

Margaret Mabey Ph. 868 9818  
[margmabey@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.