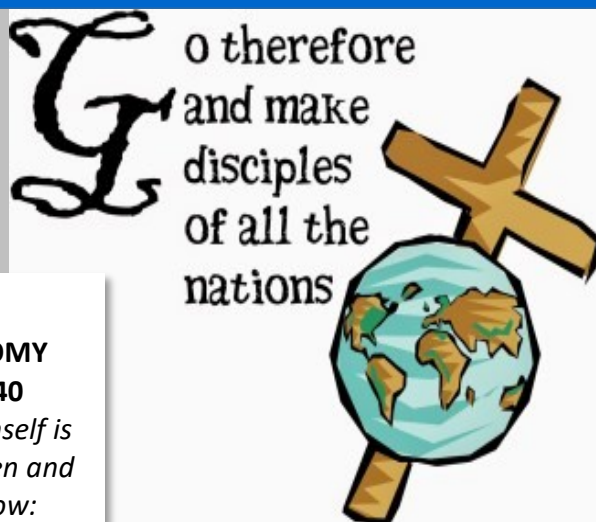


St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B

27 MAY 2018



1st Reading:

DEUTERONOMY
4:32-34, 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven and on earth below: there is no other.

ROMANS 8: 14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

MATTHEW 28: 16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

'One God in three Persons'. The Blessed Trinity should be more than a baffling mystery that we accept on faith. Today's liturgy invites us to listen again to familiar texts, and to recognise – perhaps for the first time – how they invite us to share in the life which unites Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To appreciate what

these texts have to tell us we must recall the foreshadowing that took place in the Old Testament. The mystery of God's life is revealed in what God has done for God's people. In the ongoing story of God's action in the life of the old Israel, 'the Word of God' and 'the Spirit of God' were themes that described God's self-expression. For people of that culture, the spoken word – the ruler's decree, a commitment by oath – had power. God's Word was a creative Word, shaping the course of history, confronting injustice – as our first reading asks, 'Was there ever a Word so majestic' as God's Word establishing the destiny of Israel by freeing them from slavery? God's Spirit was the energising presence of God, giving the breath of life, raising up heroes, looked forward to as giving final expression to the designs of God's heart in the full realisation of all of Israel's hopes.

Fr John Thornhill sm



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19

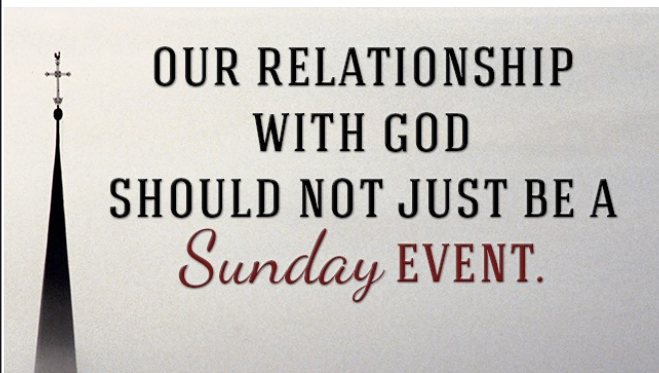
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. Ps 32

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.





Christians don't go to Mass to carry out a weekly task and then forget, no. Christians go to Mass to take part in the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord and then to live more as Christians. Every time I go out of the Mass, I must leave better than I entered, with more life, with more strength, with a greater desire to give Christian witness," the Pope said.



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.



St Francis School News

• Volunteers required to assist with:



- ⇒ Hearing reading & key words
- ⇒ Other reading support

• **Assembly Thursday 31st May**
2:15pm. Parishioners welcome

• **School Mass**
Sunday 10th
June



House Blessing

See Fr Albert.
BOOK YOURS NOW!



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Can you help continue the tradition of giving?

Last weeks collection

Loose \$165

Pledge \$370

TOTAL \$535



RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames
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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

Sat 11 August 10am
St Therese, Moerewa

ALL WELCOME!

Parish Priests & Parishioners
 especially

Pastoral Councillors, Youth

Pastoral Workers, Ethnic

Community Members

Everyone!



Feast days coming up

31st May

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

3rd June Corpus Christi

8th June Feast of the Sacred Heart

9th June Immaculate Heart of 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.



(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



Sacramental Programme

Sacramental programme

commencing in June.

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

Life Is A Gift

Today before you think of saying an unkind word – think of someone who can't speak.



Before you complain about the taste of your food – think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife – think of someone who is crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life – think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before you complain about your children – think of someone who desires children but they're barren.

Before you argue about your dirty house, someone didn't clean or sweep – think of the people who are living in the streets.

Before whining about the distance you drive– think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job – think of the unemployed, the disabled and those who wished they had your job.

But before you think of pointing the finger or condemning another – remember that not one of us are without sin and we all answer to one maker.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down – put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.

IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

The Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago offers many opportunities to study Christian Theology, both on-campus and by distance.

We are offering a range of papers in Semester 2. For further details on each paper go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/news/otago685430.html>. Second semester starts on 09 July and new enrolments are due by 25 June.

To enrol go to www.otago.ac.nz.

Enquires welcome to theology@otago.ac.nz or phone 03 479 8901.

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

www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

- **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. Wed 30 May 10am-12 noon. \$15 (talk 2 in Oct)

WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers

27 MAY Lois Wright Margaret Quinn
3 JUNE Michelle Sim Barbara Hennessy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

27 MAY Jenny Cooper Frank Schnurger
3 JUNE Eric Hamilton Robyn Smith

PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

27 MAY Geraldine Sumner
3 JUNE Judy Thomas

GIFTS

27 MAY Lois Wright Sheila Jones
3 JUNE Mark & Steph Oliver

MORNING TEA

27 MAY Team Leadership
3 JUNE Team Merla

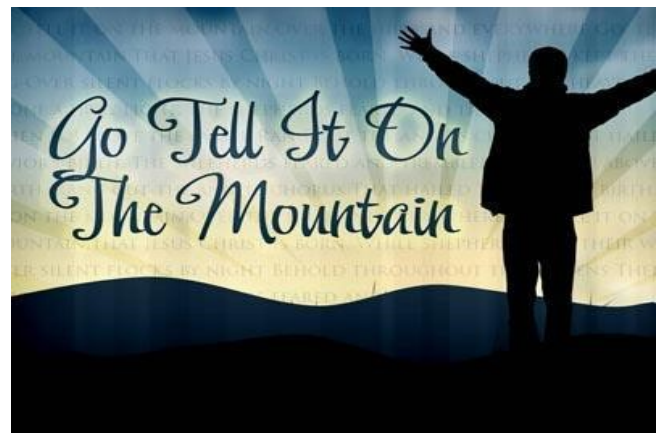
CHURCH CLEANING

JUNE WK 1 Jenny Cooper / David Cooper / Mary Connors
JUNE WK 3 Indian Group

FLOWERS

MAY Mary Connors Margi Humphrey

- **ECUMENICAL Event – Bearing One Another's Burdens:** The strength of intercessory prayer with Father PAVLOS (PAUL) PATITSAS. Thurs 7 June, 10am-12noon. \$15 incl. morning tea.
- **ENNEAGRAM Unit 2** with MARIE CORBETT. Sat 9 June, 9am-4pm. \$70 BYO Lunch.
- **The TREATY – and the Connectedness for the many Cultures of Aotearoa New Zealand** with SUSAN HEALY. Fridays 15 & 22 June, 7-9pm. \$15 for each night
- INTERFAITH Event: ABRAHAM – A Connecting Ancestor in Faith** with the Interfaith Community. Tues 26 June, 7-9pm. Koha/Donation. See our website for more details. Bookings essential.



CALENDAR

MAY

Tues 29th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 30th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Thurs 31st	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel 2:15pm—School Assembly, all welcome

JUNE

Fri 1st	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 2nd	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 3rd	8:30am—Sunday Mass
Sun 10th	8:30am—School 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.