

St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

29 APRIL 2018

1st Reading:

ACTS 9: 26-31

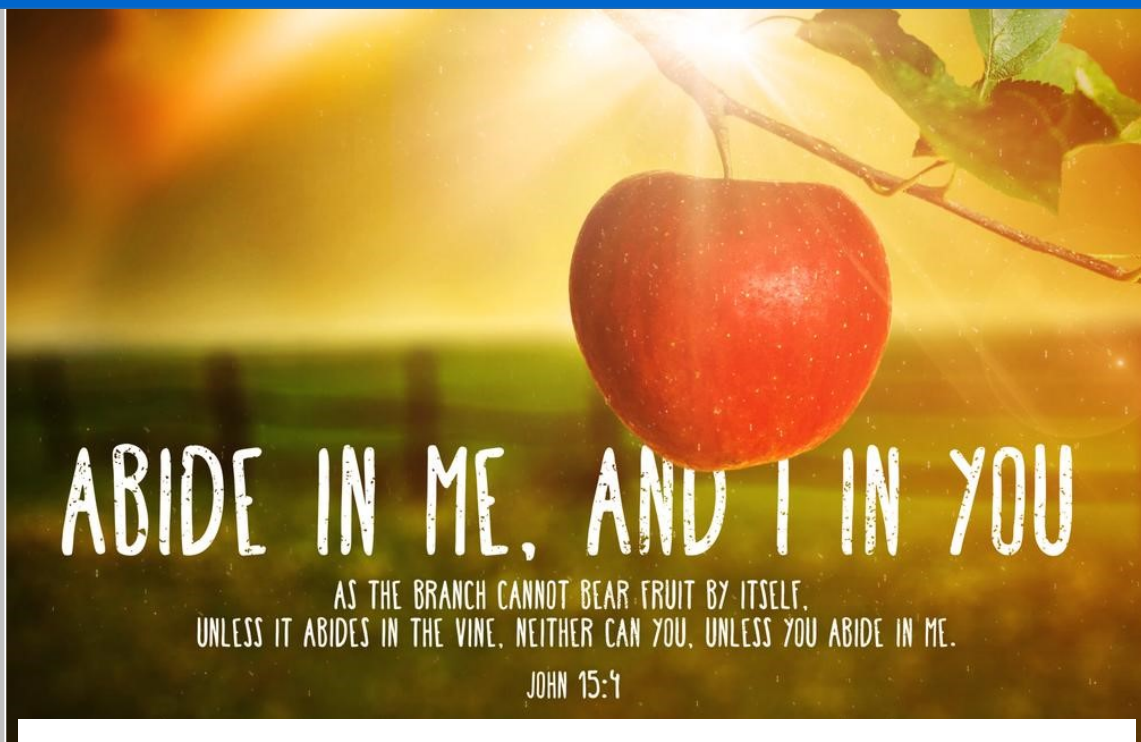
He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

JOHN 3: 18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

JOHN 15: 1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.



Love like Jesus

The vine is a figure used in the Gospel. While the Cana story deals with the fruit of the vine that symbolises the joy of the feast, Jesus speaks of the image of the vine itself. In the Old Testament the vine represents Israel, brought out of Egypt. God clears away the nations so it can be planted. Israel is saved from the slavery of Egypt and guided to the Promised Land.

In John, Jesus presents himself as the true vine and today He speaks of the intimate connection that

should characterize a Christian's relationship with Him. As a branch must remain connected to the vine lest it withers and dies, so a Christian must be to Jesus. "Remain in me," Jesus said, "as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"If one is intimately united to Jesus, he enjoys the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are as St. Paul tells us –love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; and consequently

does so much good for the neighbour and the society, like a true Christian. In fact on is recognising as a true Christian by this attitude, as a tree is recognised by its fruit.

As I'll be away in India, for three months, please take care of Fr. Albert. May God bless you all. *Fr Vally*

*Love,
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Generosity
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-control*

**I will praise
you, Lord, in
the assembly
of your people.**

Ps 117



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.



House Blessing

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

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



From the Liturgy Committee

Commissioning

of all Readers and
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist
at Mass this morning

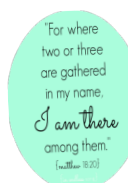
MASS INTENTIONS

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.



PLEASE OFFER
HOLY MASS

INTENTION
(Ill health, anniversary, deceased etc)
FROM _____

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Fr Vally as you travel back home to India. We pray for safe travels and your return in August.

May angels fly with you wherever you roam and guide you back safely to family and home!



Do you see your work as an opportunity to grow in holiness?

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

*Do you **work** for a living?*

Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters.”

Pope Francis G&E #14

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Can you help continue the tradition of giving?

Last weeks collection

Loose \$129

Pledge \$370

TOTAL \$499



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.

PLEDGE RECEIPTS

Please find your pledge receipts at the back of church. If you have any queries, please see Robyn.

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



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

Put your
name on
the list at
the back
of church



Ministry of Gift Bearers

We invite families or individuals to participate in the new "Gifts Bearers Ministry". As a gift bearer you are representing the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. This is a very important task in our Mass because the unleavened Bread and Wine that you carry will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please give this ministry prayerful thought.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Gil Benton
Or put your name on the list at the back of church

- 868 6278 021 1157316
- gillmbenton@gmail.com

12-hour prayer vigil for our nation and our community,

held
on the
last
Friday
of
each
month, 10am –
10pm at THE LAMP,
corner of Mary and
Mackay Streets.
ALL WELCOME
Any enquiries phone
02102231805



real life with John Cowan 7:30pm Sunday nights

This Sunday night, (29th April) John Cowan's guest will be rower and yachtsman, **Rob Waddell**. Rob Waddell is a New Zealand rower, yachtsman and more recently, chef de mission for the NZ Team at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Waddell grew up on a King Country dairy farm and went to King's College in Auckland, where rowing was a sport with strong traditions. Winning world titles in 1998 and 1999, and capping his career with an Olympic gold medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics is only the tip of his sporting achievements.

The popular and well-spoken Waddell was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2001 for his services to rowing. Waddell has served on the Athlete Commission of the New Zealand Olympic Committee. In 1998, Waddell married leading New Zealand women's single sculler, Sonia Scown, they have three children.

Real Life with John Cowan is a nationwide chat show, featuring a different high-profile guest every week. John talks with them about their life, their passions and their view of the world. And whenever possible, we chat about faith, spirituality and "God stuff".



Something about Mary

- Praying with Mary
- Mary as Catechist
- Teaching about Mary

RSVP on line or re.team@eda.org.nz

Wednesday 16 May

St Patrick's, Pukekohe
7.00-8.30pm

Thursday 17 May

Pompallier Centre, Ponsonby
7.00-8.30pm

Saturday 19 May

St Therese's, Morewa
Lunch 12 noon, session 1 - 2.30pm



MUSIC NIGHT

We are planning a regular fun evening of music and singing. Whatever instrument you have (or use one of ours) come along and join us for a great night. Details and dates to follow.

Contact Murray Pharaoh
027 4398787 muzz@muzz.co.nz

IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

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.

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

- **CULTURAL Diversity Series: Deaf Culture, New Zealand Sign Language** with RACHEL MARR. Wed 2 May, 10am-12noon. \$15 incl. morning tea. We will be learning basic facts and skills on how to connect in a positive and joyful way with people who are unable to communicate by spoken language.
- **DREAMWORK 202: A Series of Skill Development** with MARGARET BOWATER. Friday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm on 4

WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers

29 APR Michelle Sim Barbara Hennessy
6 MAY Grace Visser Margaret Mabey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

29 APR Margie Humphrey Judy Thomas
6 MAY Elizabeth Govorko-Clark Mary Connors

PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

29 APR Robyn Smith
6 MAY Eric Hamilton

MORNING TEA

29 APR Team Kerela
6 MAY Team Lois

CHURCH CLEANING

MAY WK 1 Gill Benton / Frank Schnuriger / Mary Wenzlick
MAY WK 3 Mary Dixon / Tania Scarborough / Margi Humphrey

FLOWERS

APRIL Olivia Pharaoh
MAY Mary Connors Margi Humphrey

May, 27 July, 7 Sept, 23 Nov. \$35 per session or \$120 for 4 sessions.

- **TRINITY Series: Relating to oneself, relating within God, relating between God and ourselves** with HELEN BERGIN op. Thurs' 10, 17 & 24 May, 10am-12noon. \$15 each or 3 talks for \$40 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



CALENDAR

MAY

Tues 1st	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 2nd	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Thurs 3rd	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Fri 4th	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 5th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 6th	8:30am—Sunday Mass

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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.