

\$ FINANCE MATTERS \$

Weekly Income

Thank you for your contributions.

29-Oct-17	St Anthony	St Thérèse
Envelopes		\$2,578.00
Loose		\$956.10
Totals	\$0.00	\$3,534.10
Aps Sept 2017	\$2,320.00	\$1,110.00
St Anthony Hall project 2014-2017		\$123,157.51
St Anthony Multicultural Fair		\$40,704.70
St Anthony Gold Coin Collection		
St Therese Loan as at 30/09/17		\$421,297.83

Nov 4,5

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

• LAUDATO SI' ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME, Pope Francis



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PPC Meeting

St Anthony First Wednesday.

St Therese Third Wednesday.

Finance Meeting

St Anthony Second Tuesday of the month. St Therese Third Friday of the month.

Liturgy Meeting Combined

Last Wednesday of the month. St Therese Small Hall

Baptism Combined

Every Second Saturday of the month. Parishes take turns.

Adoration: St Therese every first Saturday of the month.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE at St. Anthony • Saturday 9:45am
at St. Thérèse • Friday 10:30am,
• Saturday 8:45am (on request after mass)
• And with an appointment at anytime.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH at St. Thérèse • Tuesday, Thursday 5:30pm

CSsR Morning Prayer with Parishioners - St Anthony • Friday 8:15am

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Benediction: Saturday

St. Therese 8am.

St. Anthony 9am

ROSARY at St Anthony • Monday to Sunday 8:30am
at St Thérèse • Tuesday, Thursday 6.10pm and Saturday 7.30am

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR at St Thérèse • Friday 9am-10:45am First Friday of the month before anointing Mass at 11am

BAPTISMS 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30am, *except January*

MARRIAGES require at least **SIX months' notice** ☎ 275 3559

Mangere Catholic Parishes

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 6th November **FRIDAY** 10th November

THIRTY FIRST WEEK, IN ORDINARY TIME A

Romans 11:29-36 Psalm 69
Luke 14:12-14

Mass 9am St Anthony

ST LEO THE GREAT

Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 98
Luke 16:1-8

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 11am St Therese

TUESDAY 7th November

THIRTY FIRST WEEK, IN ORDINARY TIME A

Romans 12:5-16 Psalm 131
Luke 14:15-24

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 7pm St Therese

SATURDAY 11th November

ST MARTIN OF TOURS

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27 Psalm 145
Luke 16:9-15

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 8am St Therese

WEDNESDAY 8th November

THIRTY FIRST WEEK, IN ORDINARY TIME A

Romans 13:8-10 Psalm 112
Luke 14:25-33

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 9am St Therese

SUNDAY 12th November

St. Anthony Saturday Vigil 5pm & Sunday 9am. St Therese 8am, 10am & 6pm Mass.

THIRTY SECOND WEEK ORDINARY YEAR TIME A.

[Psalter W.1]

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

THURSDAY 9th November

DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Psalm 46
1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 John 2:13-22

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 7pm St Therese



REDEMPTORISTS

ST. THERESE FAIR DAY 2017.

A reminder of the parish fair. Please come with your family, friends and all our well wishers on Saturday the 18th of November from 8am to 2pm. It's a time of fun, games, dancing, singing by our parishes' different ethnic groups and enjoying each others company. This year the children's corner will have lots of rides and games. Please start bringing in donated items for the fair to the parish office during office hours. If you want help for collecting it please leave your contact number with the parish office.

Pasifika Power Up Plus / Free NCEA Study support.

Where: Ngatapuwa Community Centre (253 Buckland Rd, Mangere)

When: Every Wednesday. **Time:** 4.30pm -6.30pm PUP+ offers free academic support for secondary and primary school children. PUP+ also provides NCEA study and preparation support. Food is provided, parents and families welcome to attend. This is a free education programme which actively supports our communities and families to champion our children's learning.

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING ST. THERESE.

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for cleaning the church grounds last week. The Tongan community looks after church grounds every second week of the month. Please refer to the roster on display for more information.

GATHERING OF THE TREASURED ADULTS.

The older people of St Anthony's and St Therese's gather every Friday in St. Therese parish hall soon after the 11am Mass. Some of our elderly are unable to attend this program because they have no one to transport them. We encourage the children or relatives of those above 60 to bring them to this wonderful gathering of their same age. They have sharing, exercises, inputs on their health issues, games and a meal. Please contact Filipo Motulalo for assistance.

ALL SOULS DAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Thank you to all for attending our special Mass at the Mangere lawn cemetery on Thursday to commemorate our loved ones. It was a great turn out. Special thanks to the Mangere Lawn Cemetery Trustees, Pale & Luaipoumalo Fidow for the sound system, Elena Feau & Anna Taumamta the sacristans, Philip Ah Wa and family, James Mafoe and family, Joanna Ulugia Vaotuuua and Maliana Ioane Musician.

BAPTISM BOTH PARISHES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Sessions on the 7th and 9th of November St Therese's meeting room at 7:45pm. Baptism takes place at St. Therese Saturday 11th November straight after 8am Mass. Please bring your child's birth certificate for enrolment and at least one parent to attend the sessions.

FUNERAL OF FR JOHN AIREY.

Fr John's Funeral Mass is on the 13th November at 11am in Glendowie Parish. Please try your best to be present at this funeral as Fr John was so much part of our community in Mangere.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY PARISH.

The first Mass in St Anthony's was celebrated on the 14th of January, 1968. As we are in the 50th year of our parish, we got to celebrate it. Please contact Albert Wolfgramm, the PPC chairperson with your suggestions on celebrating this historical event.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL.

Our preschool is in the process of going under the Auckland Catholic Preschool Trust. The details of this process is placed on the notice board for your information. For queries, please contact Tulele Masoe or Fr Manoj Kunnath.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

The members of the steering committee for forming a charitable trust for both parishes will meet on 9th November, Thursday in the parish office.

THIRTY FIRST WEEK ORDINARY TIME A. [Psalter W.3]

November 5th, 2017

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Psalm 18: Matthew 23:1-12

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“JESUS THE MEDIATOR.”

Today's readings are directed at those who have positions of authority in the Church. Those who have failed and those who have succeeded. In the first reading, the prophet Malachi condemns the leaders. “You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction.”

In the second reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians, St Paul provides a positive model of the Christian pastor. “Brothers and sisters, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.”

But in Matthew's gospel, Jesus condemns those in positions of authority who fail to meet his ideal. The scribes and Pharisees are left wanting. First, they do not practice what they preach. Second, they impose burdens on others and do nothing to help them. Third, they exploit their positions of authority rather than serve others.

In the verse that immediately follows today's reading, Jesus himself is harsher still than the prophet Malachi. “But woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven.”

Pope Francis has used similar language. In his homily during Mass at Domus Sanctae Marthae about a year ago, the pope said Jesus often accuses those who rigidly adhere to the law of being hypocrites; they are not free children of God, but “are slaves of the law.”

The pope explained that behind this inflexibility, “there is always something else. And that is why Jesus says, ‘Hypocrites!’ There is something hidden in that person's life.” There is also some kind of illness in such a rigid pastor. Inflexibility is not a gift of God, he said. “Meekness, yes, benevolence, yes, forgiveness, yes, but rigidity, no.”

Pope Francis said God prefers “mercy, tenderness, goodness, meekness and humility.” God's law was made not “to make us slaves but to make us free, to make us children” of God. Those who are rigid suffer when they realise they are not free, he said. Priests, and presumably others with positions of authority in the Church should not be functionaries of a system of laws, but mediators. The genuine pastor will be a mediator of God's love to God's people and will lose himself in the service of others.

Pope Francis describes how such a pastor would act when seeking to help people in difficult personal situations. A pastor cannot feel that it is enough simply to apply moral laws to those living in ‘irregular’ situations, as if they were stones to throw at people's lives. The job of the Church is not to exclude but to welcome, and the job of priests is not to render judgment but to listen and understand the context of people's lives and decisions.

Brian Johnstone CSsR

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