

\$ FINANCE MATTERS \$

Weekly Income

Thank you for your contributions.

18-Nov-17	St Anthony	St Thérèse
Envelopes	\$396.00	\$1,999.40
Loose	\$94.10	\$756.20
Totals	\$490.10	\$2,755.60
Aps Oct 2017	\$1,365.00	\$1,050.00
St Therese Parish Fair 2017	\$42,626.40	
St Anthony Multicultural Fair	\$41,039.70	
St Anthony Gold Coin Collection	\$139.10	
St Therese Loan as at 31/10/17	\$417,372.75	

Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst." Pope Francis

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.

ANOINTING MASS: St Anthony First Tuesday, 9am. St. Therese First Friday, 11am

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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SCHOOLS IN THE PARISHES

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St Mary MacKillop Primary Years 1-8 • McNaughton Avenue ☎ 257 1435 ☎ 257 1436



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 27th November

FRIDAY 1st December

WEEKDAY, ORIDNARY TIME 34

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20 Cant Daniel

Luke 21:1-4

Mass 9am St Anthony

TUESDAY 28th November

WEEKDAY, ORIDNARY TIME 34

Daniel 2:31-45 Cant Daniel

Luke 21:5-11

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 7pm St Therese

WEDNESDAY 29th November

WEEKDAY, ORIDNARY TIME 34

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28

Cant Daniel Luke 21:12-19

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 9am St Therese

THURSDAY 30th November

ST ANDREW, APOSTLE (F)

Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19A

Matthew 4:18-22

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 7pm St Therese

WEEKDAY, ORIDNARY TIME 34

Daniel 7:2-14 Cant Daniel

Luke 21:29-33

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 11am St Therese

SATURDAY 2nd December

WEEKDAY, ORIDNARY TIME 34

Daniel 7:15-27 Cant Daniel

Luke 21:34-36

Mass 9am St Anthony
Mass 8am St Therese

SUNDAY 3rd December

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B.

**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23;
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46**

ST. THERESE FAIR DAY 2017.

Once again thank you very much to everyone. Total funds raised and final fair total \$42,262.40. Fundraising meeting on this weekend Sunday 26th November after 10am Mass in the meeting room for all committee members to plan the end of year parish Christmas party.

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING

ST. THERESE

Thank you to the Tongan community for cleaning the Church grounds on the second Saturday. The parish youth and the small ethnic groups will be looking after the grounds on the 25th November.

GATHERING OF THE TREASURED ADULTS.

The Christmas gathering of the treasured adults will be on Monday the 11th of December from 10am to 12:30pm. All those who are above 60 are welcome to join this yearly celebration. Please contact Filipo Motulalo for assistance.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ST. THERESE

We are urgently looking for volunteers for the children's Sunday liturgy. At the moment the children who come for the 10am Mass have no facilitators to lead them in their Sunday Liturgy during Mass. The volunteers will be helped with the resources and sufficient support. We need to keep up this ministry for our children. Please contact Jacinta Fidow OR Jacinta Loto before January 2018.

ALTAR SERVERS FUNDRAISER

This is the first time our Altar servers are asking you our family parish for help to fundraise for their 1 day retreat before Christmas. Please help by supporting us in buying a sausage sizzle, cup cakes, religious items and raffle after 8am and 10am Masses on the 3rd and the 10th of December. Please see Francis or Sialei if you would like to help.

Box fit - 9 week challenge.

Sponsored by Counties Manukau

When - Every Thursday

Where - St Therese Hall

Time - 6pm-7pm

Cost - FREE

End date - Thursday 21st December.

Pasifika Suicide Prevention

Community Workshop.

Hosted by LeVa, FLO Talanoa is an information workshop about suicide prevention designed to be led by the community for the community. It is a call to action, and aligned with Pasifika values of love, respect and reciprocity. Learn more about the risks and warning signs to suicide, how to respond and answer the call to action to build a plan for our community.

Please register your attendance due to limited spaces.

When: Tuesday 5th December

Where: St Therese Hall

Time: 6pm-9pm

Cost: Free

Register: Txt/Call Ane on 027 907 8741

Age: recommended for 16 yrs and over

See notice board to register & information

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Liturgy Committee meeting for the year on Wednesday 29th November at St Anthony's foyer at 6:30pm. All coordinators or assistants are expected to attend it.

PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

Reconciliation service for Christmas will be on Wednesday the 20th of December at 7:30pm at Therese church for all the families and friends of both parishes in preparation for the birth of our Lord.

ST ANTHONY PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Saturday 16th of December at St Anthony Church grounds from 10am until 2pm. More details to come from the Parish pastoral council members, St Anthony's.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING.

November 26th, 2017

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;

Matthew 25:31-46

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" A QUESTION OF CARING."

St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, had a wonderful gift for capturing the attention of his audience by illustrating his message with simple examples. When encouraging people to consider how they ought to approach God, he would ask them to imagine they had been called into the presence of an earthly king.

In spite of the fraught political climate of the day, the people would readily appreciate that, faced with the prospect of such an encounter, they would learn the necessary protocols and approach the king with reverence and respect. Likewise, Jesus had no problem with invoking the notion of kingship when speaking about the nature of the community he wanted to establish for his Father. The people could relate to the idea and so can we, no matter what our political theories or affiliations.

However, the contrast between the nature of the kingdom of God and that of the earthly powers in any age could not have been more stark or dramatic. No matter how much society today seeks to respect individual rights and the equality of all people, we know how deep-rooted is the temptation for those in power to lord it over those whom they rule. It was precisely because Jesus challenged the hypocrisy of the authorities of his day, that they saw him as a threat and were determined to do away with him.

Jesus explained his kingdom was not of this world and he provided many images of a servant king who would look after his people. By entering Jerusalem on a donkey, not riding in splendour, he fulfilled the prophetic vision of a king, and he repeatedly compared himself to a shepherd tending and caring for his sheep, using the image introduced to us by the prophet Ezekiel.

And remember that shepherds were among the lowest of the low in the pecking order of the societies of their day. When Matthew paints the picture of the Last Judgement, he recalls Jesus describing it in the context of a shepherd, separating the sheep from the goats. There is really only one criterion for entering the kingdom and it is how we have cared for one another.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, now a canonised saint, never tired of explaining this was the passage that had inspired her life's work in reaching out to the poorest of the poor. But, by the same token she never tired of challenging us to reflect on who might be crying out for our care and concern. "Do you know who your neighbour is?" she would ask, not necessarily referring to people on the other side of the world. It could be the people living next door, or in our local communities who are being neglected.

As we celebrate this great feast today, we would do well to ask ourselves that same question. Do you know who your neighbour is?

Timothy Buckley CSsR

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