

Sacrament of Penance

Book an appointment with any of the priests after Mass or use phone numbers listed below.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gloria Salanoa OR Parish office.

Marriages

Require at least six months' notice. Contact Fr Roy OR Fr Rivan Narang.

Booking St. Anthony OR St. Therese Church for Wedding 275 5401

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

RCIA/RCIC Contact Hila Tuli 02102233342. First Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion. Contact Talei Solomon Mua. 0223920189

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St Anthony Family Support Trust

St Anthony Food Bank: stanthonysfoodbank@gmail.com

SCHOOLS IN THE PARISHES

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

De La Salle College · Years 7-13 · Gray Avenue ☎ 276 4319 ☎ 276 7992

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY	22nd May.	FRIDAY	26th May
<u>After the Ascension of the Lord.</u>		<u>St Philip Neri, priest (m).</u>	
Acts 22:30-23:35	Psalm 68	Acts 25:13-21	Psalm 103
John 16:29-33		John 21:15-19	
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.	St. Anthony	Mass 9am.
TUESDAY	23rd May.	SATURDAY	27th May
<u>After the Ascension of the Lord.</u>		<u>After the Ascension of the Lord.</u>	
Acts 20: 17-27	Psalm 68	Acts 28:16-20,30-31	Psalm 11
John 17:1-11		John 21:20-25	
St. Therese	Mass 9am.	St. Therese	Mass 9am.
WEDNESDAY	24th May.	SUNDAY	28th May
<u>Our Lady Help of Christians. (m)</u>		<u>Pentecost Sunday. [Psalter W. 4]</u>	
Acts 20:28-38	Psalm 68	Acts 2:1-11	Psalm 104 1
John 17:11-19		Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13	John 20:19-23
St. Anthony	Mass 9am	<u>Weekend Mass Times</u>	
THURSDAY	25th May.	<u>Mangere Parishes.</u>	
<u>After the Ascension of the Lord.</u>		<u>St. Anthony Parish Mangere Bridge.</u>	
Acts 22:30,23:6-11	Psalm 16	Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass. <u>To Be Confirmed : Sunday Samoan Mass</u>	
John 17: 20-26		<u>St. Therese Parish, Mangere East.</u>	
St. Therese	Mass 9am	Sunday 8am, 10am and 6pm Mass.	
		Fourth Sunday Samoan Mass 12midday.	

**CHURCH AND GROUNDS
CLEANING IN BOTH PARISHES.**

St. Anthony's.

Thank you to all the volunteers for looking after the Church grounds each week. Thank you to Monica Pua and family for looking after the church cleaning this weekend. It is the Tanu family's turn on Saturday the 27th of May.

St. Therese

CHURCH & GROUNDS.

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for looking after the Church cleaning each week. Thank you to the Cook Islands community for looking after Church grounds this weekend. It is the Samoan Community's turn on Saturday the 27th of May.

MAY THE MONTH OF MOTHER

MARY.

Rosary continues every Monday until Wednesday the 31st of May 4pm at St. Therese Church.

PREFERENCE FORMS.

Preference for enrolment form for school, all enquiries are directly to the priests. Please contact Fr Roy OR Fr Rivan Narang for an appointment or for further explanation. Priest's contact numbers on page 4 of the bulletin. Please send a text message only.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION.

Justice Retreat focusing on social justice aspects of the Gospel of Luke will be held 9.30-4pm on Saturday 10 June 2023 at St Francis Retreat Centre 20 Hillsborough led by Bible Scholar Br Kieran Fenn, FMS who has taught the Scriptures in New Zealand and overseas for more than 40 years. Cost: \$30 including lunch. Applications to Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730 by 31 May 2023.

NZ Catholic NEWSPAPER

for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Cardinal John Dew retires as Archbishop of Wellington. Sensitive negotiations over integrated schools. Concerns over new criteria for co-opting school board members. Catholic leaders praise coronation emphasis on service.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS ST.
THERESE UPDATE AND TRAINING.**

Update and training will start on Thursday the 1st of June, 6pm in the Church and Saturday 3rd June after the 9am Mass. We are looking for young volunteers from the age of 16 and upwards. For more information please contact Marcel Papa or Laki Peni. Thank you.

CANTORS ST. THERESE.

Please we are asking for young people who can use their voices for God. Please come along and use that talent to serve God. Children from the ages of 7 and youth from 16 and over. Practice in the church every Saturday after 9am Mass. Please come and join Pango Havili and Veronica Smith.

AV OPERATORS ST. ANTHONY.

Need volunteers from the ages of 10 and over for this ministry especially for Saturday Vigil Mass. Please see Konesetasia Pauga Or contact the parish office if you or your children are interested to join this ministry.

READER'S TRAINING ST. THERESE.

Readers' training and update will be on Thursday 25th of May 7 pm and Saturday 27th of May after 9am Mass. Training will be in the Church. Please contact your coordinator, Hila Tuli if you cannot make it to the update and training.

**POLICE VETTING UPDATE FOR VOL-
UNTEERS IN BOTH PARISHES.**

Gentle reminder for volunteers to complete vetting form and check with the parish office if your vetting status is up to date. Thank you to those who have completed their renewal vetting process.

Mass of the Neophytes.

All those baptised or received into full communion at Easter or throughout the last 12 months are invited by Bishop Steve to join him at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for this Mass celebrating the gift of faith and acknowledging these newest members of the Church. Family, sponsors, RCIA team members and members of the diocese are all invited. Date: 28th May. Time: 4:30pm. Validate parking available.

Sunday 21st May. Ascension Sunday. Psalter W.3

TODAY'S READINGS TODAY'S Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20.

I am with you always.

Forty days after Easter, when we celebrated Jesus' resurrection, today we celebrate his ascension into heaven and to the right hand of the Father. Artists throughout the centuries have imagined the scene: the disciples staring upwards as the Risen Jesus is lifted up before them and disappears into the clouds. Their last glimpse of him is his feet as he disappears from sight.

Jesus' ascension marks the definitive ending of his previous mode of life among us. How strange, at first thought, that we celebrate his departure from us. Would we not greatly prefer to have him stay with us, to enjoy his being among us. But in his ascension, he departs from us. He is out of sight now, no longer bodily among us, having vanished from visibly earthly existence.

And yet, the great mystery of the Ascension is that, with the completion of his mission – his life, death, resurrection and ascension and return to the Father – he is now, as never before, with us - and with each and every generation of believers, present to us in every moment. He is still God with us, Emmanuel. He is indeed more perfectly and completely present to us in each moment of our lives than in his earthly life.

The Evangelist, Matthew, brings his gospel to conclusion in today's gospel reading, but not directing our gaze to Jesus ascending into the clouds. Indeed, Matthew doesn't actually mention Jesus' ascension. Matthew focuses instead on Jesus' final words, his commissioning of the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Jesus' mission is thus extended to all the nations, through us, his disciples. His mission is now our mission, the Church's mission.

Last of all, Matthew repeats Jesus' comforting assurance, that "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus had also promised them that he would not leave us orphans (Jn 14:18). He would send the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to inspire, guide and counsel us. Next week, fifty days after Easter, we will celebrate Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Church later came to understand that Mary must also have shared the experience of the Ascension, rising bodily to heaven. In August we will celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Here indeed is the meaning to today's feast for each and every one of us: it is our destiny to enter heaven too.

So it is that the Letter to Ephesians exhorts us today: "know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe."

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