



Wedding Anniversary

July 2020



Wishing all couples celebrating their anniversary this month a happy and blessed year ahead

Wing Kwong Wong & Son Han Lau, Augustine Wong & Hilaria Tiong, Paul & Jayne Bury,

In the celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayer, remember: Recently Deceased

George Wee, Trevor Francis, Nicholas Champion, Joseph Fernando, Rosemary Boyer, Sr Hazel Tangee, Harry, Poultney, Dallas, Ronnie

Anniversary of Death

Jeffrey Cruz, Renato Cruz, Evangelen Venzon, Fr Brian Kelly, Antonia Pillai, Demos Thenes, Adrian Lam. D. Margares, A. Louis, Sofia Sarabia, Pacita Sevilla, Charita de e Rosa, Kruger Hillary, Teresita & Froilan, Eli, Feli, Egert, Meseger

For the Sick : Please notify the office once the name can be removed.

Greg Hayes, Gerard & Marylon Tangee, Matt Jones, Chan Sui Ying, Marie Mascarenhas, Annette Peterson, Anneka & Peter Wolfkamp, Lyn Visser, Matt Joue, Janet Lopez, Ann McPhillips, Peter McPhillips, Joseph Weiss, Gertrudes Moran, Lucy Chen, Lawrence Javis, Isabel Morais, Joan P. Ah-Wa, Barbara, Mulfide Mary R, Mehmet Rende

Rosters—18 & 19 July 2020

5.30 pm	8.30am	10.30am	6.30pm
Music			
Gospel Choir	Cheryl & Choir	Children's Choir	Ella Donald
Data Projectionist			
Luca Edwards	Janice Encabo	Alex Tabaco	Joshua Ernstzen
Altar Servers			
Jacob Tigley Ethan Tigley	Ryan Smeath Ethan Karl Zach Revereza	Ethan Siao Einstein Siao Emmanuel Tsang Enrique Macwan	Regina Sutjahjo
Counting / Recording			
Jim Mullane Steve & Marie Halbauer Christine Donnelly Ange Pierquin	Church Cleaning		Flowers
	Tyas & Siska Nicole Tan Raven Garcia Lou Cabanero		May Frost

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ST MARK PARISH APP! - To download:

Step 1: Download **ChurchApps NZ**

Step 2: Search "St Mark" and it will pop up with our parish

Step 3: Choose your Groups to get alerts of events, rosters

Step 4: Stay updated and connected to St. Mark's

Collection

4 & 5 July 2020

\$4,957.10

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55: 10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Psalm: 64: 10-14

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop..

Romans 8: 18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Matthew 13: 1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Liturgy of the Word

Monday : 9.00am

ROSARY

Tuesday—Friday @ 8.30am

Saturday @ 8.00am

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Tuesday—Friday @ 9.30am

Mass Times

Tues—Sat: 9.00am

Wednesday : 7.00pm

Sat Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am
10.30am
6.30pm

Confession / Reconciliation

Saturday : 9.30am
4.30– 5.15pm

And on request—contact the Parish Office

Exposition & Holy Hour

Wednesday : 9.30am - 12.00pm

Saturday: 8.00am— 9.00am

1st Friday of the month 7.30pm—9.00am Saturday



Te Whare Karakia o Hato Maaka, Pakuranga

Fr Sherwin Lapaan
Parish Priest

Fr Jude Algama
Assistant Priest

Chris Sullivan
Deacon

PARISH PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR
Mannix Lopez

PARISH SECRETARY
Evelyn Green-Thompson

COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR
Carmela Lopez

OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday
8.30am — 3.00pm

Sunday
9.30am — 12pm

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ, the Sower

12 July 2020

Reflection

In Isaiah, an image of new creation is displayed with the natural world serving as a metaphor for the life-giving purpose of God's word. The heart of life is simply God's word and is revealed to us. From here, we come to recognise and understand how God's word succeeds and accomplishes our purpose in life and that his word does not return empty.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul discusses the place suffering has in our lives and despite it all, our sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that is yet to be shown. It is through suffering we find glory but most importantly we find Christ. As children of God, by his power we are intended for glory and suffering is simply part of our journey. Paul encourages us to be patient with our suffering as we are predestined for future glorification but to simply reiterate the message to have trust in God.

The parable of sower is an allegory about the Kingdom of God where it is interpreted to reveal a hidden message. The parable is a story of growth, in particularly our own faith story. The seeds represent God's word and the different environments in which it lands on represent the way his message is received. The parable encourages us to think deeply on whether we truly are comprehending God's message and if we are truly dwelling on it, putting it to use to grow our faith. Often it is easy to be distracted by the craziness of life and we sometimes mishear or are not attentive to the word of God. Despite that, the parable encourages to be aware of how we grow our faith and whether we apply it to our daily lives.

Andrea Jurgens

That All May Be One
Jubilee Year 1971—2021



**Sacraments of : Confirmation and
1st Communion—30 August 2020 @12:30 PM**

Preparation Course for 1st Communion

26 July – Parent's Session @ 3:00 – 5:00 PM
2 Aug – Children's Session @4:00 – 5:00 PM
9 Aug – Children's Session @4:00 – 5:00 PM
16 Aug – Children's Session @4:00 – 5:00 PM
23 Aug – Confirmation and 1st Communion
Rehearsal @ 4:00 – 5:00 PM (Parents & Children) **Please contact Mannix**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

CGS is closed for term break and will resume on 25 July 10 am to 12 pm at Parish Hall

St Mark's Young Adults

Calling all young adults aged 18-35, married, in a relationship or single to join the St Mark's Young Adults Group! As we celebrate St Mark's 50th Jubilee, we are officially launching our very own young adults' group. As our Jubilee theme states, **'That all may be one'**, may young adults be able to find community and support from one another here in our parish. To launch the group, we are inviting all young adults to participate in our Escape Room adventure. This will be held on **Sunday 9th August after the 10:30am Mass**. For \$10 per person, we will have lunch followed by the Escape Room activity. We will get to know one another and work as a team to solve the challenges. Please register your details on the clipboards in the church foyer after Mass. A young adult representative will be present to answer any questions you may have, and the team will be in touch regarding further details. We hope to have as many young adults taking part and embracing this opportunity

AT THE TABLE

Calling all Teens Aged 13-18 for a 3-part **LifeTeen** series on Racism. We are addressing this topic to shed light onto the darkness just as Jesus did. The radical beauty of the Gospel is that we are ALL called to have a seat at the table of equality and dignity. We are called to live out this truth here on earth, as a reflection of what heaven will be like. **Venue:-** Parish Hall

Dates: Saturday 18 July @ 6.45pm – 9pm

Saturday 15 August @ 6.45pm – 9pm

Saturday 5 September @ 6.45pm – 9pm

Contact **Emma— 021 025 05851**

St Mark's Youth for Christ Prayer Assembly



Communion to the Sick

For those who are sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office .

Mass will continue to be live streamed

Tue—Sat @ 9.00am & Sat Vigil @ 5.30pm & Sun 10.30am on St Mark's FB Page: St Mark Pakuranga & YouTube—subscribe to St Mark Pakuranga—: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9W-OJU2AH4>

Mass on Shine TV

Sunday Mass @ 2.00pm on Shine TV Free-to-air Channel 25, Sky Chanel 201 is ongoing. On Sunday **Bishop Pat** will post a short **message** to the Diocese through the website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>

St Marks Legion of Mary

Seeking new members to join the Legion Of Mary, our object is the Glory Of God through Personal Prayer and Holiness, and Active Spiritual Visitations in our Parish under Ecclesiastical Guidance from our Priest. Call **Evelyn - 021 0639 175** or **Hata - 021 0220 4171**

Cultural Food Festival

We will be holding cultural food stalls during this jubilee year. Starting with **Filipino Food Stall** on **Sunday, 26 July 2020** in the Parish Hall @ **11.30am**. Please come along to support and experience the fusion of Malay, Asian & Spanish inspired cuisine. It is a Takeaway Lunch date. So, enjoy the food, fun and music. Please bring cash.

St Vincent De Paul

Urgently need household furniture and household goods—please contact **Anthony—09 270 4088**

Rosters

Please collect from the Church Foyer or can be found on the **Church App or Website**

Gifting envelopes for 2020

Please collect these from the Church Foyer

NZ Catholic

The July 12-25 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Church doesn't require Jesus to be blonde and blue-eyed. New home for babies and mothers. Christchurch parish outreach training planned. Caritas opposes West Bank plans

The Catholic Caring Foundation

Please join me for my Foundation's Caring Mass on July 22, 2020. It will be held at Christ the King parish, Owairaka at 11.30am with light refreshments to follow. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to info@caringfoundation.org.nz before the 17th of July. All are very welcome. Bishop Pat

The Peace and International Justice Committee

of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission is looking for new members. Our activities have included advocating for better support for migrants during the current pandemic, organising interfaith gatherings over the Syrian crisis, supporting clergy persecuted by the Philippines government, expressing solidarity with West Papua and Palestine, and monitoring climate change migration issues. If you have the background and interest in serving the Diocese in this area please contact: Convenor Phillip Cass cass.philip@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT

When: July 17 to 19 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) **Where:** St Francis Retreat House in Hillsborough. **Theme:** **"Exploring and Returning"** and includes periods of silence and meditative prayer. **Retreat leader:** Rev'd Rosie Dell will lead six sessions and there will be time for quiet

ST MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

**To promote a loving, caring, Christ-like community which accepts all people.
And is inspired by the Holy Spirit to spread The Good News of Jesus Christ.**

activities and inner reflection. **Cost:** \$250 per person includes accommodation and all meals. For info visit www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz or contact organiser Vincent Maire at vincent-maire12@gmail.com

Collection of Original Homemade Recipes for St Mark's 50th Jubilee Yearbook.

We are compiling **Original Homemade Recipes** from parishioners for our 50th Jubilee Yearbook. If you have any good recipes, please submit it to the Parish Office. Recipes should preferably be in Word format or similar with pictures please. **Closing date for submissions is 30 September 2020.** We will then compile a book for sale, all proceeds going to the Parish Fund. **We are also looking for sponsors who would like to advertise in this 50th Jubilee Yearbook.** Thank you.

Support our Parish Trades People, Professional and Businesses

If you would like to promote your Trade, Profession or Business, please inform the office as we are creating a Parish directory to support Parishioners talents, skills and business

Vacancy

Administration Assistant/ PA - St Luke's Parish Flat Bush Part Time - 20 hours per week

Looking for a busy role that utilises your excellent communication and interpersonal skills as well as your fantastic organisational ability? Then this role could be for you, to find out more! Click on the following link:- <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/administration/staff->

PROLIFE FACTS

Recently small group of pro-lifers who pray and witness outside Hastings Hospital on the day abortions are performed, were approached by a man with a small boy holding his hand. His partner had been scheduled for an abortion but read one of their signs and drove home. He thanked them for being there as witnesses. **For more pro-life information, visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

MORNING TEA

In the Parish Centre after the 10.30am Mass

ALL WELCOME