

## \$ FINANCE MATTERS \$

### Weekly Income

Thank you for your contributions.

18-Nov-17	St Anthony	St Thérèse
Envelopes	\$807.10	\$1,586.20
Loose	\$270.70	\$873.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,077.80</b>	<b>\$2,460.00</b>
<b>Aps Oct 2017</b>	<b>\$1,365.00</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>
<b>St Therese Parish Fair 2017</b>	<b>\$42,626.40</b>	
<b>St Anthony Multicultural Fair</b>	<b>\$41,039.70</b>	
<b>St Anthony Gold Coin Collection</b>	<b>\$109.90</b>	
<b>St Therese Loan as at 31/10/17</b>	<b>\$417,372.75</b>	

As we progress through the season of Advent, "we go by this road to meet the Lord, we walk to meet him," to "encounter him with the heart, with life; encounter him alive, as He is; encounter him with faith." I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. " 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

#### Pastoral Team

Parish Priest	Manoj Kunnath, CSsR ☎ 0226821008
Assistant Priest	Alfonsus Roynaldo Noeng, CSsR ☎ 275 3559
Parishes' Office	Parishes' Secretary ☎ 275 5401



Diocese of Auckland

## The Mangere Catholic

### Bulletin of the Parishes of

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20 Kirkbride Road  
Mangere Bridge

**St Thérèse**  
10 Wickman Way  
Mangere East

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**St Anthony Family Support Trust 0272533537 & 09 2750357**

### SCHOOLS IN THE PARISHES

**Pacific Islands Catholic Childcare Centre** • 20 Kirkbride Road ☎ 275 5155 ☎ 275 5159  
**St Mary MacKillop Primary** Years 1-8 • McNaughton Avenue ☎ 257 1435 ☎ 257 1436



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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY** 4th December

#### ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122

Matthew 8:5-11

Mass 9am St Anthony

**TUESDAY** 5th December

#### ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72

Luke 10:21-24

Mass	9am	St Anthony
Mass	7pm	St Therese

**WEDNESDAY** 6th December

#### ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23

Matthew 15:29-37

Mass	9am	St Anthony
Mass	9am	St Therese

**THURSDAY** 7th November

#### ST AMBROSE (M)

Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118

Matthew 7:21,24-27

Mass	9am	St Anthony
Mass	7pm	St Therese

**FRIDAY** 8th December

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION [S]

Genesis 3:9-15,20 Psalm 98

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38

Mass 9am St Anthony  
St Mary MacKillop School Mass 11am  
St Therese.

Parish Christmas Celebration Mass  
6pm St Therese.

**SATURDAY** 9th December

#### ADVENT WEEK 1, YEAR B

Isaiah 30:19-26 Psalm 147A

Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8

Mass	9am	St Anthony
Mass	8am	St Therese

**SUNDAY** 10th December

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

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B.

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 85;  
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8**

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.**

Christmas is a time of exchanging gifts. If you wish to gift food or presents for the needy families and children at Christmas, please bring them to the parish office during working hours. If you're bringing it on Sundays, please leave them at the back of the Church. Many thanks to you all for your generous support over the year.

### **CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING ST. THERESE.**

Thank you to the Parish Youth for cleaning up the Church grounds last week. The Tongan community will be looking after the Church grounds on the 9th of December.

### **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.

### **ALTAR SERVERS FUNDRAISER**

The Altar Servers are selling sausage sizzle, cup cakes, religious items and raffle after 8am and 10am Masses this weekend Sunday the 3rd and Sunday the 10th of December. Please see Francis or Sialei if you would like to help.

### **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.

### **GRADUATION CEREMONY, ST ANTHONY'S PRESCHOOL.**

Our 8 children at St Anthony's preschool will be graduated on the 7th, December in the St Anthony's Church at 10am. There will be refreshment at the preschool afterwards. All are welcome to the celebration.

### **Pasifika Suicide Prevention Community Workshop.**

Hosted by Le Va, 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 on notice board or text.**

**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. Please see notice board to register & information

### **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING.**

It was a great turn out. Thanks to the coordinators of the 13 ministries each in both parishes. It was with your great help we were able to have a successful liturgical year. Well done to all of you. Next meeting for 2018 will be on the 31st of January.

### **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 our Lord.

### **BAPTISM IN BOTH PARISHES**

Sessions on the 5th and 7th of December 7:45pm in the meeting room. Please bring your child's birth certificate for enrolment. Baptism takes place in St Anthony's on Saturday 9th of December straight after 9am Mass.

### **ST THERESE PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.**

Christmas is here again. St Therese parish Christmas celebration will be on the 8th of December. This year we are taking this celebration time to acknowledge all the ministers in the parish. There will be a Thanks giving Mass at 6pm on Friday followed by Christmas dinner. Please come along and celebrate your hard work and dinner will be provided for all.

## ***FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B .[Psalter W.1]***

**December 3rd, 2017**

**Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; Psalm 80**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9;**

**Mark 13:33-37**

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## **“ RESPONDING TO NEED.”**

Jesus has promised that he will come again in glory, says St Mark, but in the gospel, Jesus warns his followers not to waste time or ignore their current responsibilities. Like the man traveling abroad, Jesus entrusts his affairs into the hands of the Christian community, and will demand an account when he returns. No one knows when the master will return, hence the warning to stay awake and alert.

What Jesus is calling for, of course, is that we love one another, not just as a vague sentiment, but in real, practical responses to the needs of people around us, especially people who are sick, hungry, destitute and oppressed: In the Bible's code word, the poor.

Being alert means being conscious of what is happening to people, especially those in trouble or distress, or as Pope Francis keeps reminding us, the marginalised. They are the people who are overlooked or left out because of race, gender, nationality, religion, disability or lack of opportunity and education.

But being aware is useless unless it prompts us to take whatever responsibility we can to help people personally and try to change things socially. Jesus insists very strongly that we take responsibility: 'When did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked, in prison?' That was me you saw, he replies. God identifies with people in distress.

From the start, Christians tried to respond to the cries of those around them. In more recent centuries, Christians have been at the forefront in developing hospitals and schools, social reform movements and unions, promoting networks of collaboration internationally to end wars and secure peace, promote economic and social development and to safeguard the environment.

The Second Vatican Council stressed that such social concern is at the very heart of the gospel. Being alert means reading the 'signs of the times' and not retreating to a religious bubble or ghetto. Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, the famous founder of the Young Christian Workers movement, urged everyone to keep their eyes and ears open to what is happening around them. His two key words were 'consciousness' and 'responsibility', always interpreted in light of the scriptures.

Pope Francis has been deeply influenced by the famous Cardijn method of 'See, Judge, Act', and many of his documents reflect this, including his 2015 encyclical '*Laudato Si'*' and the Latin American bishops'  *Aparecida Document*  of 2007, the writing of which, as Cardinal Bergoglio, he helped supervise.

Cardijn's is a method of empowerment for Christians to discern how the Holy Spirit is present in their lives, and calls them into action so everyone can lead a more loving, human and wholesome life. So, Pope Francis is inviting us to join in this great dialogue or conversation on how to restore our planet, remove unfair economic and social inequalities, and build networks of solidarity to ensure peace and security for coming generations.

Bruce Duncan CSsR  
Redemptorists 2017