

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

We meet the prophet Elijah in our first reading this Sunday from the first Book of Kings. After an apparently successful career defending the Lord God, and opposing the rival cults of Baal with their priests and political influence, Elijah could take no more. He was worn out. He'd had enough. He didn't want to be God's prophet any longer. The journey ahead seemed too much for him. Elijah longed to die. He could see no future. Elijah found himself in a time of religious crisis.

But the Lord who had called Elijah to be a prophet came to his aid. The Lord provided for his needs and by means of a meal of bread and water, gave him enough sustenance to undertake an arduous desert trek to Horeb, the mountain of God. Horeb – an alternative name in some Old Testament passages for Sinai – is where Elijah hoped to renew his trust in God, and to recapture a sense of the beauty and strength of God's continual presence in his life.

The story of Elijah can inspire and encourage us today. Like them, we too can find ourselves worn out by the past, ground down by the present and unable to face the future. What do we do? Where do we go? To whom do we turn for help? Our help comes from the Lord. With confidence we cast our cares upon Jesus who is the bread come down for heaven, and who will sustain us in the journey of life.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Assumption. This Feast will be celebrated solemnly by Catholics throughout Aotearoa this year as the nation will be rededicated to the care of our Lady of Assumption. All are welcome to this celebration of solemnity.

Fr Anthony Tran CSsR

1-Aug-21	St Anthony	St Thérèse
Envelopes	\$489.30	\$2,402.70
Loose	\$200.70	\$998.10
Totals	\$690.00	\$3,400.80
Aps July 2021	\$2,878.00	\$2,220.00
St. Therese Fundraising Bonus July	\$1,200.00	
St Anthony Gold Coin Collection	\$304.10	
St Therese Loan as at 30/06/2021	\$250,237.03	



John 6: 41-51

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE at St. Anthony • Saturday 9:45am
at St. Thérèse • Saturday 8:45am (on request after Mass)
and with an appointment at anytime.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Benediction: St. Anthony 9am St. Therese 8am. [Except school holidays for St. Anthony Parish.]

ROSARY at St Anthony • Mom, Wed, Fri & Sunday 8:30am
at St Thérèse • Tuesday, Thursday Winter 8:30am Summer 5:30pm and Saturday 7.20am

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR at St Thérèse • Friday 9am–10:45am First Friday. [Except School Holidays]

BAPTISMS 2nd Saturday of the month, *except January*. **MARRIAGES** require at least **SIX months notice**.

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St Joseph's Catholic School Years 0-8 125 Church Street Onehunga ☎ 6368102

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY	9th August.	FRIDAY	13th August
<u>19th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>		<u>19th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>	
Deut 10:12-22	Psalm 147	Joshua 24:1-13	Psalm 136
Matthew 17:22-27		Matthew 19:3-12	
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.	St. Anthony	Mass 9am.
		Therese	Mass 11am.
TUESDAY	10th August.	SATURDAY	14th August
<u>St. Lawrence (f).</u>		<u>St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest (m).</u>	
2 Corinthians 9:6-10	Psalm 111	Joshua 24:14-29	Psalm 16
Matthew 12:24-26		Matthew 19:13-15	
St. Therese	Mass 9am.	St. Anthony	Mass 9am.
		St. Therese	Mass 8am.
WEDNESDAY	11th August.	SUNDAY	15th August.
<u>St. Clare (m).</u>		NEXT WEEK	
Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 66	(The Assumption Year B)	
Matthew 18:15-20		Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalm 45B; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56	
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.	<u>Weekend Masses.</u>	
St. Therese	Mass 9am.	<u>St Anthony : Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm.</u>	
		<u>& Mass Sunday 9am.</u>	
THURSDAY	12th August.	<u>St Therese 8am, 10am & 6pm.</u>	
<u>19th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>			
Joshua 3:7-11,13-17	Psalm 114		
Matthew 18:21-19:1			
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.		
St. Therese	Mass 9am.		

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

St. Anthony's.

Thank you to the Divine Mercy and Legion of Mary prayer groups for looking after the Church this week. Monica Pua and family's turn on Saturday 14th of August. Thank you to the volunteers for looking after the Church grounds each week.

St. Therese

Thank you to the other ethnic groups for looking after the Church grounds this week. Tonga community's turn on Saturday the 14th of August. Thank you to the Legion of Mary for looking after the church each week.

BAPTISM AUGUST

Sessions on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th 5:30pm at St. Therese meeting room. Baptism St. Therese Saturday 14th August during the 8am Mass. Please bring your child's birth certificate for enrolment and at least one parent is Catholic.

PARISHES YOUTH GROUP MASS.

The parishes combine youth group will be leading the 10am mass on Sunday the 22nd of August at St. Therese Parish.

MULTICULTURAL MASS.

The multicultural Mass will be on the 5th Sunday, 29th of August at St Anthony 9am and St. Therese 10am.

**FREE ENGLISH CLASS FOR NEW
ZEALAND RESIDENTS.**

English Language Partners NZ working with refugees and migrants has free English class at Mangere college, 23 Bader Drive, every Friday from 11:40am to 1:30pm.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH.

Prayer for Vocations Evenings.

Every 3rd Friday of the month @ St Therese Parish, Mangere **When:** Friday 20th August **Where:** St Therese Parish Church **Leading:** Tongan Community **Start:** 7pm. Quest Speaker Fr Considine Fuiava Toleafoa & Rev: Dr Tupouniua Toutalolepo Totoe. **Followed by:** Adoration & Benediction.

**LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY
EVENTS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS.**

St. Michael's Parish Remuera, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera Novena and Mass 7:15pm will begin from 2nd September to Friday 10th September. Followed by a day celebration Saturday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Centenary Mass 11am.

COVID-19 REMINDER.

A friendly reminder to all parishioners and any visitors to please continue the use of QR codes scanning or register in the foyer before entering the Church at all times for contact tracing. Please use hand sanitizer and wash hands. If you are unwell stay home. For those arriving from Australia please follow government protocols and stay home as per advised until it is safe to attend Mass in both parishes. This is to protect everyone from getting infected. Thank you for your understanding.

**You are invited to: WEAVING TO-
GETHER LITURGY AND LIFE – Liturgy
Conference**

The Liturgy Conference, Weaving Together Liturgy and Life - *Te raranga ngātahi i ngā ritenga me te oranga* The liturgy of the Church, especially the Mass, is a mystery ever ancient, ever new, and always calling us into a deeper engagement. This is an opportunity for all Catholics to gather, be enriched in our understanding of the Mass, ponder the wisdom of guest speakers, enjoy great company and build new friendships. Come!! Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. 4.00pm 7th – 6.00pm 9th October. For more information, <https://wuss.org.nz/> – **registrations now open.**

The Crime and Reconciliation

Committee of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission needs new members. If you have a strong commitment to social justice and are interested in advocating for prisoners to be given the support needed to re-integrate into society, we'd like to hear from you. Contact: Peter Garrick Executive Secretary peterg@cda.org.nz phone 022 1300 730

**8th August. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.
(Psalter W.3)**

There is no need for us to fear.

Today is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Abraham, with complete faith in God's promise, took his family into the unknown, leaving behind so much that was familiar.

We too must not be held back by our possessions, but must move into the future, always ready to answer God's call.

Let us never forget that our faith enables us to share in the divine plan for our world. We are chosen by God to share his love with others.

FIRST READING: *WISDOM 18 : 6 - 9*

The same power that overcame the enemies of the Hebrews in Egypt also called God's people to himself.

SECOND READING: *HEBREWS 11 : 1 -2, 8 - 19*

Abraham and his wife Sarah placed their faith in God's promise to them. The writer speaks of the fruit it bore, and reminds us that such a faith brings God's blessings.

GOSPEL READING : *LUKE 12 : 32 - 48*

We must not let our possessions hold us back from doing God's will, and we must always be ready to give what he asks from us.

Imagine the scene: a man stands with his only son before his lord. The lord promises that all his lands will go to this man, from whose descendants will be born a great lasting dynasty. In the next breath the lord orders the man to send his son on a suicide mission. Where then is the inheritor?

Only when the man, in utter obedience to his lord, shows that he will obey, is an alternative solution offered. The son need not to die after all. It is a scenario which is familiar, for it is echoed in the story of Abraham and his son Isaac.

Abraham, having been promised land and descendants, is asked to sacrifice his only son, to go against all the natural instincts of a father. Only when, with complete faith in God's divine purpose, he agrees, is Isaac saved by God's intervention.

Let us put our faith in God in times of difficulty. May our loving lord will continue to bless you all and your families throughout this new week. Thanks for your continuous support to our parishes.