

**The Pastor's Pen**

Dear Parishioners,

Kia ora Happy Feast to you all!

Many will be aware that on this Sunday 15 August this year the whole New Zealand Catholic community is solemnly celebrating Feast of the Assumption. We are rededicating Aotearoa to the patronage of our Blessed Mary Assumed into Heaven. Every parish community at every mass over the weekend will be involved in the rededication.

The Feast of the Assumption has been the Patronal Feast of the Church in New Zealand since the beginning of the catholic mission in 1838, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Bishops of New Zealand are gathering today for mass at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington to rededicate our country to our Lady. The same Rededication Rite is used at every mass in New Zealand today.

I would humbly ask every faithful member of our parish community who comes to our church today to pray for stronger faith amongst the faithful. We are called to share the faith with one another and support each other in fellowship and worship. May the Lord bless our country as we rededicate our land, our nation and our people to the protection of our Mother Mary of the Assumption. May God bless us all!

We commend the soul of our sister in Christ, Silia Pio who passed away last Sunday morning, to the loving care of God. Silia was a faithful, long standing parishioner of St Anthony's. She attended church every day until the last days of her life. She led a life full of faith and commitment. She will greatly be missed by St Anthony's community. May God the God of mercy welcome her home. May our Mary of the Assumption embrace her in God's heavenly kingdom. May she rest in eternal peace!

Fr Anthony Tran CSsR

8-Aug-21	St Anthony	St Thérèse
Envelopes	\$918.00	\$1,888.30
Loose	\$269.00	\$812.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,187.00</b>	<b>\$2,700.80</b>
Aps July 2021	\$2,878.00	\$2,220.00
St. Therese Fundraising Bonus July		\$1,200.00
St Anthony Gold Coin Collection		\$278.10
St Therese Loan as at 31/07/2021		\$245,585.53



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	16th August.	FRIDAY	20th August
	<u>20th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>		<u>St. Bernard, abbot D. (m)</u>
Judges 2:11-19	Psalm 106	Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22	Psalm 146
Matthew 19:16-22		Matthew 22:34-40	
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.	St. Anthony	Mass 9am.
		Therese	Mass 11am.
TUESDAY	17th August.	SATURDAY	21st August
	<u>20th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>		<u>St. Pius X, Pope (m).</u>
Judges 6:11-24	Psalm 85	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17	Psalm 128
Matthew 19:23-30		Matthew 23:1-12	
St. Therese	Mass 9am.	St. Anthony	Mass 9am.
		St. Therese	Mass 8am.
WEDNESDAY	18th August.	SUNDAY	22ND August.
	<u>20th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>		<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
Judges 9:6-15	Psalm 21		21st Sunday Ordinary Time.
Matthew 20:1-16			(Psalter W.I)
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.		Joshua 24:1-2,15-18: Psalm 34: Ephe-
St. Therese	Mass 9am.		sians 5:21-32: John 6:60-69
THURSDAY	19th August.		<u>Weekend Masses.</u>
	<u>19th Week of ordinary Time B.</u>		<u>St Anthony : Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm.</u>
Judges 11:29-39	Psalm 40		<u>&amp; Mass Sunday 9am.</u>
Matthew 22:1-14			<u>St Therese 8am, 10am &amp; 6pm.</u>
St. Anthony	Mass 9am.		
St. Therese	Mass 9am.		

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

**St. Anthony's.**

Thank you to Monica Pua and family for looking after the Church this week. Samoan community's turn on Saturday 21st of August. Thank you to the volunteers for looking after the Church grounds each week.

**St. Therese**

Thank you to the Tongan community for looking after the Church grounds this week. Cook Islands community's turn on Saturday the 21st of August. Thank you to the Legion of Mary for looking after the church each week.

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH ANNUAL  
GENGERAL MEETING (AGM)**

AGM will be on Sunday the 29th of August in the parish hall.

**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.

**Role vacancy: Deputy Executive  
Officer, NZ Catholic Bishops Con-  
ference.**

The Deputy Executive Officer provides support for the work of the Catholic Bishops and their agencies at national level in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. This role is based at the Catholic Centre, Hill St, Wellington. Visit [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/) for more information.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH.**

**Prayer for Vocations Evenings.**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Consedine 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.

**ST. THERESE PARISH NOMINATION  
FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEMBERS.**

In September, there will be elections to replace 2 retiring members of the parish pastoral council. If you are interested in standing for election nominations are now open, and may be made on the approved form, which is available from the parish office. Any Catholic who is registered as a parishioner of St Therese Mangere East, and who is above the age of 16, is eligible to stand for election. This is an opportunity to serve your parish as a member of the parish pastoral council and assist our pastoral team as the care for our community.

Police vetting application to be completed at the parish before nominations process. Nominations closes on Friday of the election weekend. Election date to be confirmed in the coming week.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF  
THE CARING FOUNDATION.**

A huge thank you from the Caring Foundation for your generous support of their annual appeal on Caring Sunday. Your generosity means help for families, individuals and communities.

**15th August. Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary. (Psalter W.4) TODAY'S READINGS** Revelation 11:19;12:1-6,10: Psalm 45B:

1 Corinthians 15:20-26: Luke 1:39-56

*Mary's song is our song.*

Mary set out quickly from Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judah, to visit her older cousin, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with the child we know as John the Baptist. Mary is carrying her own child, Jesus. At the presence of Jesus and his mother, the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy!

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, excitedly bursts into praise. She recognises the special position of Mary and her Son: "*Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*" Then, it's Mary's turn to sing God's praises in the song we call the 'Magnificat'.

Mary begins by proclaiming God's greatness: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.* Mary's happy because God has affirmed and honoured her lowliness; calling her to faithful service. God's special care is for little ones. Mary echoes the same joy that Jesus blesses the Father, because God is hidden to 'the wise and the learned' and is revealed to 'the little ones'. In the New Covenant, God's 'preference' is for the lowly and humble who are specially favoured. 'Greatness' doesn't come from social status!

*From this day forward all generations will call me blessed.* This isn't an arrogant statement. Rather, it's humble thanksgiving. What an extraordinary grace to be chosen to be the mother of the world's Saviour. Mary rejoices and is deeply grateful for being chosen for this privilege. It's yet another sign of God's desire that the poor, the weak, the marginalised, the wounded, the exploited and discriminated against in this world should be the special recipients of God's love, care and concern.

Mary knows that God's faithful love and mercy *reaches from age to age* and accompanies all generations. It's the message Jesus preached and lived and that's why disciples need to 'be merciful as your Father is merciful'. Mary, in a very special way, embodies the tenderness of God and points us to Jesus' fundamental message, that God's true nature is compassion and love.

Mary proclaims the God of the poor, who *pulls down princes from their thrones*, removes their power to oppress and sends them away empty handed. Indeed, God will *exalt the lowly*, so they reclaim their dignity and worth. God will *fill the hungry with good things*, so they enjoy a more valued and just life. In other words, the last shall be first, and the first last.

Today, with faith and trust, we're invited to make Mary's song our own; and to live our lives guided by its spirit and deep simplicity. The fulfilment of the song's promises and Mary's fidelity to them, 'led her home' to eternal life with God. Where she has gone, we hope to follow.

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