

St Joseph & St Joachim Parish, Otahuhu

Sunday 12th May 2019

ONE MASS
9am

Ministers of the Word

Intro: Irene Tufuga,

1st Reading: Leiola Finau,

2nd Reading: Atonina Lemalu.

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Ofisa Rusia, Teuila Aholelei, Malia Iakopo, Sosefina Tau, Sili Vaimauga

Happy mother's day

Sunday 19th May 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

Reading 1: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: 145

Reading 2: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Parish Collections 5 May 2019

Parish	-	\$896.50
House	-	\$745.00
Church Project	-	\$122.40

Many thanks and gratitude
for your kind offerings

Images from the Readings

- They know my voice
- They follow me
- No one can snatch them
- Light for the Gentiles
- Remain faithful

Reflection

Reflecting on how today's readings impact our own situation might lead us to looking more closely at who the people of our own 'flock' are?

What characteristics does our community have?

What are the things that make you feel that you belong?

In what ways are you called to act as a 'shepherd', and to whom?

Who are the people who act as shepherds to you?

How do they carry out this role?

As we place ourselves in the midst of this intimate relationship with Jesus, we might think about the ways in which we 'hear his voice'?

Do you have a sense of being called by name?

What are the other conflicting voices that try to drown him out, and where are they leading us?

During the week be attentive to the needs of people who are in your care

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am
 Mon - Wed 7.45am
 Thursday: 7.45am and 6pm
 Friday: 7.45am
 Saturday: 8.00am
 1st Sunday: 10am in Tongan
 3rd Sunday: 10am in Samoan

EXTRA MASSES

4th Sunday Tongan 12.00noon
 1st Friday Latin 7.00pm
 3rd Sunday Kiribatian 1.00pm

Confession

Thur 4 - 5 pm, Sat 8.30am - 9.00am
Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
 Thursdays 12 noon, **Benediction** 5.30pm,
Mass 6pm



Parish Priest: Fr Simone Ah Lo
 simonesavali@yahoo.co.nz

Contacts: 118 Church St, Otahuhu
 Auckland 1062
 Telephone: 09 276 4759

email:
 office@otahuhucatholic.org.nz

Website: www.otahuhucatholic.org.nz
 Office hours: Wed-Fri 10am-3.30pm

Parish Secretary: Taupule Po'e

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th MAY 2019

Happy Mother's Day

YEAR C

1st Reading: ACTS 13:14,43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

PSALM: 100

RESPONSE:: "WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK"

2nd Reading: APOCALYPSE 7:9,14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!!

Gospel: JOHN 10:27-30



**SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE
NO CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH**

Parents with young children

We appreciate your co-operation in looking after your children during Mass. There is a room at the back for your convenience.

Car Park There is no parking at all times in front of the church, on the grass and at the presbytery. Also the front of the St Joachim Centre should be kept clear at all times for fire and safety reasons. Vehicles parked in this area will be towed away.

Sacrament of the Sick Please notify the parish office of serious illness, if you know of someone who should receive this sacrament, or someone who is unable to get to church, but would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Sacrament of Baptism The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month after 10am Mass. Next Preparation programme will be held on Tuesday, 28th of May 2019, 6.30pm in the church. Baptism is on Sunday, 2nd of June after 10am Mass. Fill in a Baptism Form (on the table by the entrance or online) and take it to the parish office with a copy of the Birth Certificate.

Sacrament of Marriage Arrangements must be completed at least six months in advance.

Feast Days of the Week April 2019

- 12 * *Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs*
- 14 * *Matthias, apostle*
- 15 * *Isidore the Farmer*
- 18 * *John I, pope & martyr*



Let us pray for the sick of our community. May they be touched by the healing hands of the Lord and be restored soon the full and active life of our community and their families

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Church Project - Fundraising Team

It was agreed at the parish meeting that each family in our parish would be asked to contribute \$1000 over 12 months with deadlines of \$500 by 31 July and \$500 by 30 Nov. **The target is \$500K**
Please, see Fr Simone, Mone Tahaafe, and Jim Barnes or contact the parish office.

Finance Committee Meeting

Wed, 15 May 6.30 pm in the St Joachim Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wed, 29th May, 6.30 pm in the St Joachim Centre

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

The Parish Fundraising Committee is running \$2 raffles, to be drawn after 9am Mass on Sunday, 12th May, Mother's Day. Tickets are available outside church before and after Mass.

Pledge Giving Envelopes

And Rebate Receipts for you donations

Thank you to all of you who have signed up and have donated to our Pledge Giving Envelopes. Your receipts for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 are in the boxes, on the bench by the entrance. It is in numerical order. *Please note if you have not used your envelopes for any 12 months period, your number will fall out of the pledge giving system and will no longer exist, you will not receive a receipt. You will need to get a new number to start your pledge giving again. Please call the parish office if you have any queries or you can see Pule Po'e before and after Mass.*

Like a shepherd you feed your flock
And gather us lambs in your arms
Holding us carefully close to your heart
Leading us home

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Today, **Vocations Sunday**, all the baptised renew their commitment to creating a Vocational Environment in our parish where we help young(ish) men to seriously consider a call to serve God as diocesan priests. Thank you to all who are active in promoting diocesan priesthood as a fulfilling, God-centred life of service. Vocations Director: Fr. Sherwin Lapaan aucklandpriests@gmail.com

End of Life Choice (Euthanasia) Bill

The Online Petition remains open, since it became apparent that the Bill would not be read on 1 May.

The Second Reading/Vote is now likely to happen on 22 May (although may be later).

1. Action – please encourage anyone who has not already signed to do so online. We will close it Sunday evening.

SUNDAY 12 MAY (evening) - The ONLINE petition CLOSES for those who have not already signed the paper copies and is accessed via:

<https://carealliance.org.nz/>

2. Prayer – please continue to pray for our politicians. People may wish to continue the **NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT THOMAS MORE – PATRON SAINT OF POLITICIANS & LAWYERS**, accessed via:

<https://fli.org.nz/2019/04/26/join-us-in-prayer-campaign-for-nz-politicians/>

YOUTH EVENT - XLT NIGHT (eXaLT)

An evening of worship/inspiring message and Adoration. A unique and powerful experience for teens to encounter Christ. All youth and young adults are welcome.

When: Friday May 31st 2019 - 7pm

Where: St Mary's Church, 117 Onewa Road, Northcote, **Cost:** FREE EVENT

Praise & Worship led by 'THE SATIONS' Hosted by North Shore Youth Ministry

For more information contact: Manu Bennett - nscatholicityouth@gmail.com

Be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Weekend Life in the Spirit Seminar. All welcome. No cost. St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mairangi Bay. May 25th, 9am - 3.30pm and May 26th, 11 am -

4pm. For more information <http://www.catholiccharismatic.org.nz/> or Deidre 02102251103

Parish Pastoral Coordinator St Luke's Parish Flat Bush

St Luke's parish wishes to employ a person part-time for up to 30 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Parish Priest to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes. Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential.

Applicants should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email craig_dunford@xtra.co.nz

The Catholic Bishops of NZ are urging the laity to oppose Act Leader David Seymour's **End of Life Choice (Euthanasia) Bill** which will likely be voted on at its second and critical reading on Wed 22nd May. Unless we take immediate action there is a danger that this dangerous bill will pass. We urge you to immediately contact your local Electorate and List MP's to ask them to vote against the bill. This can be done very simply using the following web address. This connects to a page on the DefendNZ website. Please visit n2as.nz or phone 0800 42 76 42. Please pray for the defeat of this evil bill. For more information please contact ken@righttolife.org.nz

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, you have created us to live abundantly. Inspire the young men of our families, parishes and schools to discover the beauty and power of life as a diocesan priest. May our parish be an environment that encourages young men who sense an attraction to priesthood.