

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

+++++ Perpetual adoration - in the chapel +++++

MONDAY 5th

4.45pm Exposition & prayer **5.15pm Mass** **St Joseph's Parish Centre**

TUESDAY 6th

8.30am Exposition & prayer **9.15am Mass** **St Gregory's Church**
6.00pm PPRE St Gregory's Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 7th

8.30am Exposition **9.15am Mass** **St Joseph's Parish Centre**
10.00am Prayer and Reflection Group St Joseph's Parish Centre

THURSDAY 8th

11.30am Rosary **Noon Mass** **St Gregory's Church**

FRIDAY 9th *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8.30am Exposition & rosary **9.15am Mass** **St Joseph's Parish Centre**

SATURDAY 10th *St Leo the Great*

8.30am Exposition **9.15am Mass** **St Joseph's Parish Centre**
9.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation St Joseph's Presbytery
4.00pm Legion of Mary St Joseph's Parish Centre
5.15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation St Gregory's Church
5.30pm Rosary **6.00pm Mass** **St Gregory's Church**

SUNDAY 11th *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8.30am Mass **10.00am Mass** **5.00pm Mass** **St Gregory's Church**

PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS

- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > For countries around the world suffering from natural disasters
- > For a son diagnosed with cancer
- > For a those suffering from depression and mental health
- > For our bishop as he plans for the future of our diocese

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TO LOVE WITH ALL ONE HAS AND IS

In order to fully grasp today's gospel passage, it is important to understand the role of the scribe in Judaism. The scribe was not a member of any Jewish sect or political party such as a Pharisee, Sadducee, Essene or Zealot, even though many of the scribes were indeed Pharisees who abided by a strict interpretation of the Law. Scribes were the scholars and intellectuals of Judaism. Their scholarship was the knowledge of the Law, which they regarded as the sum of wisdom and the only true learning. The position of scribe in the Jewish community was a respected place of leadership. In today's text, the scribe appears to be impressed with Jesus' previous responses (24-27) to the question regarding the wife with seven husbands at the resurrection. The scribe approaches Jesus and wants to know more.

Today's key question "Which is the first of all the commandments?" offers Jesus an important teaching moment. The teachers of the Torah (scribes and rabbis) had always argued about the relative importance of the commandments in the Old Testament. In response, Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (today's first reading), and indicates the opening verses of the Shema, recited daily by the Jews. Even though Jesus is asked for one commandment, he provides two in his response. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself, from Leviticus 19:18, which was also not among the 613 commandments. What is remarkable is that the scribe expresses agreement with Jesus by paraphrasing him without any hint of hostility or irony.

In referring to heart, soul, and mind, and strength, (30) they do not refer to the various components of the person but are a way of stressing that the whole person should love God with everything the person has and is.

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and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*

THE COMMERMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are invited to place a list of the names of your loved ones who have died in a box at the foot of our altars. In a special way those of our loved ones who have been called from this life are remembered at all the Masses during the month.

CEMETERY PILGRIMAGE - Today

The annual pilgrimage to the local cemeteries will begin at 2.00pm today at the Belfast Cemetery, arriving at Avonhead Cemetery at 2.45pm and finishing at Waimairi Cemetery at 3.30pm. This is a faithful way to remember our departed loved ones.

THANK YOU

A big thank you from the Legion of Mary team to all the families in the parish who opened their homes to pray the rosary during October.

CANDLELIT FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL

John Paul II Centre for Life invites you to this vigil on Friday 23rd November at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Mass at 7.30pm celebrating faith in all the generations, midnight Mass for marriage and priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available from 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy 355 5841.

GLOBAL HEALING

How our faith helps us to care for our common home.

Christ the King Parish is holding two sessions of a new programme produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration Film Company). Anyone interested in an inspiring film, food and friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. Wednesday 28th November & 5th December, 7.30pm at Christ the King Church.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

From Sunday, 25th November (Feast of Christ the King), the Sunday Mass time at the Carmelite monastery will change from 8.00am to 8.30am.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

On sale at each Mass next weekend - \$12.00 each.
The Catholic Women's League apologize to those who bought a calendar last weekend. They advise the correct price is \$12.00 (not \$15.00). They are happy to refund the \$3.00 difference.

GARDENERS NEEDED

Make an early New Year's resolution - volunteer for this.
Please ring William on 352 3291 to offer your services.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deut 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28-34

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Kg 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SERIES: YEAR OF LUKE

An overview of the gospel according to Luke to begin preparation to listen more deeply to the Sunday readings during Year C. Series continues in 2019. Presenter Sr Kathleen Rushton, Wednesday 14th November, 7.30pm. Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Indication of attendance requested. Ring 379 1298.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

An opportunity to hear Bishop Paul Martin and support this women's ministry. Saturday 10th November 1.00pm (sharp) at Christ the King Parish Centre. Phone or text Diane on 027 431 2026 for more information.

MASS FOR THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT ABUSE

At Christ the King Parish this Wednesday (7th) at 6.30pm Virginia Noonan from the National Office for Professional Standards will share and answer questions on how the church is dealing with abuse. Mass follows at 7.30pm.

NATION WIDE ROSARY CRUSADE

In February, a group of lay Catholics became concerned about the possible relaxation to our abortion laws and the push to legalize euthanasia in New Zealand. They decided it would be a good time to organize a rosary crusade, with the intentions for life, from conception to natural death, and faith to pray - for the Church in these difficult times and for the re-evangelization of our nation.

They are looking for leaders of a rosary crusade event to choose a handy location where people can meet (beach, reserve, lake-side, square) then email the location so it can be advertised. Choose a public location, not a private home, for an opening hymn, an opening prayer, the rosary, a closing prayer and a closing hymn. The crusade is on 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 3.00pm. Please visit www.rosarycrusade.co.nz for more details, or ring phone 022 1912 886.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & THANKS

The Bagley family wish to convey their gratitude to Fr John and Fr Thanh for the prayerful spiritual care extended to their loved one, Tony, during his illness and passing. Thanks to parishioners for the care shown to Tony's wife Sally, and for the many acts of kindness and practical support she received. The Bereavement Care Group and Catholic Women's League were invaluable and appreciated at this sad time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



- § all those who have died recently -
- § Ellen Power, Pat Robinson, Jean & Jim Davey and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord.