

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
5 & 6 OCTOBER 2024 – 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of the Month**

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8.00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 10.00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 5.30PM</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	LEGION OF MARY	PAEA'I FAALOUA	TUPI FAMILY	KITA TAUGA
<b>READERS</b>	LEGION OF MARY	MARIA & MOSES HUNI	TUPI FAMILY	MICHELLE JOSEPH HELEN PIUS
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>SR JOAN FERRIS</b> E PENAFLO J FILIPO	<b>O FAATUUALA</b> S MATAIA L MATAIA	<b>R DAUREWA</b> T WAIRASI I TEKI V FAUEA V WAIRASI	<b>J TUPI HUFANGA</b> A WULF P THOMAS
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	LEGION OF MARY	SR GEMMA	TONGAN COMMUNITY	SR FRANCINE
<b>FIRST AID</b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<b>WARDENS</b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	29 SEPTEMBER 2024 JIM GRIBBLE & RUTH PETERSON		6 OCTOBER 2024 F PATAU & P PETELO	
<b>FLORISTS</b>	28 SEPTEMBER 2024 HOSPITALITY GROUP		5 OCTOBER 2024 SOANA & FAMILY	
<b>LAWNS</b>	<b>JIMS MOWING</b>			
<b>GROUNDS:</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER Tongan Community</b>		<b>OCTOBER: Filipino Community</b>	

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2572.20 LOOSE CASH: \$2680.60 TOTAL \$5252.80  
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: \$595.00 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY.

If you would like to contribute to the parish on internet banking this is the parish bank account.  
Holy Cross Papatoetoe – Parish Account 02 – 0108- 0708852 – 00  
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.

You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the  
**FOODBANK.**

Particularly helpful are: Spaghetti, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Milo, Flour, Salt  
, Can of soup,

Rice & Pasta, Cans of Tuna, Noodles, Jam/Peanut Butter etc  
If you need some food assistance please txt or email your address to  
Ruth Peterson ruth.peterson@xtra.co.nz or mobile: 0274046818 or  
contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

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**29 September 2024 - Year B - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran*

*ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park*

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29

**Psalm 19**

The law of the Lord is perfect,

Reviving the soul;

The decrees of the Lord are sure,

Making wise the simple.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

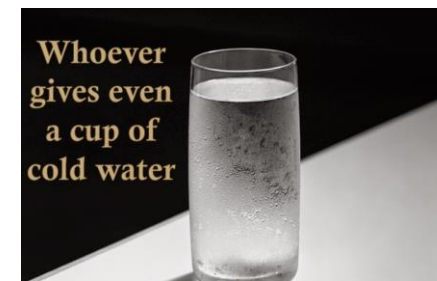
But who can detect unmindful errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; Do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgressions.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Reading:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel:** 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48



**Please pray for those who are unwell, recovering from surgery, or in need of our prayers:**

Colin & Phillip Muligan, Fa'atauva'a Palea, Tia Titi, Falefia Tia, Isaako Tia Tila, Palatoni Fa'ukafa ,  
Athena Marie Parakoti, Jason Simmons, Julie Antonio, Janice Williams, Lilieta Soafa,  
Sailoka Emelio, Christine and Paul Atkinson, Lafaele Silafai,

**Recent deaths:**

**Anniversaries :** Maxy & Lucy Goveas

**Sunday Mass intentions:**

**5.30pm: Saturday** Maxy & Lucy Goveas:

**8.00am: Sunday:**

**10.00am: Sunday:**

**5.30pm: Sunday:**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE :** Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm

**Weekday Mass Timetable:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00am Wednesday :12noon

**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** Wednesday (before midday Mass) 11.15am – 11.45am Friday  
and Saturday after 9.00am morning Mass - (or by appointment with the priests)

## PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parishioners,

In the gospel this Sunday Jesus tells us how serious a thing it is to offend against anyone in any way. Sin is always damaging, Jesus teaches us, and if we become lackadaisical about our wrongdoing, we are on a dangerous path. Wrongdoing is never all right. Not only do we offend against goodness when we do wrong, but we also give an example to others, especially to people who are young and vulnerable and easily influenced.

There is a valley to the south of Jerusalem that is called "Gehenna". It was once a place of heathen sacrifice where children were sacrificed to the pagan god Moloch. The Jewish people, therefore, regarded the place as cursed. It became a place to be avoided, and then a place for burning rubbish, a place of sulphur fires. Gehenna came to represent all that was evil and all that was lost, a place fit only for burning rubbish. It is easy to see how Gehenna came to be used as the name and the image for the opposite of heaven. The place of the damned, of those who give themselves over to evil, is a place of fire and sulphur and burning.

It is from these images that people often get the impression that God is a cruel God, to send anyone into such a place of torture. In fact the images serve to impress upon us the devastation that is involved in losing contact with all that is good. What we call "hell" is indeed great suffering, and we speak of people "going through hell" in many ways during the course of life in this world. To suffer torment at the hands of evil people is truly a hell, and to become an evil person is very hell itself. When Jesus talks about evil in our world, he uses this word "Gehenna". Evil must be cast out of life as we cast out our rubbish. It must be burnt like the burning that happens in Gehenna; there the sulphur flames never go out.

In our understanding of the faith, it is important to see that God has nothing to do with sending people to hell. That is no part of Christian understanding. God always wants us to live in goodness. Let us then rejoice in all good people everywhere of any religion and of none. And let us remember that we, who are blessed to have faith in Christ Jesus, are called to follow his great example, and so be light to the world.

Have a blessed week!  
Father Anthony Tran

**Do you want to know more about the Catholic church, or would you like to become a Catholic?** On **Sunday September 29th** we will begin the first of a series of sessions for anyone who is 14 or over, to prepare for being received into the Church at Easter. These sessions will take place in the little side chapel in Holy Cross church straight **after the 10.00am Mass. (11.00am till 12.00 midday)**

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 4 October 7:00pm** at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

**Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship** are hosting a **One-day Men's Retreat**, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe, titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7). Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Auckland. Please bring a packed lunch or plan to buy from shops nearby. Suggested Koha of \$20. All men are welcome. For more information Contact Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 or Russell Sobotker (022) 0345678

**SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study** - Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). The **closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024**

**The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students** - If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. **Applications close 15 November 2024**. For more information, please email [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz)

**Liturgy is a quarterly magazine**, curated to support liturgical life in parishes, schools, and faith communities. The Liturgy Centre, from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland in New Zealand, has been producing this magazine for nearly 50 years. Liturgy is **available online** on the diocesan website. It is free: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/magazine/>.

The **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** is held on the last Thursday of the month Feb – Nov at 7.00pm in the Church, and is for Catholic Parent/s wishing to have their children under 7 years of age, baptised into the Catholic Faith. Enrolment forms are available in the Parish Office or can be completed during the course. The next **baptism preparation course** will be **Thursday 31 October 2024 at 7pm in the Church. Baptisms are usually held at 11.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.**