

*Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24: 12)
 "Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyses hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family.
 I urge us all to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."
 (Pope Francis - Lenten message 2018)*

We pray for all the sick in our community including William Long, Mary-Rose Webb and Henryk Wolk. We pray for all the deceased including Joan Moynihan and Roy Markovina. We pray too for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Serving Spoons: Help make a difference in the community - let's feed the need with meals that matter! Our first free community meal will be held in St John's Hall on Monday 26 February at 12.30pm. If you know of any families or individuals who could do with a healthy meal or the company, please extend an invitation to them. We invite parishioners to offer support in the following ways:

- **Donate fresh fruit and vegetables:** These may be delivered to the Serving Spoons fridge/bins at St John's Church (outside the kitchen) on Saturdays between 9am-6.30pm or Sundays between 9am-12 noon, and to St Francis between 8am-9.30am on Sundays. We welcome weekly donations as this will be shared with Love Soup for their weekly dinners at Whangaparaoa Hall.
- **Volunteer at the monthly lunches:** Volunteer forms may be requested from Theresa in the parish office – email: hbcparish@xtra.co.nz or phone (09) 426 5599.
- **Make a monetary donation:** Place any amount in an envelope marked 'Serving Spoons' and place it the Mass collection bag or make a direct payment to the parish account 02 0100 0120966 17 with 'Serving Spoons' as the reference.

Our thanks to the Thompson family for donating a fridge to Serving Spoons.



Hestia Rodney Women's Refuge is seeking a space about the size of a single garage to store linen, clothing and other soft goods. If you can help with this, please contact Oriel Heseltine, 427 5154. Vern on 426 9555.

St Valentine's Day

Mass: A celebration of marriage and family on Saturday 17 February, St Patrick's Cathedral, 5.30 pm. (Wilson parking \$4 - validate ticket at Cathedral). All welcome - couples, singles, and children. For more info phone The Catholic Marriage Preparation Team, (09) 360-3008. or email sandraa@cda.org.nz



Preparations for Lent/Easter:

If you would like to volunteer for the following, please add your name to the lists in the foyer:

- Lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- Read the Gospel on Palm Sunday, 24/25 March at the 8.30am, 5.30pm or 10.15am Mass.
- Have your feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass, 7.30pm.
- Minister of the Word, Minister of Communion, coordinator or collector at the Good Friday Liturgy, 3pm.
- Mass coordinator, Minister of the Word, Minister of Communion, collector or sacristan at the Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil Mass (8.30pm) or the Easter 10.15am Mass.



Stations of the Cross during Lent:

Fridays - 7.30pm - St John's
 Sundays - 4.00pm - St Francis'

Sincere thanks to the generous donor of the delicious plum and cherry jam, left free of charge, on the table in the foyer just after Christmas. It was much appreciated. From a grateful parishioner.

Wanted to rent: A studio unit or small unit in the Orewa/WGP area. Single male parishioner. Please phone Ken, 021 2144367.

Planned Giving Renewal:

If you have any queries relating to the planned giving brochure handed out today, please contact: Douglas Birt - 027 4925189 or Kevin Farrell - 027 7024941 or Terry Cochrane - 426 2383

Sacramental Programme:

Begins again on Sunday 18 February, 9am at St John's Church. A parent-only meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday 13 February, 7-9pm. It is important that a parent from each of the registered families attend this meeting. Contact Claire Buckley, (09) 420 4045.

Dove Catholic Fellowship

invites all women to Holy Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall, [336 Wairau Road, Glenfield](http://www.dovecatholic.org.nz) on Wednesday 21 February, 7.30pm. Contact Nanci, (09) 419 0348.

Urgently needed:

Mass coordinators for the 5.30pm and 10.15am Masses. Please contact Theresa in the parish office if you would like to volunteer for this ministry.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

Peter & Rita Cowlshaw (69th - 5 Feb)
 Pat & Lana Hilliar (54th - 8 Feb)



End of Life Choice Bill:

Parliament's Justice Committee is asking for people's views on the Bill by 20 February. Information to help you make a submission is at www.rejectassistedsuicide.org.nz/protect/ or you can phone Euthanasia-Free NZ, 0800 427642.

Rosters: If you are involved in Eucharistic Adoration at St John's, please collect your roster from the foyer.

Oops! Fr Rons birthday is on 7 March. He was wished a month earlier in last weeks newsletter.

Hibiscus Coast Parish Pastoral Care

The Sacrament of Anointing: The Catholic Church offers the sacrament of Anointing to its members who are seriously sick or frail, undergoing surgery or approaching death. Please don't hesitate to request anointing for yourself or a family member at these times. Please contact Fr John, (09) 426 5599 Ext 2. If Fr John is unavailable please contact Deacon Murray, (09) 424 7465, or Deacon Greg, 027 603 5132.

Hospital Visits and Chaplaincy: If you or any of your family are a patient at North Shore Hospital or other hospital and wish us to know, please contact Deacon Murray, (09) 424 7465 or 021 994 703. If you would like a visit from a hospital chaplain please let the staff know or phone (09) 358 0825 Ext 1019.

Care and Share: A caring network in the parish catering to the requirements of the sick, lonely and people in need. Contact Truus Tinsel - 426 9548.

Ministry to the Sick & Infirm: Those who are sick or infirm, and who wish to receive Holy Communion in their home or place of residence, please contact our Communion to the Sick coordinator, Deacon Greg Murphy, 027 6035132 or annegreg@xtra.co.nz

Home Visits: Fr. Peter Gray, a retired priest of Auckland diocese, living in the parish, enjoys visiting parishioners in their homes. If you would like a visit from him, phone (09) 428 5376.

Prayer Chain: Please phone any of the members listed on the noticeboard in the foyer, if you require prayers for a special intention.

HIBISCUS COAST PARISH

St John the Evangelist Church - 180 Centreway Rd, Orewa
St Francis by the Sea Church - 8 Motutapu Ave, Manly

Sunday Mass Times:	St John's, Orewa - Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm and Sunday - 10.15am St Francis, Manly - Sunday - 8.30am
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion:	St John's, Orewa - Monday - 9.30am
Weekday Mass Times:	St John's, Orewa - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9.30am St Francis, Manly - Monday to Saturday - 9.30am - Wednesday - 7.30pm - this week only - Ash Wednesday
Reconciliation:	St John's, Orewa - Saturday - after 9.30am Mass and on request
Eucharistic Adoration:	St John's, Orewa - Monday to Thursday 10am-2pm

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 February 2018

This Sunday: Levit.13:1-2, 44-46 : Psalm 32 : 1 Cor 10: 31-11:1 : Mark 1:40-45
Next Sunday: Gen. 9:8-15 : Psalm 25 : 1Peter 3:18-22 : Mark 1:12-15

Caritas Lenten Appeal: Starts next Sunday, 18 February on the 1st Sunday of Lent. Due to delivery delays, the envelope packs will only be available in the church foyer next weekend. Each envelope pack covers the full six week period. Tear off an envelope each week, enclose your contribution and place it in the usual Sunday collection. If you prefer to make a one-off donation, 'single donation' envelopes will be available.

The miracle stories in the four gospels only number about 30 in all. Though part of the Christian message from the beginning, they are constantly associated with a concern that they not give rise to a superficial popular enthusiasm, but be understood as signs of the coming of the Kingdom. Today's account of the healing of the leper illustrates the point well.

What a magnificent encounter with which to introduce the missionary journeys of Jesus. It would be hard to find a more telling symbol of the human miseries that Jesus was sent to overcome, than the plight of the leper who threw himself at the feet of Jesus - 'If you want to you can cure me'. It was a situation produced in large part by human ignorance and fear, accentuated by traditions of ritual cleanness. Our first reading from Leviticus describes this pathetic condition in graphic detail - obliged to wear torn clothes, with hair dishevelled, and sounding the warning cry, 'Unclean!', that ostracised the leper from normal society. What the biblical writings called 'leprosy' included not only the dreaded Hansen's disease, but many other skin disorders, many of which modern medicine recognises not to be contagious.

As the Saviour is moved with compassion in the presence of this human misery, we are reminded that the Servant of God in the writings of Isaiah, who embodied God's saving designs, by 'bearing the sorrows' of the people, is described as assuming the condition of a leper - 'Despised, familiar with suffering, one from whom we averted our gaze' (Is 53:3). In fact, Jesus made an astounding gesture of solidarity with the man in his misery. As he healed the leper with his word of prophetic authority, he 'stretched out his hand and touched him'. In doing so, according to the Law, he had made himself ritually unclean. Who is this man? *John Thornhill sm*

Parish Team:

Fr. John Tollan (Parish Priest) - mejrt53@gmail.com - 426 5599 Ext. 2
Fr. Ron Saunders (Retired Assistant Priest)
Fr. Peter Gray (Retired priest - pastoral visits) - 428 5376
Deacon Murray Morgan - 426 5599 Ext 3 - murray@hbcparish.org.nz
Deacon Greg Murphy - annereg@xtra.co.nz - 0276035132.
Theresa Fouché (Secretary/Administration) - theresa@hbcparish.org.nz
Anne Murphy (Assistant Bookkeeper) - 426 5599
Theresa Fouché (Care and Share) - 426 5599



This week in the parish

Mon 12	7.30pm	Meditation, St John's
Tues 13	7.00pm	Prayer Group, St Francis
	7.00pm	Parent-only Meeting, Sacramental Programme, Hall
Wed 14	7.15pm	R.C.I.A., St John's
	9.00am	Rosary Prayers, St John's
	9.30am	Mass - Ash Wednesday, St John's
	9.45am	Mainly Music, Hall
	1.00pm	Indoor Bowls, Hall
	5.30pm	Meditation, St Francis
	7.15pm	Prayer Group, St John's
	7.30pm	Mass - Ash Wednesday, St Francis
Thur 15	4.00pm	Meditation, St John's
Fri 16	9.00am	Rosary prayers, St Francis
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross, St John's
Sun 18	9.00am	Sacramental Programme, St John's
	3.00pm	Secular Franciscans' Meeting, Hall
	4.00pm	Stations of the Cross, St Francis



Mass times on Ash Wednesday, 14 February

St John's - 9.30am
St Francis - 7.30pm

Ministers who will be distributing ashes to the sick are asked to bring a small container to Mass.

Urgent - we need your help!

We urgently require overhead projectionists, particularly for the 10.15am Mass at St John's. This is not a difficult task, training is provided and anyone, young or old can do this. The more people we have, the less frequently you need to be available - no more than once a month! If you would like to help out in this area, please call Chantal on 022 681 7579 or (09) 554 0623.

On Sale: NZ Catholic - \$4.00

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