



## The Radiance of God

..... His clothing became white and dazzling (Luke 9:29)

What was it like being in God's presence that was so apparent to the others? To what extent is the radiance of God

**We pray** for all the sick in our community including Lorraine Gullick and Kevin O'Brien. We pray for the recently deceased including Jerko Vujevich and Zofia Wolk. We pray too for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Why did Mary MacKillop** have such a devotion to St Joseph? Would you like to learn more about St Joseph? An interested group is meeting in St John's Hall at 2pm on Saturday 30 March. All are welcome to come and share in this, followed by afternoon tea. For more information phone Catherine Birt, (09) 424 0134.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship** invites all women to their meeting on Wednesday 20 March, 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Thomas More Church hall, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Barbara Hines will speak on 'Loved by Jesus' (John 8:7-10). Contact Sylvia (09) 443 7477.

### Stations of the Cross during Lent:

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



### Catholic Enquiry Centre:

Members, your \$20 subscription is now due, so kindly pass this on to your 'promoter' as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting this important evangelisation centre. Val Bennett, 426 8233.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

### Good News - Bible study:

Come and join the third session of our study of the Book of Galatians taking place during lent on Fridays at Francis Church, 10.15am-12.15pm. You will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and discussion. Morning tea will be served. Deacon Murray will lead sessions 3 & 4, Brian Hines session 5 and Fr Emile session 6. Contact Barbara 424 1130 or Elizabeth 428 5665.

### Living our lives with Love,

the Caritas Lenten programme, is on in the hall each Thursday at 7.30pm. In these sessions we reflect on the Sunday Gospels for the weeks of Lent. All are welcome to come and share in this. Contact Catherine Birt, 09 424 0134.



**Korean Prayer Group:** Meets every Tuesday in St John's chapel after the 9.30am Mass.

### Working Bee, St John's:

We need a group of volunteers to help with some light cleaning in St John's church on Thursday 21 March at 1pm. With enough helpers we should be finished within an hour or less. If you are able to assist please ring Gabrielle, (09) 426 9153.

**Garage Sale:** Sun 17 March and Saturday & Sunday 23/24 March at 648 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Hatfields (Cotlands' entrance) from 10am-4pm. Moving overseas, household and other items on sale.

**Serving Spoons:** Our next free community meal will be on Monday 25 March, 12.30pm in the parish hall. Donations of fresh veggies & fruit or funds will be appreciated.

**To be collected** from the foyer:

- Ministers' rosters for the 5.30pm and 10.15am Masses.
- Eucharistic Adoration rosters.

**On Sale:** NZ Catholic - \$4.00



**Meeting for all the youth** in the parish, their parents and any other interested parishioners today Sunday 17 March in the parish hall after 10.15am Mass to talk about future plans for a youth group. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Contact Tania Alofaki, 020 41473785. (The usual morning tea will still take place in the back end of the hall & courtyard).

### Stations of the Cross for young people



at St Francis Church on Good Friday, 9.30am. All children, teenagers, their families and all parishioners are invited.

**Mass of Anointing** on Saturday 30 March, 9.30am at St John's Church followed by morning tea in the hall. The Sacrament of Anointing is offered to parishioners who are seriously sick, frail, or about to undergo surgery or approaching death. Please invite anyone you know who may benefit from this sacrament and offer a lift if possible.

**St Francis Gardening team** next working bee - weeding and planting - 8am-10.30am, Sat 23 March. Please bring tools and protective shoes. Ph. Co-ordinator Cathy Allen 021943307 or email: [callen@allens.co.nz](mailto:callen@allens.co.nz). Thank you to everyone on this team.



### Auckland Christian Meditation Community Day

on Saturday 23 March, 10am-3.30pm at Tim Auld's home, 744 Waitakere Rd, Kumeu. 'The Unbroken Tradition' led by Caryl Haley. All welcome. For more information see the notice board or contact Charmaine Tolich, 0274 800418.

## 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 Emile Frische (09) 426 5599 Ext 2. If Fr Emile 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 greg09122015@gmail.com

**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

**Morning Mass Times:** St John's, Orewa - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday - 9.30am

St Francis, Manly - Monday to Saturday - 9.30am

**Reconciliation:** St John's, Orewa - Saturday - after 9.30am Mass and on

## 2nd Sunday of Lent - 17 March 2019

**This Sunday:** Gen 15:5-12,17-18 : Psalm 27 : Phil. 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28-36

**Next Sunday:** Exodus 17:3-7 : Psalm 95 : Rom. 5:1-2,5-8  
John 4:5-42



We are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent. Did the first week of Lent make any changes in your life? Lent is a journey, right? So, we have more opportunities to grow in love with God and Neighbour, as we listen to the Word of God today. As God led Abram along the way to the Promised Land, He is calling us to our 'promised land' too. We have the 'ticket' already – our Baptism. There is the need to stop and refill the tank along the way and God is there to do that for us.

So, this Sunday, as we 'top up' for the week ahead, it's good and necessary to take time out to listen to what God is calling us to do. In our Gospel we see that Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. The climb must have been tough going for the three because they were sleepy, but managed to stay awake enough to see what was taking place before them. Moses and Elijah appeared there with Jesus. And we have Peter saying: Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here. It sure was, and then there was the voice from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to Him.' Now, let's put ourselves on this mountain with Jesus, and listen to the voice of God. What do I hear? Am I listening with my heart? Lent. Fasting. Feasting. Here's something for us to think about: Fast from fear; Feast on Faith. Fast from despair; Feed on hope. Fast from anger and worry; Feed on patience. Fast from bitterness; Feed on love and forgiveness. Fast from words that wound; Feast on words that heal. As you repeat these words, focus on Jesus on the Cross. "Lord, it is good for us to be here." God Bless you all. Fr. Emile

## This week in the parish

Sun	17	11.15am	Meeting for all youth, Hall
		4.00pm	Stations of the Cross, St Francis
Mon	18	7.30pm	Meditation, St John's
Tues	19	10.00am	Korean Prayer Group, St John's chapel
		7.00pm	St Francis Prayer Group St Francis' chapel
		7.00pm	Liturgy committee Meeting, St John's
Wed	20	9.00am	Rosary prayers, St John's
		9.45am	Mainly Music, Hall
		1.00pm	Indoor Bowls, Hall
		5.30pm	Meditation, St Francis
		7.15pm	Prayer Group, Hall
Thur	21	4.00pm	Meditation, St John's
		7.00pm	PPC Meeting, St John's
		7.30pm	Lenten programme, Hall
Fri	22	10.15am	Bible Study Group, St Francis

**Caritas Lent Appeal:** Thank you for your contributions last week. Please continue to give generously during Lent. Spare appeal envelope packs are in the foyer. Help Caritas to provide for the needs of the poor by tearing off an envelope each week, enclosing your contribution and placing it in the usual Sunday collection.

**Mainly Music:** Do you love children? Do you love music? We need you!! Mainly Music is looking for a volunteer to run the Wednesday morning group in the parish hall at 9.30am-11am during school term. For more information phone Myra 021 02604695 or Jenna 021 1511515.

### Parish Team:

Fr Emile Frische - mhemile1970@gmail.com - 426 5599 Ext. 2  
Fr. Ron Saunders (Retired Assistant Priest)  
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### Hibiscus Coast Parish Office/Presbytery:

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**Stella Maris School:** [www.stellamaris.school.nz](http://www.stellamaris.school.nz)  
Principal - Alan Watts

Karere o Te Rongo Pai. To be messengers of the Gospel through our Faith, Love and Service. Whakapono, Aroha, Awhina.



