

**WHEN WE ARE
OBSESSED WITH
OUR OWN
PLEASURE, WE
END UP BEING
ALL TOO
CONCERNED
ABOUT OURSELVES
AND OUR RIGHTS**

We pray for all the sick in our community. We pray for all our deceased parishioners and loved ones, particularly those who have died in the past year.

Christmas Masses: If you are available to be a Minister of the Word, Minister of Communion, Sacristan, Mass Coordinator or Collector for the Christmas 5.30pm, Midnight, 8.30am or 10.15am Masses please add your name to the list in the foyer.

A Liturgy of the Word will replace the 9.30am Mass at St John's on Saturdays 10th & 17th November. There will be no reconciliations on those dates.

A nation-wide Pro-Life Rosary Crusade (for Life and Faith) will be held on 8 December at 3pm. To find out more info or how to lead a group, please phone 022 1912886 or go to www.rosarycrusade.co.nz

**Annual Seniors'
Christmas Lunch,
Friday 23 November,
Parish Hall, Noon.**



Admission free, carol sing-along, limited to 80 people. To book please add your name to the list in the foyer. Donations will be welcomed.

Living Wage Week: This week we reflect on the fact that for over 125 years the Catholic Church has supported the need for a just wage sufficient to adequately provide for a worker's family. In July 2016 Bishop Pat gave his support to the Living Wage movement that has in recent years been so successful in raising the wages of low paid workers. Of the 285,000 children living in poverty in New Zealand, 40% come from families where at least one adult is in full time work or self-employed. As parishioners we can look to ways to encourage employers to pay their workers the Living Wage which as Bishop Pat puts so well is a way of enabling families "to support themselves to live life with a modicum of respectability and not just be on the bread line."

Choral Mass for the Eve of Armistice. Celebrating 100 Years since the Declaration of Peace. Saturday 10 November, 7.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street. Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2).

Catholic gifts: Baptism candles, rosaries, crucifixes, devotion booklets and a variety of birthday, sympathy & get-well cards at Never Ending Books, Shop 4, The Village, Moenui Ave, Orewa. Store is open 9.00am-4.00pm Mon-Sat and 11.30am-3.30pm on Sundays.

Serving Spoons: Thank you to all our volunteers, Love Soup and those who donated food and funds for the lunch last Monday.



Sixty people enjoyed a delicious 3-course meal and the friendly company. Please diarise the dates for the remaining lunches for the year:
•Monday 26 November - 12.30pm
•Christmas Lunch - Monday 10 Dec at 12.30pm (note change in date). The team will be taking a break until Monday 25 February 2019.

On Sale: NZ Catholic - \$4.00

**Sunrise
Parish
Youth BBQ
Lunch**



Our parish youth of all ages and their families are invited to a BBQ at Orewa Beach (next to the basket-ball court) on Saturday 24 November, 10am-2pm. This is a build-up to our Youth Group Adventure 2019. Bring your happy face, sun hat, sun block, swim wear, your own meat (sausages provided) and a salad/plate to share. Contact Tania Alofaki, 020 41473785

Men of Prayer of the Hibiscus Coast churches meet on Monday 5 November, 7pm at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 3 Stanmore Bay Rd, Whangaparaoa. Prayer, praise & worship and a shared meal to conclude. Ph. Peter - 021 646682.

Wool: Thank you to those who have knitted baby jerseys and hats over time and those who have donated wool. If anyone has spare wool (including 8 ply) to donate to the knitting group for the poor, please leave it in a bag in either church foyer or hand it in at the parish office.

Operation Christmas Child:

Thank you to all those who have filled gift-boxes this year. So many children living in desperate situations will benefit from your generosity this Christmas.



Health & Safety - St John's:

When entering the car park please adhere to the 'Left Only' road marking, opposite the church entrance. Driving directly ahead is confrontational to both pedestrians using the crossing, and also other vehicles travelling in the correct direction. PLEASE discontinue this dangerous practice as we do not wish to observe an accident as a result of unnecessary negligence.

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.

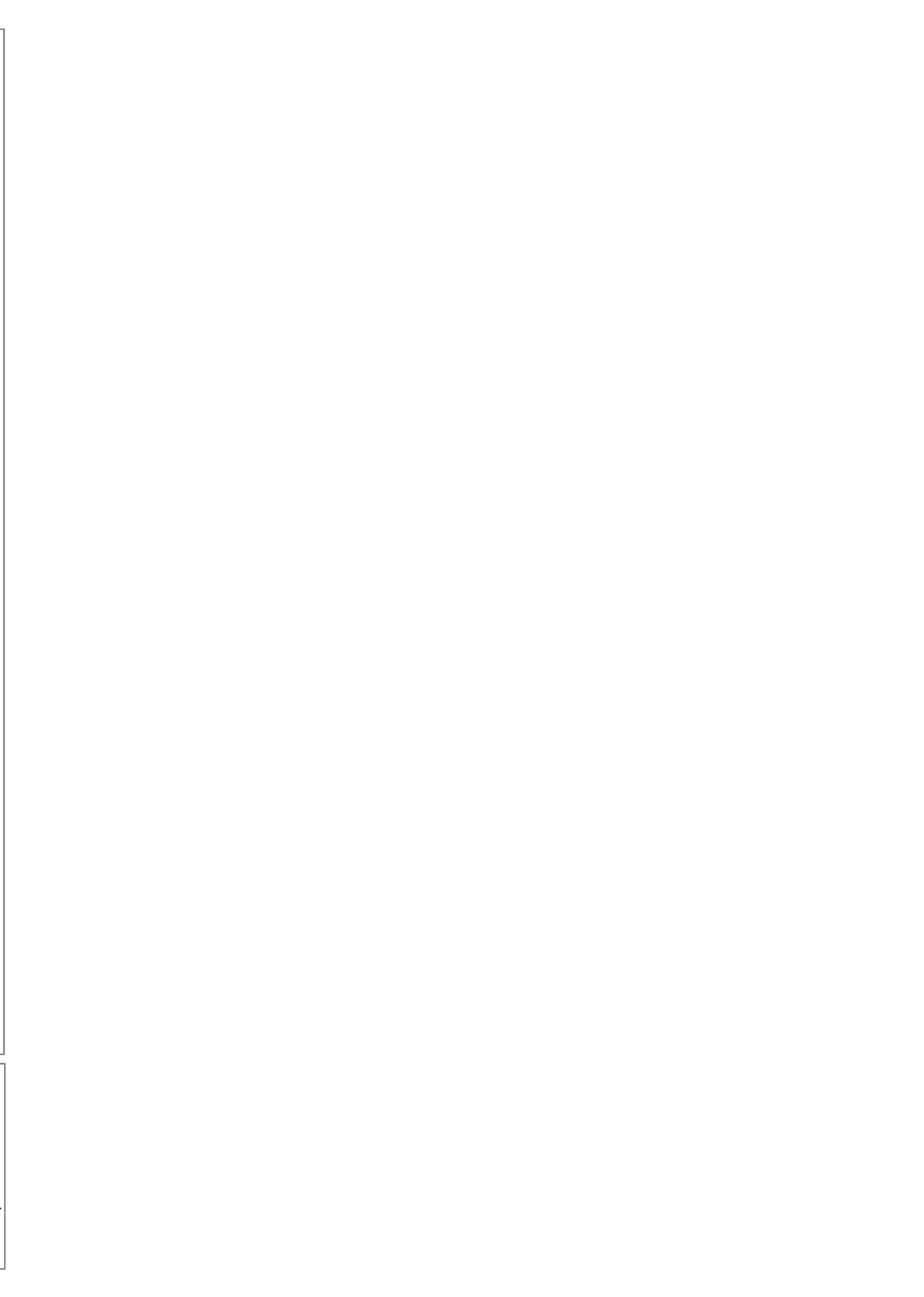
Hospital Visits and Chaplaincy: If you or any of your family are a patient at North Shore Hospital or other hospital and wish us to know, please contact Deacon Murray, (09) 424 7465 or 021 994 703. If you would like a visit from a hospital chaplain please let the staff know or phone (09) 358 0825 Ext 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 - 021 0811 6026.

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, 027 603 5132 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
Saturday - 9.30am (for the next 2 Saturdays)

Morning Mass Times: St John's, Orewa - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9.30am (For the next 2 weeks)
St Francis, Manly - Monday to Saturday - 9.30am

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November 2018

This Sunday: Deut. 6:2-6 : Psalm 18 : Heb. 7:23-28 : Mark 12:28-34
Next Sunday: 1Kings 17:10-16 : Psalm 146 : Heb. 9:24-28 : Mark 12:38-44

Today our children in the Sacramental Programme have their first lesson on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last week we reflected on this Sacrament and today we reflect on just what "forgiveness of sins means." Some people hold the view that "In the death of Jesus all our sins are already forgiven" and "we need to know this." If this were true there would be no need whatsoever for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Jesus would not have given us this Sacrament. Thankfully this belief is not contained in our Catholic Church teaching or theology. The 'salvific' events of the Cross (events which lead to salvation) can only be fully seen in the light of the Resurrection. When the risen Lord appeared to the Apostles he said, "If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven, if you retain the sins of any they are retained." (John 20:23). "*Baptism is the first and chief Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins because it unites us with Christ who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, that we too might walk in newness of life*" (CCC 977) Again, "*the grace of Baptism delivers no one from the weakness of nature.*" (CCC 978). In other words, Baptism washes away original sin and any sins committed up to that time. This is in accordance with the teachings of both Old and New Testaments that only past sins are forgiven. The significance of the death of Jesus is that his death liberates us from the power of sin. The power for the Church to forgive sins means that the Church can forgive sins committed after Baptism. Sin no longer has any power over us. Future sins are not 'already forgiven' as some have said. One final word from the Catechism. "*It is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that the Baptised can be reconciled with God and with the Church.*" (CCC 980) God bless you all.
Deacon Murray

Parish Team:

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This week in the parish

Sun	4	9.00am	Sacramental Programme, St John's
Mon	5	7.30pm	Meditation, St John's Chapel
Tues	6	7.00pm	St Francis Prayer Group Ph. 424 1130 for venue
Wed	7	9.00am	Rosary prayers, St John's
		9.45am	Mainly Music, Hall
		1.00pm	Indoor bowls, Hall
		1.00pm	Care & Share Meeting, Meeting Room, St John's
		5.30pm	Meditation, St Francis
		7.15pm	Prayer Group, Hall
Thur	8	4.00pm	Meditation, St John's

St John's church will be closed from Mon 5th to Wed 7th November as the light fittings will be replaced. There will be no Liturgy of the Word, Masses or Eucharistic adoration on those dates. All activities in the hall or chapel will take place as usual.

Fr John will be on leave until Saturday 17 November. A warm welcome to Fr Philip Sullivan who will be staying in the presbytery part of this time and celebrating Masses at St John's. Our thanks to him and Frs Ron and Peter for assisting in Fr John's absence.

November is the month when special prayers are offered for all the deceased.

A basket of remembrance will be kept at the altar at both churches.

Please write the names of those whom you wish to remember on a prayer intention slip in the foyer and place it in the basket.



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