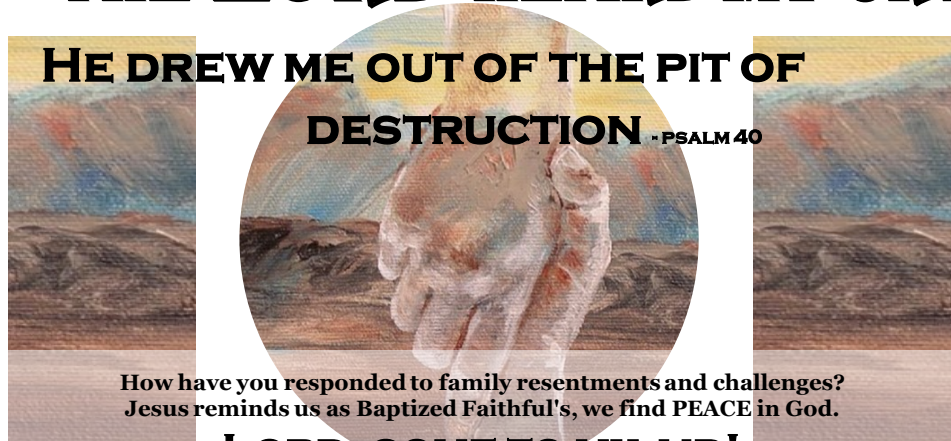


# THE LORD HEARD MY CRY.



HE DREW ME OUT OF THE PIT OF  
DESTRUCTION - PSALM 40

How have you responded to family resentments and challenges?  
Jesus reminds us as Baptized Faithful's, we find PEACE in God.

**LORD, COME TO MY AID!**

**Abortion Law Reform Bill** was given its First Reading on 8 August:

#### The proposed Bill:

- liberalises late-term abortion.
- has no safeguards to prevent sex-selective abortions.
- allows under 16's to access abortion on-demand
- has no safeguards to ensure women aren't being coerced
- has no cooling off period and pre-abortion counselling is not a requirement.
- has no safeguards to prevent abortions on the grounds of disability
- does not require that abortions be provided by a doctor.
- violates the right to freedom of conscience of medical professionals.
- provides for 'Safe Areas' where freedom of expression would be curtailed.

Further details and a Submissions Guide - [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

Submissions close on 19 September. Emailed submissions are **not accepted**.

Post or send via the Parliamentary website: [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_89814/abortion-legislation-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/52SCAL_SCF_BILL_89814/abortion-legislation-bill)

Please read submission guide inside your newsletter.

**Northern Wairoa Voice for Life** will be holding their AGM on 20th of August at the Dargaville Gospel Church beside the Fire Station at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Dear Parishioners please consider joining your local pro-life organisation by membership or active help at the field days.

For further information please phone Trish Hopkinson 439 6052

**Saint Mary's College Ponsonby (Northland) Old Girls** Luncheon on 28.9.2019 in Whangarei (Save the Date). Expressions of interest (leave your details) by 10.8.19 or sooner. Please contact Jane Gunson on Ph: 021 163 4058 or email [jane@sfx.school.nz](mailto:jane@sfx.school.nz) or [gunsontribe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gunsontribe@xtra.co.nz) Alternatively, Moira Taylor on 09 438 2772, [moiraandmike@xtra.co.nz](mailto:moiraandmike@xtra.co.nz)



18 August 2019

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

Dargaville Vigil Saturday 7:00pm

Dargaville Sunday 9:30am

Ruawai Vigil Saturday 5:30pm

Kaihu 1st Sunday 11:30am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:15 am

Thursday: 12:15 pm

Friday: 11:00 am

Saturday: 9:00am

#### Public Adoration of the

#### Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10:00 am

#### Reconciliation

Friday 10:00 am or by appointment

## Northern Wairoa Catholic Parish

Sacred Heart - St. Mary's - St. Agnes - St. Pius X

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

In today's gospel Jesus exclaims, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" We see fire in so many of the signs and symbols of our church: the candles that we light at the altar and ambo, the sanctuary lamp lit whenever Jesus is present in the tabernacle, the Easter fire that lights the paschal candle, which in turn lights our own individual candles and the candle of each newly baptised member of our church. Flame marks all of the significant moments in our life of faith, and often the everyday moments too, as we light a candle to pray at home, to enjoy a family meal, or to blow out on a birthday cake.

And this makes sense. Jesus tells us in John's gospel, "I am the light of the world" and in Matthew's gospel he commissions us to act as people of flame, saying "You are the light of the world" why does Jesus use fire imagery so much? What does fire do? Fire transforms; what is cold becomes hot, what is hard becomes soft, what is dirty is purified, what is hidden in darkness becomes illuminated for all to see.

In Jesus' life we see these moments of transformation taking place as he ministers to the people he meets on the dusty roads of ancient Israel. And now it is our turn. We are called into this mission of Jesus to set the world on fire. But how? At World Youth Day 2000, Pope John Paul II paraphrased a famous quote of St. Catherine of Siena, "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" Nothing more, nothing less; Be who God dreams you to be..

*Living Liturgy 2019*

**MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 24 & 25 AUGUST**

**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday: 7.00pm - B McGilp, A McMillan

Sunday: 9.30am - B Isaacs, S Schoonderwoerd

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturday 7.00pm - \* David & Nikki McCarthy

Sunday: 9.30am - \* K & E Perreau, H Yakas,  
S Schoonderwoerd, J O'Neill

**Readings 25 Aug 2019**

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13  
Gospel Luke 13:22-30

**Altar Servers for 25 Aug**

Corey, Kamilah, Shanida

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**ROSARY:**

Recited 20 minutes before each Mass

*Rosary Intention for August is for  
Priestly Vocations, Priests and all Religious*

**AUGUST**

- Sunday 18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass .. 9.30am
- Monday 19 Meditation group meets ..... 7.00pm
- Wednesday 21 Mass at Kauri Coast..... 10.00am
- Thursday 22 Gospel group meets movie night ..... 6.00pm  
Pot Luck Dinner
- Sunday 25 Sacramental Programme..... 8.30am  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass .. 9.30am  
RCIA Programme ..... 12.30pm
- Monday 26 Meditation group meets ..... 7.00pm
- Saturday 31 Novena for Euthanasia and Abortion 12.15pm

**Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday brings the remembrance of Christ's Redemptive passion and death. Friday is also the day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Friday of the month is a special day of adoration, mainly in reparation for the sins of mankind. Come and join us as we spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

**Every Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is prayed and Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this time.**

**LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD & THE SICK**

**Recent Deaths:** Bella Hutchinson ,

**Death Anniversary:** Jayne Ryder, Ernie Grbavac, James Vodanovich

**Sick:** Lisa Maree Zwaans, Charlotte Powell, Molly McGowan, Stephanie Matich, Jim Grbavac, Fr Nick Alleman, Frankie Harrison, Mary Dunn, Mark Tibbits, Arthur King, Ehraim Peralta, Fr Tevaga, Peter and Ann Jackson, Tony Shone, Lesley Smith, Aubree Busenbark and Pat Thornton.

**Last Sunday Collection: \$1002.30; Development fund: \$278.00; Caring Sunday: \$5.00;**

**May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.**

**Please remember the Parish in your WILL**

**SPIRITUAL READING AND MEDITATION FOR THIS WEEK**

<p><b>Aug 18</b> Giving thanks unto the Lord.  <i>Ezra 3:11</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 19</b> The Lord... Made them rejoice.  <i>2 Chronicles 20:27</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 20</b> Stop and consider God's wonders.  <i>Job 37:14</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 21</b> Do not be quick with your mouth.  <i>Ecclesiastes 5:2</i></p>
<p><b>Aug 22</b> We will remember your love.  <i>Song of Solomon 1:4</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 23</b> God has not forsaken us.  <i>Ezra 9:9</i></p>	<p><b>Aug 24</b> Lord... You are righteous.  <i>Ezra 9:15</i></p>	

**Nine day Novena** to pray that our Leaders will choose life for all people. From conception to death. This will begin on Saturday 31st August at 12.15pm and finish on Sunday 8th September. All welcome. If you would like the Novena prayers these will be available at the office so as to join with us wherever you may be.

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS:** Saturday 14th September 2019 at 10.30am till 11.30am we will have a special Holy Hour for people affected by violence. This covers all aspects of mental, physical, social, sexual and verbal violence. If you have been subject to any of this or know anyone who has please invite them to join this time of healing prayer.

**GOSPEL GROUP** meets on Thursday evenings at Miriam and Steve's home normally at 7pm but on Thursday 22nd of August they will be having a movie night. If you are interested and would like to join us, please bring something to share at our pot luck dinner for a 6pm start. Please phone either Miriam 439 8818 or James 439 7903 .

**Saint for the Week** When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus. - St Rose of Lima (1586-1617), Patroness of America, Feast Day August 23

**QUOTEMEAL:** "Other sins find their vent in the accomplishment of evil deeds, whereas pride lies in wait for good deeds, to destroy them." — St. Augustine of Hippo