

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.

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

Please read submission guide inside your newsletter.

SEPTEMBER IS CHAPLAINCY APPRECIATION MONTH: We have a great group of Volunteer Chaplains who regularly visit those who find themselves in need of hospital care. Donations are always needed to sustain this effort.

Contact: www.ichc.org.nz or call 0800 246 7242 Please see notice board for a cabaret with refreshments for a fundraiser.

Bible Society Chinese Dinner Date: Saturday 14th September
Time: 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start Place: Dargaville Methodist Church Hall
Cost: Adults \$20, children \$1 per year of age up to 12 years.
Numbers attending to Veronica Simpkin, phone 974 7805
or 021 1899369, or vmsimpkin@gmail.com

There is a China appeal just now, and James Williamson from the bible Society will be our guest speaker.

SOUTHERN CAMP MANGAWHAI for youth from 8yrs to 18 yrs. Monday October 7th till Wednesday October 9th 2019. Registration forms are on the table at the back of the church. This is a very popular camp and fills up very quickly. First in First Served. Any questions please phone Bernadette in the office 439 8435.

NZ Catholic is out now: Some headlines are: Fr Matthew Gibson ordained in Hamilton. NZ co-hosts safeguarding conference in Rome. Bishops urge parishioners to stand for life. Visiting Deaf priest stresses need for sign language training. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on Sept. 22.

Praying the Rosary: Concentrating on the mysteries of the rosary can be difficult. Reading the mysteries makes it much easier. I have a printout if you would like. Please ask Bernadette at the office.



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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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

This is the second time in Luke's gospel that Jesus has told his would-be followers that if they wish to be his disciples

they must take up their crosses and follow him.

We, who wear crosses around our necks and place them in prominent places in our churches and homes, are probably not shocked by this statement. How might Jesus' original audience have felt when these words came out of his mouth?

In Jesus' day the cross was a tool of torture and execution used by the Roman Empire to punish and make examples of those who would dare to defy its might. To carry your cross would be to constantly bear the weight of that which would ultimately kill you. And this is just what Jesus does. Knowing that his current path is leading him to Jerusalem and the crucifixion, he takes it anyway.

What does this saying mean for us today?

Fortunately, many of us will never face martyrdom for our beliefs. However, there are many ways of pouring out our lives for others.

In *The Sound of Music*, the mother superior counsels Maria, the wayward postulant, to discern which path in life, marriage or sisterhood, "will need / all the love you can give / every day of your life / for as long as you live."

For us today, the cross is not so much a symbol of violence or brutality, but of the complete and total gift of self that Jesus completes on Calvary. On the cross, just as he did with every moment of his life, Jesus pours out all the love he can give. He invites us to do the same,

"Take up your cross and follow me."

Living Liturgy 2019



MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 14th & 15th Sept

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 7.00pm - Nikki & David McCarthy
 Sunday: 9.30am - M Marinkovich, T Neems

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 7.00pm - * Paul Witten,
 Sunday: 9.30am - * A Lopez, M Marinkovich,
 M Grbavac, M Hopkinson, B Isaacs

Readings 15th Sept 2019

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Gospel Luke 15:1-32

Altar Servers for 15th Sept

Samuel, Jayden, Breeze

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: Fergus O'Neill, Phyllis Dragicevich, George Marinkovich.

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

Last Sunday Collection:\$892.30; **Development fund:** \$248.00;

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>Sept 08 He gives us more grace. <i>James 4:6</i></p>	<p>Sept 09 God is faithful <i>1 Corinthians 10:13</i></p>	<p>Sept 10 I can do all things through Christ. <i>Phillippians 4:13</i></p>	<p>Sept 11 The Lord will keep you. <i>Psalms 121:7</i></p>
<p>Sept 12 By Him (God) deeds are weighed. <i>1 Samuel 2:3</i></p>	<p>Sept 13 Ask, and it will be given to you; <i>Matthew 7:7</i></p>	<p>Sept 14 Seek and you will find. <i>Matthew 7:7</i></p>	

PARISH CALENDAR

ROSARY:

Recited 20 minutes before each Mass
Rosary Intention for September is for all Fathers

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 08	Sacramental Programme..... 8.30am 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass .. 9.30am Novena 10.30am RCIA Programme 12.30pm
Monday 09	Meditation group meets 7.00pm
Wednesday 11	School Mass 9.15am Liturgy meeting 12 Noon
Thursday 12	Thursday Ladies Group meets 10.30am Gospel group meets 7.00pm
Saturday 14	Special Holy Hour for Violence 10.30am
Tuesday 17	Liturgy..... 5.30pm
Wednesday 18	Liturgy..... 9.15am Music group meeting..... 5.15pm
Thursday 19	Gospel group meets 7.00pm
Sunday 22	Sacramental Programme..... 8.30am 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass .. 9.30am RCIA Programme 12.30pm
Wednesday 25	Mass at Kauri Coast Rest Home 10.00am Finance meeting..... 10.30am

Sacred Heart Gospel Group is hosting the exclusive screening of "UNPLANNED" on October 21st at the Anzac Theatre, Dargaville at 5.30pm \$20 per ticket. Tickets are available through Fanforce website or Phone Miriam Guthrie on 0272812434 or 439 8819 if you require assistance to purchase. Miriam has **SIX tickets** for those unable to access an online purchase. For tickets go to: <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-anzac-theatre-dargaville/>

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 in this time of healing prayer.