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**NEW ZEALAND BISHOPS' CONFERENCE** has produced their 2020 Election Statement: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf>

**BE INFORMED ABOUT THE END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT REFERENDUM:**

See [www.riskylaw.nz](http://www.riskylaw.nz) or [www.votesafe.nz](http://www.votesafe.nz) or [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.nathaniel.org.nz](http://www.nathaniel.org.nz)

**COLUMBAN CALENDERS**

Available now \$12. See Ruth after Mass.

**PONTIFICAL MISSION (MISSIO-NZ)**

Next weekend (**18 OCT**) our parish will be holding the Pontifical Mission (MISSIO-NZ) Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the needy Church in the Philippines. They reach out to those who have been affected by poverty and disability. Your gifts will specifically be directed to support communities and child-focused integral programs. May your generosity be an expression of your care for those less privileged. Thank you.

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY at TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.**

Bishop Pat is calling for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for study in 2021 for people who intend to do one or more Theology papers. For further information and an application form, contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Email: [catheriner@cda.org.nz](mailto:catheriner@cda.org.nz). **The closing date for applications is 6 Nov 2020.**

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

**6-8 NOVEMBER**  
[www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

**DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sun 11 Oct** – Baptism after Mass  
**Wed 14 Oct** – Finance Meeting  
**Sun 18 Oct** – World Mission Sunday  
**Wed 21 Oct** – Liturgy Meeting



**Northern Wairoa Catholic Parish**

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

**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 25:6-10, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:12-14  
Matthew 22:1-14

In today's parable, the kingdom of heaven is compared to a wedding feast. Before looking at the particular course of the wedding feast, we could say, what a joyful image! For the bride and groom, their wedding day will hopefully be one of the happiest of their lives. Not only are they stepping into a new future with their beloved, but their family and friends have gathered to support their union. There are many ways we could think of a wedding feast as a fitting comparison to the kingdom of heaven. In today's parable Jesus focuses on the invitation.



A king is throwing a wedding feast for his son and on the day of the banquet sends his servants out twice to bid the invited guests to come. In a shocking display of bad manners, twice the guests refuse. We might consider, how could this be like the kingdom of heaven?

It is good to note that before flying into a rage, the king offers his guests multiple chances – there's the initial invitation before the wedding day and then twice personal summons are given. The second time the king even sends the message, "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Throughout our lives God offers many invitations to us to be part of his kingdom and to be fed at his table. Even though we have been invited, we also know that God honours our free will. If we refuse the invitation to the feast, we won't be forced to join. As we journey closer to the end of our liturgical year, now is a good time to ponder, over the past year, how have we responded to the invitations God has issued in our lives?

**11 OCTOBER 2020**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

Dargaville..... Sunday 9.30am  
Ruawai..... Vigil Saturday 5.30pm  
Kaihu..... 1st Sunday 11.30am  
Tangiteroria.3rd Sunday 11.30am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday..... 12.10pm  
Wednesday..... 12.10pm  
Thursday..... 12.10pm  
Friday..... 12.10pm

**Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Friday 11:00 am

**Reconciliation**  
**Dargaville** By appointment.  
**Ruawai** 4.30-5.15pm before Saturday Vigil Mass



**Jubilee Bursary**

For theology studies

**BURSARY APPLICATIONS**

**INVITED for Semester One, 2021**

Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 12 November 2020. For information and an application pack please contact Michelle Jarvis: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz) or phone (09) 360-3091

**MARY AND THE REFORMATION – Mary, full of Grace** with Br Kieran Fenn  
**On ZOOM Tues 20 Oct, 7-8.30pm.**

Fee: Koha/Donation. For more info and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz). See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-teaching-mary-in-the-reformation/>

**CDA CONNECT** CDA Connect is a monthly newsletter concerning happenings in the diocese. Read the current edition <https://mailchi.mp/cda/cda-connect-issue-5827470>.

**ONLINE SESSION (RETREAT DAY): WHO AM I?**

– Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler.

**Saturday 28 November**  
**10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60**  
(Please note new Date!)

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

|                       | SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER   | SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER                                 |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Ministers of the Word | M Marinkovich, B Isaacs   | B Zwaans, R Gilmour                               |
| Collection            | K Perreau, E Perreau  | A Warren, S Bourke                                |
| Gifts                 | S Martin, A Moran   | Lopez family                                      |
| Eucharistic Ministers | S Schoonderwoerd<br>*J O'Neill, K Perreau<br>E Perreau, H Yakas | P Bourke, *A Punnoose<br>RQ Gilmour<br>D Guy      |
| Altar Servers         | St Joseph group   | St Maximilian group                               |
|                       | SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER   | SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER                                 |
| Ministers of the Word | S Emirali, J Nyssen   | A Bourke, S Bourke                                |
| Collection            | A Bourke, P Bourke  | K Gilmour, R Gilmour                              |
| Gifts                 | J O'Neill, S Schoonderwoerd                                     | B & B Battye                                      |
| Eucharistic Ministers | A Moran, *K Gilmour<br>R Gilmour, N Moran<br>S Moran            | M Marinkovich, K Cyprian<br>*B Isaacs<br>P Witten |
| Altar Servers         | St Joseph group   | St Maximilian group                               |

### Next weeks Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6, Psalm 96, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21

### ALTAR SERVERS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS—MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Father Simone has requested that the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word meet with him at the conclusion of the Rosary prior to Mass beginning in the sacristy to prepare to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Process in with Father and also process out with Father at the end of Mass.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Please give the names of your loved ones to James Nyssen if you would like them included in our prayers and parish bulletin.

### OCTOBER - MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

During the month of October, Holy Hour and Mass (usually on Friday mornings) will be transferred to **FRIDAY EVENINGS at 6.30pm**. There will be a short period of Exposition with Rosary and Benediction, followed by Mass. There will be a different intention each week. Second week (Oct 9-16) in your prayertime pray for **SUCCESS FOR ALL OUR PARISH UPCOMING PROJECTS**.



Last Sunday's Collection: \$672.70 Development Fund: \$124.00

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

Please remember the Parish in your WILL.

*Be inspired!* "The tree that is beside the running water is fresher and gives more fruit." — St Teresa of Avila

## PARISH CALENDAR

**ROSARY:** Recited 20 minutes before each Mass

### OCTOBER

*Rosary Intention is for All Children.*

|                     |   |                               |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 11</b>    | <b>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> .....    | <b>9.30am</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Baptism after Mass if required</b>                 |                               |
| <b>Monday 12</b>    | <b>Meditation Group</b> .....                         | <b>7pm</b>                    |
| <b>Wednesday 14</b> | <b>Finance Meeting</b> .....                          | <b>10.30am</b>                |
| <b>Thursday 15</b>  | <b>Gospel Group</b> .....                             | <b>7pm</b>                    |
| <b>Friday 16</b>    | <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass</b> .. | <b>6.30pm</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Reconciliation (by appointment)</b>                |                               |
| <b>Saturday 17</b>  | <b>Reconciliation (Ruawai)</b> .....                  | <b>4.30pm</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Ruawai Vigil Mass</b> .....                        | <b>5.30pm</b>                 |
| <b>Sunday 18</b>    | <b>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> .....     | <b>9.30am</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Tangiteroria Mass</b> .....                        | <b>11.30am</b>                |
| <b>Monday 19</b>    | <b>Meditation Group</b> .....                         | <b>7pm</b>                    |
| <b>Wednesday 21</b> | <b>Liturgy Meeting</b> .....                          | <b>after the 12.10pm Mass</b> |
| <b>Thursday 22</b>  | <b>Gospel Group</b> .....                             | <b>7pm</b>                    |
| <b>Friday 23</b>    | <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass</b> .. | <b>6.30pm</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Reconciliation (by appointment)</b>                |                               |
| <b>Saturday 24</b>  | <b>Reconciliation (Ruawai)</b> .....                  | <b>4.30pm</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Ruawai Vigil Mass</b> .....                        | <b>5.30pm</b>                 |
| <b>Sunday 25</b>    | <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> .....        | <b>9.30am</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Tongan Mass</b> .....                              | <b>11.30am</b>                |

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 2020: Valuing the Vulnerable **Sunday 11 October**.

The resources prepared by The Nathaniel Centre this year are available to download from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference website: [www.catholic.org.nz/resources/valuing-the-vulnerable-is-the-theme-for-respect-life-sunday-2020/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/valuing-the-vulnerable-is-the-theme-for-respect-life-sunday-2020/)

**ECUMENICAL DAY:** Presence in Unity with Sarah Hart, Fr Kevin Waldie and Rev Ivica Gregurec. A celebration with biblical, theological, artistic musical input and morning tea at St Columba Centre (40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland). **Saturday, 17 October**, 10am-1pm. Fee: \$10 (incl Morning Tea). For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz) See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ecumenical-day/>

### LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD AND THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Recent deaths:** Mench Garcia, Jim Grbavac. **Death Anniversary:** Mary Fannon, Peter Cyprian. **Sick:** Rex Whiteman, Joan Lambeth, Brian Hopkinson, Mons. Fr Kevin Hackett, Margaret Everett, Steve Midgley, Gwen Aldersley, Tevita Vaea Tupou, Rihari Gunn, Brian Warmington, Jeanette Hawkings, Doug Greenwood, McGregor Smith, Frances Mrkusich, Lisa Maree Zwaans, Charlotte Powell, Stephanie Matich, Fr Nick Alleman, Mark Tibbits, Arthur King, Fr Tevaga, Peter and Ann Jackson, Reti Leef, Peter Angus.