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Every Sunday at 11:30 am

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Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Newsletter

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Office Hours: 12:30 – 3:30pm every Thursday

ACFC Chaplain: Fr. Gilbert Ramos

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ACFC Website Updates

an official document that outlines a detailed update of what's been happening on the ACFC Website Development Project is now available. If you want to view it or have any queries, contact the

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They are currently seeking one more volunteer to help the project team into further development of the website.

"The Necessity And Blessing Of Flexibility"

"We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God's hands" (Proverbs 16:1, The Living Bible). "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:13-15).

Message summary: Consider the blessing of flexibility as God brings to pass that which He has planned for us even though it might not be the way we had expected it to happen, in the time frame we had in mind or even as we want it to.

Source:
<https://encouragement.wordpress.com>

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THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Source: <https://www.popesprayer.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/English-2018-def-temi.pdf>

Prayer of the Month – November 2018

Lord, God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried. But our efforts have been in vain.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us, and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of Peace. Amen.

– Invocation for Peace by Pope Francis

Source: [November Reflection by Dcn. Ted Penton – In the Service of Peace](#)

Setting the season >>>

**Month for the Faithful Departed
The Saints in Heaven and Souls in Purgatory**



On All Souls Day and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithfully departed and pray for them.

We offer this **special Pope Francis prayer card** as reconciliation for those who are honoring the loss of a loved one. Please read it during a quiet moment at a place that was meaningful for you and your loved one.

A Special Prayer for
All Souls Day, November 2nd

Their lives change but do not end

A Prayer Offered by Pope Francis
We entrust to you, O Lord,
the souls of our beloved dead.

May none of them be afraid to meet You,
after their earthly pilgrimage,
but may they always hope to be welcomed
in the embrace of your infinite mercy.

Lord, may no earthly thing
ever separate us from You,
but may everyone and everything
support us with a burning desire
to rest peacefully and eternally in You.
Amen.

Source: <https://cmmb.org/>

Pope on All Saints' Day: Live for heaven, not the world

An excerpt from an article written by:
By [Hannah Brockhaus](#)

Vatican City, Nov 1, 2018 / 07:44 am

([CNA/EWTN News](#)).

- If a Christian wants to reach heaven, he or she should ask themselves if they are living for the pleasures of the world, or if they are striving after holiness with all their strength, Pope Francis said on the feast of All Saints.

“Let us ask ourselves what side we are on: that of heaven or that of the earth? Do we live for the Lord or for ourselves, for eternal happiness or for some fulfillment now?” the pope said Nov. 1.

“Let us ask ourselves: do we really want holiness?” he continued. “Or do we content ourselves with being Christians without disgrace and without praise, who believe in God and esteem others but without going too far?”

Pope Francis continued:

“In short, either holiness or nothing!” he said.

The pope led the Angelus from a window overlooking St. Peter’s Square in honor of the feast day. In his message before the prayer, he said it is good for Catholics to let themselves be encouraged by the saints, who did not live their lives by “half measures.”

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-on-all-saints-day-live-for-heaven-not-the-world-63455>

Growing in Faith >>> Prayer Group Schedules

Bible Apostolate: Bible Study and Sharing, every 1st Thursday & 3rd Friday of the month, Mary Mackillop Hall, 7:00pm

Legion of Mary: Weekly Prayer Meeting, 1st Saturday of the month, and Fridays for the rest of the month, JP II Hall, 6:00pm

Kapatiran Group: Prayer Meeting, twice every month

Santo Nino de Cebu Novena & Mass: Every 3rd Friday of the month, St Benedict’s church 7pm

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

For the last few months, the Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Evangelization Team prepared 25 children for the Sacrament of Initiation. They received their First Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation at the Filipino mass officiated by His Grace Bishop Patrick Dunn DD, Bishop of Auckland, at Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral on 28 Oct 2018.

Father Gilbert Ramos, ACFC Chaplain, wishes to thank Bishop Patrick Dunn for officiating at the mass, to all the parents and their families for supporting the children and to the hard work of the ACFC Evangelization Team headed by Djoh Leedom.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

1- ACFC MONTHLY MEETING 11 Nov 2018 straight after Filipino mass. Venue: Mary MacKillop Hall. Reminding all representatives of Community groups registered with the ACFC

2-ACFC Formation Seminar for Ministers of Word (Readers and Commentators) and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on 01 Dec 2018 from 10am to 12pm at Mary McKillop Hall

3-ACFC MIGRANT SUPPORT SERVICES
Inviting all Filipino Migrants to register at the foyer so as to be in the mailing list for upcoming migrant support seminars and gatherings. First event is the Christmas "Bundles of Joy" event for migrants. Date to be advised.

4- ADVENT RECOLLECTION organized by ACFC Bible Apostolate and to be conducted by Fr. Gilbert Ramos on 2 December 2018 at Mary McKillop Hall straight after Filipino mass.

5-Feast of Immaculate Conception = TBA

6- INVITING DEVOTIONAL GROUPS TO LEAD RECITATION OF ROSARY BEFORE START OF MASS

Fr. Gilbert confirmed that Rosary at 11 am before the Filipino Mass is to be resumed. To contact Eva Ricacho if you want to be rostered. Suggestion - to roster Marian devotional groups to lead in the Rosary.

7- SIMBANG GABII at Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral from Dec 15 – Dec 23 at 7PM

COME AND JOIN THE FILIPINO MASS
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Proud To Be A Filipino.
MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!!!!

Note: Kindly email articles & notices to
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Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Team

Your Financial support to the Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy enables Liturgy, Worship, Evangelization, Church Services and Maintenance.

Please consider joining the planned giving scheme to help with Chaplaincy ongoing projects and activities. Contact Rey Grafia for an enrolment form.

Please take home a copy of the newsletter for your information.

Date	ROSTERS for November 2018
04 Nov 2018	<u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u> Bernie & Cecile Delluta, Lino Orquejo, Lucy Ainsworth, Candy Herlihy, Nitz Arcena, Demi & Emi Penaranda, Carmen Shaw <u>Ministers of the Word:</u> Suzette Orquejo, Au Egay, Mon Egay <u>Cleaning Roster:</u> Devotees of San Pedro Calungsod
11 Nov 2018	<u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u> Top & Grace Espinosa, Emy Cruz, Bernardo Bianan, Glo Mandingiado, Mercy Catoto, Dadai Norman, Emilie Sacay, Carmen Shaw <u>Ministers of the Word:</u> Tintin Tenorio, Delia Espenido, Thelma Cruz <u>Cleaning Roster:</u> Legion of Mary
18 Nov 2018	<u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u> Oscar & Miriam Batucan, Lito & Lina Magalong, Dennis Magcalas, Cristina Carpio, Nenet Nario, Lucy Ainsworth, Carmen Shaw <u>Ministers of the Word:</u> Lotlot Abelardo, Oscar Laderas, Flor Caluya <u>Cleaning Roster:</u> Devotees of Lady of Penafrancia
25 Nov 2018	<u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u> Edward & Jane Pineda, Nitz Arcena, Glo Mandingiado, Emi & Demi Penaranda, Candy Herlihy, Bernie & Cecile Delluta <u>Ministers of the Word:</u> Lilibeth Navarro, Oscar Laderas, Flor Caluya <u>Cleaning Roster:</u> Devotees of the Black Nazarene