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Every Sunday at 11:30 am

Insights, News and Events

Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Newsletter

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News & Events >>>

From the ACFC Website Team:
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The ACFC website is under development! Our target is for the site to go live on 30 October. The team is currently looking for representatives from each of our faith groups and choir groups to provide information about their groups, contact information and photos. Thank you to those who have contributed already. If you are able to help, please contact Brian Gonzales at acfc.youth@outlook.co.nz OR brian.gonzales@outlook.com

Brian has submitted an excellent summary of what is specifically required now (search emails for ACFC Website Project)

Honouring a Faithful Worker in the Lord's Vineyard: **BARBARA BATO**

Sis Barbs, as she was fondly called, had been a member of the Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Evangelization Team for many years. She was so dedicated to every task entrusted to her which she carried out always with pride and great effort. The ACFC Leadership Team will organize a Mass on Sep 7, 2018 at 6:30pm to commemorate her 1st death anniversary. The Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Meadowbank followed by shared dinner.

September Highlights

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Universal – Young People in Africa

"That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries."

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

Prayer of the Month – September 2018

O God, we ask you to guide and protect the young people of Africa from the dangers that are ever present in our world today. Be with them, as they experience both sickness and health, sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure. Gracious God, give them the courage and strength to make the right decisions as they journey through life.

Almighty, all loving God, may your Holy Spirit continue to inspire the youth of Africa to grow in wisdom, generosity and goodness.

May they be signs of hope and light, agents and sources of change to bring forth peace and justice in Africa.

May they share their faith, hope, joy, and enthusiasm for the gospel with the Church around the world. May they always remember that you will help them to cross whatever puddles they meet

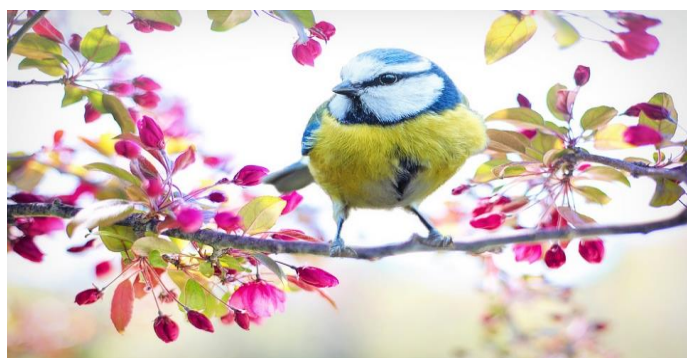
along the way. And in their needs, may they not be afraid to turn to Mary, for she is our Mother, the Mother of Hope and the Queen of Africa. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Source: [September Reflection by Fr. Peter Schineller – Young People in Africa.](#) [Guest Author](#)–August 30, 2018
<http://popesprayerusa.net/2018/08/30/prayer-month-september-2018/>

Setting the season >>>

Winter is over! Welcome Spring!!!



Yes! Winter is almost over, and we are now heading to the beautiful Spring season which is also known as the 'blooming season'.

Just as the seasons change, we too experience change in life, change in the path of where we are heading to. Sometimes life can be energizing and vibrant, and we feel like everything is working in our favour. At other times we don't feel so good with the outcome of things that we just want to go away and go on a different path to escape a situation.

I believe God is at work in every season of our life. We may not see the process and the scope from start to finish but He has a plan and a purpose for everything that He allows to happen in our life.

It is when we put our total faith and confidence in God that we are made strong through all the trials and circumstances in life, the changing seasons of our life. God will see us through it all.

I love the lyrics of this song: **THROUGH IT ALL** by [Hillsong](#)

"You are forever in my life. You see me through the seasons. Cover me with Your hand. And lead me in Your righteousness. And I look to You, And I wait on You. I'll sing to You, Lord, a hymn of love for Your Faithfulness to me. And I'm carried in everlasting arms You'll never let me go through

it all."

By: Miriam Batucan

INSIGHTS BY MARIA EVA RICACHO "Let us all actively participate in the Holy Mass"

The Church says that *"the celebration of the Eucharist must lead to a conscious, active and fruitful participation of the faithful"*. It also says that the celebration of the Holy Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God, is the "centre of the whole of Christian life." (GIRM). The Church further explains that as the Holy Mass is a celebration of the Last Supper in which Christ instituted the Sacrifice of His Body and Blood, and at the same time, when he commanded the Apostles to do it in His memory, he entrusted the memorial of his Death and Resurrection to us, his beloved Church. "Memorial" because it is not merely the recollection of past events, but in a certain sense renders them present and real (Pope Francis, 2017).

Hence, in the Holy Mass, when the celebrant offers the Sacrifice in the person of Christ and presides over the gathering of the holy people, it is but fitting that we show greatest respect and attention to what the celebrant is doing. To participate means to share in the task of another. Here, that other is the priest. He is not there for himself, but for the congregation. By means of the words he speaks and gestures he makes, something happens - through Christ. Ultimately, liturgy is prayer, the raising of the heart and the mind to God as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Since the Mass is "communitarian" in nature, all of us present are invited to share in the celebration. Although there are different roles for everyone present in the celebration of the Liturgy (or Mass), full participation does not mean everybody has to do something. There are many ways by which the parishioners can participate. Firstly though, it is highly suggested that the faithful understands the order of the mass and the significance of the liturgical rites and prayers so that we can meaningfully take part in it through appropriate bodily movements (genuflecting, standing, sitting, kneeling) and joining vocally in the parts intended for us. According to Pope Pius X, active and conscious participation means that "you follow with your eye, heart and mouth all that happens on the altar". The word "conscious" requires knowledge of what one is doing.

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Upcoming events >>>

Notice Board:

The Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Leadership Team holds its monthly meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month. Inviting representatives from all devotional groups within the Chaplaincy to come and join us.

Date: Sep 9, 2018 **Time:** 2PM
Venue: Mary McKillop Hall, Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WEST CENTRAL
INVITATION "THIS IS HIM" ENTRY CAMP
DATE; 28 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2018
VENUE; SIR PETER BLAKE MARINE EDUCATION
AND RECREATION CENTRE
1045 BEACH ROAD, LONG BAY AUCKLAND

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT;
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**An Invitation to Communities or Devotional
Groups: Join the
ROSARY AOTEAROA
Sunday 7 October at 3PM**



For more details, visit
<http://rosarynewzealand.nz/>

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

COME AND JOIN THE FILIPINO MASS
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
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MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!!!!

Note: Kindly email articles & notices to
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INSIGHTS

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There are different roles to be observed in the public celebration of the liturgy - that of the priest, lay ministers, choir, altar servers, congregation, etc. Because each of these roles has its own purpose and its own way of acting, each of these must be given distinction. Hence, if the Lector or the Priest proclaims the Readings and the Gospel, certainly the role of the others is to listen and understand the Readings from the Sacred Scriptures. The Homily that follows is an explanation of the Readings and is meant to teach us on Christian living and help us live the Word of God for today. Listening requires strict attention and concentration. One cannot truly listen without attention. As we listen, we are not mere spectators as our mind and heart must be awake, alert and engaged. When we engage in a true active participation, our faith is nourished, strengthened and transformed and when we go out from Mass and out into the world, we are inspired to live the faith at home, in the workplace, at school or wherever we may be.

(Contributed by Maria Eva Ricacho)

Final Thoughts >>>

September 2018: Month of Our Lady of Sorrows Seven Sorrows of Mary

The Seven Sorrows (or *Dolors*) are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art.^[1]

These Seven Sorrows should not be confused with the five *Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary*.

1. The Prophecy of Simeon. (Luke 2:34–35)
2. The escape and Flight into Egypt. (Matthew 2:13)
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:43–45)
4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the Via Dolorosa.
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary. (John 19:25)
6. The Piercing of the Side of Jesus with a spear, and His Descent from the Cross. (Matthew 27:57–59)
7. The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:40–42)

It is a common practice for Catholics to say daily one *Our Father* and seven *Hail Marys* for each.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Sorrows

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Auckland Catholic Filipino
Chaplaincy enables Liturgy,
Worship, Evangelization,
Church Services and
Maintenance.**

**Please consider joining the
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with Chaplaincy ongoing
projects and activities.
Contact Rey Grafia for an
enrolment form.**

***Pease take home a copy of the
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Date	ROSTERS For September 2018
02 Sep 2018	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Bernie & Cecile Delluta, Lino Orquejo, Lucy Ainsworth, Candy Herlihy, Nitz Arcena, Demi & Emi Penaranda, Carmen Shaw Ministers of the Word: Cecile Manese, Suzette Orquejo, Connie Bianan Cleaning Roster: El Shaddai
09 Sep 2018	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Top & Grace Espinosa, Emy Cruz, Bernardo Bianan, Glo Mandingiado, Mercy Catoto, Dadai Norman, Emilie Sakay, Carmen Shaw Ministers of the Word: Djoh Leedom, Mailin Higgins, Kookie Samin Cleaning Roster: God's Love
16 Sep 2018 NO MASS IN BALMORAL	Fiesta day of NUESTRA SENORA de PENA FRANCIA Sunday Sep 16, 2018: Procession 11:30AM; Mass 12:00pm, Our Lady of Assumption, Onehunga. 9-Days Novena-masses also at Lady of Assumption, Onehunga: Start Sep 7, 2018 at 5:30pm; Sep 8 & 9 at 5:00PM; Sep 10 – Sep 14, 2018 at 6:30PM; Sat Sep 15, 2018 at 5:00pm
23 Sep 2018	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Edward & Jane Pineda, Nitz Arcena, Glo Mandingiado, Emi & Demi Penaranda, Candy Herlihy, Bernie & Cecile Delluta Ministers of the Word: Flor Caluya, Lotlot Abelardo, Oscar Laderas Cleaning Roster: Filipino Catholic Community (FCC)
30 Sep 2018	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Glo Mandingiado, Lucy Ainsworth, Nenet Nario, Nitz Arcena, Cristina Tapnio, Lito & Lina Magalong, Dadai Norman, Carmen Shaw Ministers of the Word: Brenda Yumul, Bembot Tipace, Tintin Tenorio Cleaning Roster: Bible Apostolate