**40 DAYS FOR LIFE STARTS SOON:** Are you feeling called to do something practical to build a culture of life and offer hope to the most vulnerable in our community? 40 Days for Life is one way you can make a real difference!

Everyone can participate. If you are able to stand in prayer for just one hour this Lent for the unborn and their mothers, please join a 40 Days for Life vigil by signing up your hour at <a href="www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife">www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife</a> or text "40 Days" to 021 825 955. If you are not able to do that, please pray and fast within your parish community for an end to the tragedy of abortion and a new respect for life from conception to natural death. Contact Michael via email at <a href="Michael@fli.org.nz">Michael@fli.org.nz</a> to learn how. The Auckland vigil will run from <a href="Ash Wednesday">Ash Wednesday</a> 14 Feb until Palm Sunday 9 April. From 8am till 8pm daily with small groups of volunteers coming together to pray in one-hour shifts on the sidewalk at 283-289 Dominion Road Mt. Eden across the road from AMAC abortion facility. For more information, please call Family Life International on (09) 629 4361 (Auckland) or (04) 237 8343 (Wellington).

**LOVERS FOR LIFE (ENGAGED COUPLES COURSE)** The next 'weekend course' is on 17-18 Feb 2018 will be held in Hamilton. The next '7 sessions course', facilitated over 7 weeks (evening) will be held in Tga late Feb 2018. All couples needing to do either of these courses, please apply for the registration form from Joe Hogan at "joeh@cdh.org.nz" ph 027 742 4466.

**TAURANGA SACRED HEART COLLEGE OLD BOYS REUNION** to be held at RSA, Maunganui Rd, Mt Maunganui on **Thurs 8 Feb** from 5:30 pm. RSVP by 6 Feb to <u>sartorial@kinect.co.nz</u> Or Kerry Morley 027 270 3528, Ashley Hayes (07) 578 5190, Chris Reithar 027 498 6441

**INTERESTED IN WORLD RELIGIONS?** "Exploring the diverse religious traditions contributing to New Zealand society". Take this Adult Education Course which explores the history, development and beliefs of the world's main religious traditions! Auckland (Wed), Hamilton (Thu), 7-9:00pm. Term 1 classes begin the week of Mon 12 Feb 2018. Download information at <a href="https://goo.gl/xF2xdd">https://goo.gl/xF2xdd</a> or visit <a href="https://goo.gl/xF2xdd">www.rdc.org.nz/courses</a> for full information.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY & VISITING SICK/HOUSEBOUND:** If you are being admitted to Tga Hospital and would like to be visited by the hospital chaplain/s, please contact the parish office, or when completing the hospital admittance form, state that you are Roman Catholic. If you are housebound/sick/elderly and would like to receive a visit from the clergy, please contact office.



# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 January 2018

## PRAYER FOR LIFE

Loving God, inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human dignity of every person. Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the vulnerable, for those with disabilities, for those who are sick, lonely or depressed. Help us to value the elderly. Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live their lives to the full. Support and empower all those working to protect life, especially against euthanasia and assisted suicide. We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance, compassion and love. Amen

**"END OF LIFE CHOICE" BILL:** Last year in December, David Seymour's "End of Life Choice" Bill passed its first reading in Parliament. It is now before the Justice Select Committee who are asking New Zealanders to write in and let them know their views on the Bill.

It is very important that Parliament hears from as many people as possible to highlight the dangers of such a Bill and to let them know that New Zealand does not need euthanasia or assisted suicide.

As the Bishops have pointed out in their letter, it is up to each of us to make a personal submission to the Committee. **Submissions close on 20 February 2018**. In addition to the **Bishops letter** and **Quick Facts Sheet**, which explains the risks associated with euthanasia and assisted suicide, we will be handing out a one page **Submission Guideline** that helps you write your submission.

A submission can be as short as a paragraph of 2-3 sentences.

To assist you in making your submission there will be a submission writing session after Mass today.... Come along and we will provide you with everything you need to complete your submission right away—it will only take a few minutes. Please come along after Mass.... Or preferably take the material being handed out today and do yours at home on line—it is very a simple process on line. This information & process will also be available NEXT WEEKEND as well as a detailed brochure from "Family First". PROTECT.org.nz

**YOUTH GROUPS**: All Parents, Caregivers and youth group supporters and leaders are invited attend a meeting at STM church on **Thursday 8 February at 7pm** to discuss youth ministry for 2018. Due to unforeseen circumstances we have been unable to secure a youth worker for the year and we need to discuss a way to ensure our youth groups can continue. Fr Darren



Have you planned some new year's resolutions? Why not try ALPHA in 2018! Or invite a friend to explore life, faith and meaning.

**Alpha** begins here at STM

church centre on **Wednesday 21 February** starting with 'Dessert' **at 7pm** followed by a 30 minute DVD talk then

discussion. Enjoy company with people over 'yummy' food, have fun & laughter, hear from others in an honest, friendly and relaxed environment. To register contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or Email: pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

**SENT BY CHRIST:** A four week program during LENT. Starting on Monday evenings **19 February at 7.00pm and also on Tuesday mornings at 10am** starting **20 February**. This program provides a focus for reflection and dialogue on "Our response to being sent by Jesus". Each session will generally last about an hour. If you would like to attend, please see sign-up sheet in church foyer or contact Heidi 5754807 Ext 6 or email pastoral@allsaintsbythesea.nz

**NEW WEBSITE:** www.allsaintsbythesea.nz

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Deacons: Henk Gielen, Vince Shaw, Doug Rewi.

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Email: admin@allsaintsbythesea.nz

PUBLIC MEETING FOR HON SIMON O'CONNOR, former Chairman of Health Select Committee. Simon O'Connor will speak at St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Spring St, on Friday, 2 February at 2pm. From his experience in Chairing the Health Select Committee dealing with the Maryan Street Bill which attracted over 21,000 submissions, he has much to offer in timely advice re submissions. As a former Minister of Education and Science, and Transport and Industrial Relations he can offer comment as a politician of wide experience. All welcome.

**GIVING BACK PROGRAM:** Reminder that if you know people that are sick, elderly or have had babies take them some meals. The freezer is in the STM church foyer.

NZ CATHOLIC on sale in church foyers. \$4.00

## Module Release Dates for With Hearts Burning

#3 February 4 - A Ministry of Listening; #4 April 8 - A Ministry of Accompaniment (Divine Mercy Sunday); #5 May 31 - The Eucharistic Encounter with the Risen Christ.

# Extensive pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

planned for 29 April – 19 May 2018. For full brochure and itinerary, contact Pukekohe Travel P: 09 237 0013 or toll free: 0800 785 386. E: tours@pukekohetravel.co.nz.

# **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:**

Mon Tues

Wed Marion, Alan & Lawry Cables RIP

Thurs

Fri Doreen & Ted Williams RIP Sat & Sun All Saints by the Sea Parish

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to have a Mass offered please complete a Mass intention card & hand into parish office or phone office to arrange. Donation envelopes are available & can be handed into office. (intention cards are in a plastic holder on the wall—by statue in STM Church foyer).

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Mt Maunganui 9.30am & 5pm

<u>Te Puke</u> Saturday Vigil 5pm

Please note: these times subject to change

> WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

NB: Liturgy of Word & Holy Communion Mon & Tues (Mt) 9am

**Monday** 9am Te Puke

**Tuesday** 9am Te Puke

Wednesday 9am Mt

Thursday 9am Mt

Anointing of Sick
After Mass every
Thursday (Mt)

Friday 9am Mt

**Saturday** 9am Rosary Mt

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Before Mass Tues & Sat (TP) & Wed to Friday (Mt) 8.30am to 8.45am.

#### Maketu

Maori Mass 2nd Sunday of month 11.30am 3rd Sunday of month Liturgy service 11.30am