

Hibiscus Coast Parish

St John the Evangelist Church - 180 Centreway Rd, Orewa
St Francis by the Sea Church - 8 Motutapu Ave, Manly

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 September 2025

This Sunday: Amos 8:4-7 : Psalm 113 : 1 Timothy 2:1-8 : Luke 16:1-13
Next Sunday: Amos 6:1,4-7 : Psalm 146 : 1 Timothy 6:11-16 : Luke 16:19-31

Oh C'mon, Really??

was my reaction to today's gospel and I need others
t to me. So I turned to the reading from Timothy.

n is more for the blokes (ok, now all the ladies will
s struck by the last verse; "I desire, then, that in every
n should pray, lifting up holy hands..."

place" includes our Hibiscus Coast, the far ends of the
Jerusalem. That's us, men, and there is no place for
difference. Why? This is captured well in this poem by
student Kennedy.

Jesus came to Golgotha, they nailed him to a tree.
They crowned him with a crown of thorns,
red were his wounds and deep.
ere crude and cruel days and human flesh was cheap.
s came to (Hibiscus Coast) they only passed him by.
ould not hurt a hair of him; they only let him die.
d grown more tender, they would not give him pain
just passed down the street and left him in the rain.
o it rained, the Winter rain that drenched him
through and through.
And when all the crowd had left the street
then Jesus crouched against a wall.
And sighed for Calvary.

ranted, but it made me reflect that Jesus finds the
vary more acceptable than our indifference, our
ss. Rev 3:16 reads "So because you are lukewarm...
o spit you out.."

r know what lasting effects follow when families
e our commitment to faith and prayer as steadfast
. In 1986 Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship began.
d these founding scriptures from the Book of Joshua:
nd courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for
r God is with you." And "Choose today who you will
me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

warm or indifferent there. And that, men, is a
me and for all of us.

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This week in the parish

Sun	21	9.30am Joy Healing Meeting, St Fr
Mon	22	7.00pm Meditation Group, St Frar 7.15pm Bible Study Group on Zoo
Tues	23	10.15am Parish Ladies Coffee Grou
Wed	24	5.30pm Meditation on Zoom

Fr Chris will be on leave for a fortnight.
We wish him a relaxing break. A Liturgy of the
with Holy Communion will replace the Mass at
St Francis on Wednesday 24 September and 1

Special Collection today for the Cathedra
Funds will be used to support long-term maint
our Mother Church, the Cathedral of St Patrick
Joseph, a precious heritage entrusted to us.

You're Invited to the Joy Healing Meeting

today Sunday 21 September
after 8.30am Mass at St Francis Church.
Please come along if you or your family
or friends are in need of healing prayer.
There will be an opportunity for you to
be prayed over individually. We invite
you to stay afterwards and enjoy some hospit
We'd love you to join our team of Prayer Inter
too. For more details contact Cathy Allen,
callen@allens.co.nz or 021 943 307.



RCIA means the Rite of Christian Initiation f
who want to become Catholic. The parish RCI
programme will commence on Tuesday 23 Se
at 7.15pm and meetings will take place every
Tuesday evening until Easter April 2026.
The programme is also open to adult Catholic
want to deepen their faith.
Please contact John Reardon on 021 609 096
johnreardon72@outlook.com to register or fo
further information.

Parish Mission: Karere Ngangakau o Te Rongo Pai. To be active messengers of the Gospel throu
Our Faith, Love and Service. Whakapono, Aroha, Awhina.

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FB Group: Hibiscus Coast Catholic Parish

Theresa Fouché (Secretary/Administration) - 426
Ann McConachy (Collections Administrator) - 426
Brenda Neville (Pastoral Coordinator) - 426
(Mon & Wed am) - Baptisms, RCIC, Sacramental



anniversaries occur around
We pray too for those w
to all the family member
James Brazier. Our cond
David McEwen, Guy Hie
Maria School), Patricia S
Tina Hunt, teacher at Ste
Caroline Hunt (mother o
deceased including Mary
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all the sick in the commu

Greg
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day on 17 September.
brates a new year of
e be blessed with the
, compassion and joy
is brought to so many
ears.



St John II Church
at Nostra Aetate
Time"- 28 Oct 1965)
that what unites
s far greater than what
It calls us to reject
ion, to promote mutual
ling, and to build a future
rough dialogue.
o promote this mutuality
g the sacred spaces of
ons, so we can come to
way of worship. Join us
hese sacred spaces:

Maa Durga Bhava:
Sept, 3pm – 4pm,
eston Ave, Papatoetoe,
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Centre, Sat 11 Oct,
3.30pm, 129 Taniwha Rd,
hes, Auckland
the Baptist Catholic
Sat 18 Oct,
– 3.00pm,
ings Road Mairangi Bay,
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News: Flashes of Insight
covers very broad areas
world news and offers
reflections each week.
website and sign up for

The Parish Ladies Coffee Group

meet for a cuppa and social time in St John's hall on Tuesday 23 September at 10.15am. All ladies are welcome. If you are new to the parish do come along and meet new friends. \$3.00 entry donation.



World Day of Prayer, Friday 6 March 2026: It has been some time since our parish hosted this annual event. Each year the programme is set out in a booklet produced by a different country and next year the focus will be on Nigeria. If there is anyone or a group who feels inspired to coordinate hosting this ecumenical event in our parish, please contact Barbara Hines on 027 483 7180 before 30 September.

Bible study group meets on a Monday night on Zoom at 7.15pm. A great way to share the Gospel with others in an easy-going and friendly way. Contact Louis on 027 274 8600.

Food collection for Love Soup:

Thank you for your regular donations of tinned foods & non-perishable food items. These are delivered to Love Soup who pack and distribute parcels to over 100 families locally. Please continue to donate generously to assist families experiencing hardship. Donations may be placed in the containers in the church foyer .



Joshua Men's Retreat: "Called to Lead": A weekend retreat for all men from 7pm Friday 10 October to 3pm Sunday 12 October, at Chosen Valley Christian Camp, Ararimu, Auckland. Cost: \$175pp (includes food and accommodation). For more information go to <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead>

Masterclass on Saturday 11 October 3pm-8.30pm

If you are a youth minister just starting in this ministry Masterclass offers practical spiritual nourishment, an supportive community to thrive in your ministry. As Masterclass will feature workshops led by experienced speakers: Keep an eye on where we will announce workshop presenters and after the workshops, enjoy delicious free dinner, folk evening of worship and a and the opportunity to connect with other young leaders. Due to limited space, workshop spots will fill up quickly. Be sure to register early at <https://events.humanitix.com/masterclass25>

Meditation Groups

- At St Francis on Monday
- At St John's on Thursday in the Chapel.
- On Zoom on Wednesday 5.30pm at <https://zoom.us/j/6444797955>
Meeting ID: 644 479 7955
Password: 302506

Ph. Vincent Maire, 027 274 8600

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

for Bachelor Degree and Diploma in Theology for Semester 1 2026 will run 22 Sept to 21 Nov 2025. If interested go to: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply

Parish Safeguarding:

have volunteered for a parish ministry that may involve working with children or vulnerable people please contact Andre Bonilla on 022 051 7325 or email: andre.lorenzo.bonilla@gmail.com for the required volunteer training and to arrange your safeguarding training.

Mass Times: St John's, Orewa - Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 10.30am
St Francis, Manly - Sunday - 8.30am

Word & Holy Communion: St John's, Orewa - Monday and Fridays - 9.30am
St Francis, Manly - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat - 9.30am (This week only)

Mass Times: St John's, Orewa - Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat - 9.30am
St Francis, Manly - Friday - 9.30am (This week only)

St John's, Orewa - Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sat after 9.30am Mass
St John's, Orewa - Saturdays after 9.30am Mass or on request
Adoration: St Francis, Manly - Fridays, 10am-11am,
St John's, Orewa - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10am-12 Noon in