

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, Loving greetings to all. Hope and pray that you keep warm and healthy. Let us wish Happy Feast to all Diocesan Priests and Parish Priests and pray for them.

In preparation for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady to heaven and to 'renew Bishop Pompallier's 1838 dedication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven' on 15th August, we have nine days of Novena from 6th August Friday with special intentions. Starting at 11.00 am (From 6th to 15th) with adoration, Rosary, Novena Prayer, Benediction, and Holy Mass at 12.05 pm, each day will be led by different groups, schools, and communities. Holy Mass will be celebrated by different Priests. Detailed programme list is given below. Let us pray that God blesses our Country, Families, and Parish through the Intercession of 'Our Mother.' Please do come and participate in large number.

This Sunday (8.8.21), our new Priest Fr Isaac Fransen will Celebrate his "First Mass" in St Mary's Church at 10.00 am. There will be a Second Collection to give a gift to Fr Isaac. Thank you

For the Parish: The Priests, Secretary, and the Parish Pastoral Team.

**PROPOSED NOVENA SCHEDULE:**

Dates: August 6th to 15. ALL ARE WELCOME (In St Mary's Church)

Time: 11.00am – 12.00 noon: Adoration, Rosary, Novena Prayer and Benediction.

12.05- Holy Mass. N.B. (Sunday; Masses as usual in St Michael's and St Mary's)

06-08-21 (Friday): Organised by St Mary's School Children and Teachers.

07-08-21(Saturday): Organised by all Pious Associations; SVDP, CWL, Prayer and Scripture Study Groups, Catechism Teachers etc.

08-08-21 (Sunday): 10.00am Mass (Fr Isaac Fransen) followed by Adoration: Organised by Parish Pastoral Team

09-08-21 (Monday): Organised by JPC Children and Teachers.

10-08-21 (Tuesday): Organised by People of Pacific Islands; Tokelauan, Samoan, Fiji, etc.

11-08-21 (Wednesday): By Filipino Community, and (Chinese, Singapore, Vietnamese etc.)

12-08-21 (Thursday): Organised by St. Michael School Children and Teachers.

13-08-21 (Friday): Organised by St. Marys School Children and Teachers

14-08-21 (Saturday): Organised by Indian Community.

15-08-21 (Sunday - HAPPY FEAST): Organized by Māori Community; Māori Miha at 10.00 am, in St Mary's Church, followed by procession with the Statue of Mother Mary. Followed will be lunch for all; please bring a plate by all parishioners.

NB:1. The organising group can do the reading, lead the rosary, assist at the altar, help in communion distribution, (sing for the Mass and offer cup of tea, if they can) and bring as many people as possible for the Novena and Mass.

NB:2. Together with your Personal Intentions, OUR SPECIAL INTENTION will be that 'ALL MAY HAVE THEIR OWN HOUSE' and Pray for the Homeless.