

27 August Bulletin

Dear Parishioners

Nga mihi mahana – warm Greetings to you all.

We in New Zealand had a good run at keeping the Virus away. But this Delta version is something different. I pray that we all cooperate together.

Pope Francis is encouraging us to get vaccinated. He describes this as an **“Act of Love”**. I am due for my second Injection tomorrow.

I have heard from several of the **SMSM Sisters** expressing gratitude for the wonderful celebration in thanksgiving for their ministry in our Parish and for Sr Jo Gresham on her first Anniversary. We were indeed fortunate to celebrate when we did.

Our Kerala parishioners just managed to celebrate the **Onam Harvest Festival** just on the verge of the Lockdown. It was wonderful to be with so many of our parishioners and to see the talented Dance performances of all ages.

I have a supply of multi use **Facemasks** and Hand sanitizer donated last year from the Onehunga Parish. I suspect we will need them for some time yet.

**Resources for your Prayerful Sustenance:**

If you are reading this you are at our Parish website:

There are many resources at the **Auckland Diocese** website:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)

(click on box below Bishops Crest)

As mentioned last week, I do recommend you visit: **Living the Word**

[www.livingtheword.org.nz](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz)

This is a wonderful resource for your reflection on the Scripture Readings for each Sunday.

I also post items to our Parish **Facebook page**:

Catholic Parish of Whangarei – St Francis Xavier

Aroha and Blessings for you all

Fr Chris Martin s.m.

