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**Every Sunday at 11:30 am**

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### *Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Newsletter*

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#### News & Events >>>

**From the ACFC Website Team:**

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The Restoration and Upgrade of the ACFC website is still in progress.

Target for the site to go live is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. Information from devotional groups and choir groups are still being sought from those who are still in the process of putting together a background information on their group.

Photos of their activities are most welcome. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Contact Brian Gonzales or any member of the team for any query or if you need help with accessing the website.

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**“Bloom Where You’re Planted!”**

*“And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”*  
(Esther 4:14).

The saying has the sense that we are to let God use us and seek to be fruitful wherever we are. Sometimes we may find ourselves providentially planted where we would rather not be. A true test of character is whether we wilt or bloom in these places.

<https://dailyencouragement.wordpress.com/>

#### October Highlights

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2018**

**Evangelization – The Mission of Religious**

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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

#### Prayer of the Month – October 2018

Open our eyes, Lord, to recognize you in the distressing disguise of the poor,  
Open our ears, Lord, to hear you in the cries of the exploited and the oppressed,  
Open our mouths, Lord, to serve as a voice for the victimized and the voiceless,  
Open our hearts, Lord, and fill them with the love of your Eucharistic heart,  
That we too may become truly present to those who are least among us,  
That we too may be broken and given out to those in need,  
That we too may be poured out so that others may live,  
So that together with them, as members of the one Body that is yours,  
We may experience more and more the joy of a life and a love wholly shared  
And celebrated in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. Amen.

Source: October Reflection by Fr. Henry Shea, S.J., assistant at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond

Source: <http://popesprayerusa.net/category/guest-author/>

## Pope Francis invites everyone to pray the rosary and St. Michael prayer in October

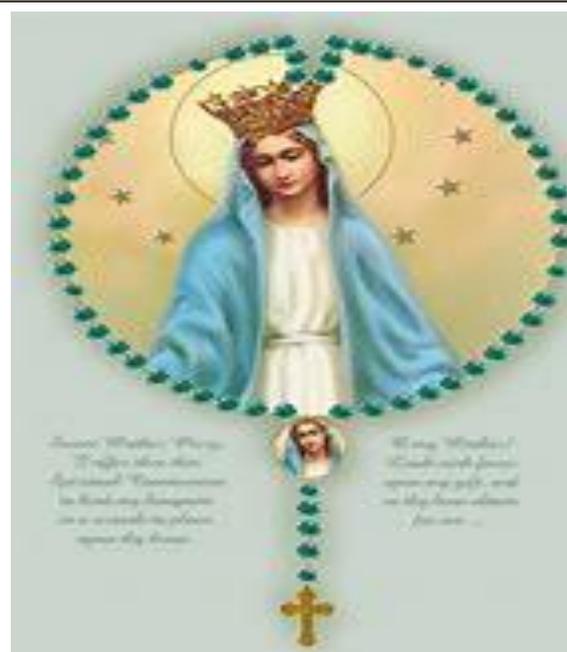
An Excerpt from: <http://popesprayerusa.net/2018/09/30/pope-francis-invites-everyone-pray-rosary-st-michael-prayer/>

During this month of October, the Holy Father asks us and all the faithful for a greater effort in our personal and community prayer. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis, and to pray each day to St. Michael the Archangel that he defend us against the attacks of the Devil. According to spiritual tradition, Michael is the chief of the celestial armies and the protector of the Church (Revelation 12:7-9).

Pope Francis invites us at the conclusion of the Rosary with that most ancient invocation to the Holy Mother of God, **"Sub Tuum Praesidium" (Under your protection )** as well as the traditional prayer to St. Michael ascribed to Pope Leo the XIII.

### St. Michael prayer

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."



### Under your protection

We fly to Thy protection, O holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

## "THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER, A Day of Remembrance" BY DADAI NORMAN

On the 8 November 2018, Thursday evening at 7:00 pm the LeyteSamarNZ Solidairy Foundation Incorporated will hold a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Service in Remembrance of the faithful departed and of those who died, victims of the typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda. The Mass will be at the Good Shepherd Parish Church in 27 Telford Avenue Balmoral, Auckland.

St. Patrick and St. Joseph Cathedral was the place where 3,000 catholics gathered to express the Filipino Community's grief in the aftermath of typhoon Haiyan. Bishop Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland said that a large congregation had been expected on that day, 13 November 2013, but they had been overwhelmed by the number of people who came. He said it was the biggest gathering he had seen at the Cathedral.

Since then the devotees of Santo Nino de Leyte hold Mass of Remembrance on the 8 November, the day Haiyan brought havoc and death to thousands of Filipinos particularly in the provinces of Region 8 namely, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Samar, Eastern Samar and Northern Samar.

It was heartwarming for Pope Francis to show considerable compassion for the Filipinos and inspire each one to help and strengthen one another in faith. He said, " Faith emerged from the ruins, it came from the solidarity in the moment of hardship. In moment of hardship, we ask why some things happen. In those moments of suffering, questioning prayers that do not ask for explanation but beg the Lord to accompany us are the most useful".

Typhoons may struck us staggering to our knees, but this is where faith lies, when we kneel down before our Creator.

We wish to invite everyone to join us in our Eucharistic Celebration at the Good Shepherd.



## INSIGHTS

The Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy celebrated the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila during the Filipino Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral.

As the, *the First Filipino Martyr and Saint*, we are inspired by his words which, according to Latin missionary accounts sent back to Manila, Ruiz declared these words upon his death:

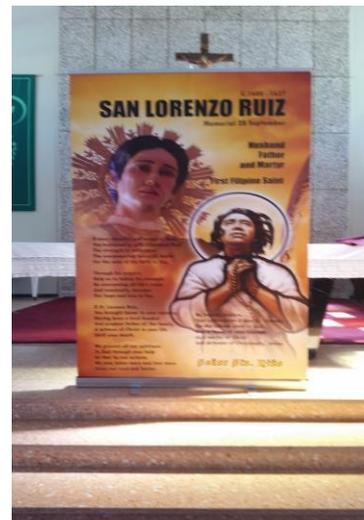
*Ego Catholicus sum et animo prompto paratoque pro Deo mortem obibo.*

*Si mille vitas haberem, cunctas ei offerrem.*

**“I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God; Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer.”<sup>[3]</sup>**

## Upcoming events >>>

**28 OCT 2018 IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR THE CHILDREN WHO WILL RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. BLESSED THE FAMILIES LORD.**



## Final Thoughts >>>

**San Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us  
Fr Gilbert Ramos, ACFC Chaplain, led the celebrations for San Lorenzo Ruiz.**



## Growing in Faith >>> Prayer Group Schedules

**Bible Apostolate:** Bible Study and Sharing, every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, Mary Mackillop Hall, 7:00pm

**Legion of Mary:** Weekly Prayer Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, St Benedict's church 7pm

**COME AND JOIN THE FILIPINO MASS  
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
Proud To Be A Filipino.  
MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!!!!**

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Your Financial support to the  
Auckland Catholic Filipino  
Chaplaincy enables Liturgy,  
Worship, Evangelization,  
Church Services and  
Maintenance.

Please consider joining the  
planned giving scheme to help  
with Chaplaincy ongoing  
projects and activities.  
Contact Rey Grafia for an  
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*Pease take home a copy of the  
newsletter for your information.*

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Date	ROSTERS For October 2018
07 Oct 2018	<b><u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u></b> Bernie & Cecile Delluta, Lino Orquejo, Lucy Ainsworth, Candy Herlihy, Nitz Arcena, Demi & Emi Penaranda, Carmen Shaw <b><u>Ministers of the Word:</u></b> Kookie Samin, Cecile Manese, Julia Ann Gozon <b><u>Cleaning Roster:</u></b> Good Shepherd Parish
14 Oct 2018	<b><u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u></b> Top & Grace Espinosa, Emy Cruz, Bernardo Bianan, Glo Mandingiado, Mercy Catoto, Dadai Norman, Emilie Sacay, Carmen Shaw <b><u>Ministers of the Word:</u></b> Thelma Cruz, Bert Ricacho, Remi Tapnio <b><u>Cleaning Roster:</u></b> Good Shepherd Parish
21 Oct 2018	<b><u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u></b> Oscar & Miriam Batucan, Lito & Lina Magalong, Dennis Magcalas, Cristina Carpio, Nenet Nario, Lucy Ainsworth, Carmen Shaw <b><u>Ministers of the Word:</u></b> Mailin Higgins, Mayette Villanueva, Lilibeth Navarro <b><u>Cleaning Roster:</u></b> Good Shepherd Parish
28 Oct 2018	<b><u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u></b> Edward & Jane Pineda, Nitz Arcena, Glo Mandingiado, Emi & Demi Penaranda, Candy Herlihy, Bernie & Cecile Delluta <b><u>Ministers of the Word:</u></b> Confirmation & First Communion (Children as Readers) <b><u>Cleaning Roster:</u></b> Good Shepherd Parish