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Every Sunday at 11:30 am

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Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Newsletter

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Office Hours: 12:30 – 3:30pm every Thursday

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Events >>>

Santa Cruzan

The Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy held its own Flores de Mayo with children offering flowers on all Pilipino Sunday Masses in May held at the Good Shepherd Parish Balmoral.

Flores de Mayo ([Spanish](#) for "flowers of May") is a festival held in the [Philippines](#) in the month of May. It is one of the [May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary](#) and lasts for the entire month.

The **Santacruzán** (from the [Spanish](#) *santa cruz*, "holy cross") is the ritual [pageant](#) held on the last day of the Flores de Mayo. It honors the finding of the [True Cross](#) by [Helena of Constantinople](#) (known as *Reyna Elena*) and [Constantine the Great](#).

From Wikipedia

June Highlights

Devotions to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Since the 16th century, Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"From among all the proofs of the infinite goodness of our Savior none stands out more prominently than the fact that, as the love of the faithful grew cold, He, Divine Love Itself, gave Himself to us to be honored by a very special devotion and that the rich treasury of the Church was thrown wide open in the interests of that devotion." These words of Pope Pius XI refer to the Sacred Heart Devotion, which in its present form dates from the revelations given to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673-75.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/>

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O Heart of love, I put all my trust in Thee; for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from Thy goodness.

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Setting the season >>>

A Change of season

The month of June ushers in the start of a new season - Winter in New Zealand.



We know it comes every year, so we always prepare for it. We change our wardrobe from lighter attire to ones that could provide us warmth and comfort. We make sure that we don't get stuck in the cold without a coat.

Change of season can be comparable to changes in the seasons of life. We can also be faced with the winter, spring, summer and autumn times in our life. We don't always experience a smooth running and we may be faced with some rough times, with some storms in life.

So, just like preparing for winter, we must be ready to face these changes. Let us cling to God, our anchor, who provides us with a firm ground and steadfast faith to handle the changing seasons of life.

ACFC ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Father Gilbert Ramos, Chaplain of the Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy, initiated a move to set up a new leadership team to manage chaplaincy activities.

A meeting of all community representatives from various groups supporting the ACFC was called on the 27th of May 2018 to elect a new leadership team.

The following were elected:
Chairman: Oscar Batucan
Deputy Chairman:
Secretary: Lito Magalong
Dadai Norman

Upcoming events >>>

- **17 June 2018 Sunday**

You are all invited to attend the ACFC's Triple celebration

- ❖ **120th Philippine Independence Day Celebration**
- ❖ **Father Gilbert Ramos' 10th Sacerdotal anniversary**
- ❖ **Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy 21st Anniversary**

Filipino Mass : 11:30am – 12:30 pm
Shared Dinner: 5:00pm – 9:00 pm

Venue: Mary Mackillop Hall, Good Shepherd

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- **24th June 2018:** Youth Mass for all Catholic Chaplaincies, 7:00 pm, St Patrick's Cathedral
 - **June & July 2018:** Recruitment for candidates to ACFC Sacramental Programme (contact Djoh Leedom)
 - **August 2018:** Commencement of ACFC Sacramental Program (date to be advised)

The Word of God – Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13 – 14

“You are the salt of the Earth. But if salt has lost its taste, how can it be made salty again? It has become useless. It can only be thrown away and people will trample on it.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a mountain cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and covers it; instead it is put on a lampstand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before others, so that they may see the good you do and praise your Father in Heaven.”

Source: Christian Community Bible

Jesus has just designated those who are called to the kingdom. First of all, he will clarify their mission: **to be the light of the world** and not merely a light in the world. This does not mean that all people are to enter the church but that the church has to be salt and light of the world. The Bible mentions salt as the element that preserves food. The covenant of salt was the covenant of God with those who were to serve Him forever (Num 18:19). So the disciples of Jesus are called **salt of the earth** because through them the world benefits from the covenant with God. They must continually enkindle in the world the desire and struggle for true justice and perfection, and not allow human societies to become satisfied with mediocrity.

Source: Christian Community Bible

Growing in Faith >>>

Prayer Group Schedules

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

Legion of Mary - Weekly Prayer Meeting, 1st 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 3rd Friday of the month, St Benedict’s church 7pm

Need Information?

ACFC CONTACT PERSONS



Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy Team

Your support to the Auckland Catholic Filipino Chaplaincy enable 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 enrolment form.

Your Financial Support is Highly Appreciated.

Pease take home a copy of the newsletter for your information.

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LAHAT!!!!**

Note: Kindly email articles & notices to M Batucan: batucan@xtra.co.nz

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