

Next Sunday 28 April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

FIRST: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:26-31

PSALM: 22

SECOND: 1ST LETTER OF ST JOHN 3:18-24

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

PRAYER In charity we pray for Fr Christopher Brady who died recently and Lois Dickinson whose anniversary occurs

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Tony Ryan, Denis Trotman, John Slaven, David Baillache, Ken Sharkey, Liz Smith, Aurora Madrigal, Michael Dobbyn, Raphael Ponce, Irene LeFort, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, John LeFeuvre, Ken Derrick, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, Annabelle Sia, Clara Jung-Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Rima Bennett, Belinda Chamassian, Jane Barrita

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YOUTH MASS THIS SUNDAY AT 6PM

**St Joseph's Parish Bank Account No.
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NEW PARISHIONER SIGN UP
<https://takapunacatholic.org.nz/new-parishioner/>



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 10 DOMINION ST, TAKAPUNA

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am (live-streamed) and 6pm

Youth Mass: 3rd Sunday at 6pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9.15am (live-streamed)

Saturday Mass 9.00am (live-streamed) Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

Exposition and Holy Hour—every Saturday after 9am Mass

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, CNR FENWICK AVE & SHAKESPEARE RD,
MILFORD Mass - Sunday at 9am**

Korean Community Mass - every Saturday at 7.30pm

ST JOHN PAUL II - Holy Cross Anglican Church

222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, (access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension)

Mass - Sunday at 5.30pm



HERE IS THIS WEEK'S KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS

Celebrating Fourth SUNDAY of EASTER <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Celebrating-Fourth-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>
The Fire <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/The-Fire-1.pdf>

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Acts of the APOSTLES 4:7-12

St Peter .. who earlier denied Christ ..

.. now boldly proclaims his healing,
saving name

PSALM 118

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love endures for ever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in humans:

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in rulers.

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord;
a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is the one who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever.

1st letter of John 3:1-2

Already .. we are 'children of God' ..
with more and better to come

GOSPEL— JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus lays down his life ..

.. to preserve our lives



What does Jesus want us to learn from the Good Shepherd metaphor?

First, Jesus the Good Shepherd defends us, protecting us from harm.

The second aspect is that he knows his sheep and the sheep know him. How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a "mass", a "multitude" for him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story, he knows each of us with our own story, each one with his or her own value, both as creatures and as people redeemed by Christ. Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me! It is true, it is like this: He knows us like no other. Only he knows what is in our hearts, our intentions, our most hidden feelings. Jesus knows our strengths and our defects, and is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy.

Above all, Jesus the Good Shepherd loves his sheep. ... Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. He himself reminds us of this in today's Gospel when he says: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16).

These words testify to his universal concern: He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God. Pope Francis

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Pilgrims of Hope -Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

The Fifth Gospel Project Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz More information on this <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

Relics Tour From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/

University Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart have a new executive management position available, NZ Services and Property Manager. This role supports the Sisters throughout NZ and is a member of the executive team. It calls for an experienced manager in either business and/or philanthropy, with collaborative and genuine care for the Sisters values, services, and mission. Applications close 6 May 2024. <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74987075?ref=search-standalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aab0724dc792>

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a lecture series called A Taste of Theology. Topic 2 is entitled "Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God", revisiting *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on divine revelation. Speaker is Rev Dr Kevin Waldie, sm. This is on Tuesday, 07 May 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

A Time for Every Season Series Pt 2 – AUTUMN Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Saturday 4 May 10am – 1pm \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged Registrations by 2 May MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au MOB 0210 9115260.

Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May Suggested Koha \$10.

Ignatian Spirituality NZ is offering three individually guided retreats in Auckland this year. 8-days 21st – 29th July, \$950; 6-days 18th – 24th August, \$720 and 6-days 22nd – 28th September \$720. All retreats will be given at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Mission Bay and include full board and daily accompaniment by a director. Each retreat is limited to 8 spaces. For bookings email info@ignatianspirituality.nz

Let's Talk About Mary 8 May, 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

BUILDING A THRIVING PARISH IS part 2 of the *Go Make Disciples* series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive. Held at 7pm – 9pm Wednesday 24 April at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Koha on the night. RSVP to stephenf@cda.org.nz

TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland.

Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please

continue to pray for our seminarians.

Attached is a QR Code which directs to the appeal website.

Bishop's Appeal envelopes are at Church doors today with several different ways to give. All information on website above.



THURSDAY, 25 APRIL
Mass St Joseph's Church - 9.15am



Available in church foyers this Sunday. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published.

As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied below. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/11d1d2cb-8032-42fc-a997-f5e77a1a32e0>

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP INVITES YOUNG ADULTS (18 TO 30 YEARS) TO: CALL OF DUTY - A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Join us for an unforgettable experience where you'll rekindle your faith, connect with like-minded seekers, and uncover the unique role you play in God's extraordinary plan.

The one-day event includes talks from great speakers, worship, Mass, rejuvenating conversations and good food.

When: Sat 27 April • 8:30am-4:30pm

Where: St Joseph's Church Hall

Register for FREE at bit.ly/-callofduty

HOUSESITTER REQUIRED from July to September 2024. 3 bedroom home—East Coast Bays. If you are interested or know of anyone please contact the Parish Office 489.6486.

DIACONATE ORDINATION:

We are delighted that Bishop Steve will ordain our seminarian, Mark Bond, as deacon, on Saturday 25 May at 11am in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to participate! If you would like to help with organising the celebration, contact Fr Mark Napa frmark@stjoseph.org.nz as soon as possible.

DAYTIME CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The daytime Christian Meditation group meets on Wednesdays at 1-30pm in St Vincent's Church in Milford. All are welcome as we will all learn as we go. Contact Graham on 09 489 4389 for more information.

Preference Enrolment Forms signed by Fr Mark Napa

For email inquiries regarding my availability for signing preference enrolments, please use the link below or QR Code which will lead you to the bookings page:

<https://calendar.app/goglerMMFYcBgJP5tRUWu5>

If the bookings register full, leave it and try again later.



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NTH SHORE

Next meeting **Wed 24 April, 7.15am start with cuppa/fellowship followed by meeting at 7.30pm** at Parish Hall, St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

Guest speaker: Dr David Legg, Lecturer in Philosophy & Theology at the Catholic Theological College, Auckland.

Topic: Importance of Philosophy in the Christian Tradition. Info. contact: Russell 022 034 5678.

TITIPOUNAMU Study & Joy

Bible Stories—What do they mean? With Kieran Fenn fms Sunday 5 May, 5-6pm (Zoom) Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles - Mondays 22 & 29 April, 7 –8.30pm. \$25/session, incl. study material <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/> For more info: www.studyjoy.nz