

Next Sunday 5 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

FIRST: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:25...48

PSALM: 98

SECOND: 1ST LETTER OF ST JOHN 4.7-10

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Francis Lionnet, Tony Ryan, Denis Trotman, John Slaven, David Bailache, 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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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 Fifth SUNDAY of EASTER <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Celebrating-Fifth-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>

The Ultimate Test <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/The-Ultimate-Test-1.pdf>

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts of the APOSTLES 9:26-31

The risen Jesus has converted 'Saul—the persecutor'. St Paul's mission begins.

PSALM 21

You are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return
to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty
of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down
to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations
yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done."

1st letter of John 3:18-24

Christ's new command!

"Believe in me ...I will live in you"

GOSPEL— JOHN 15:1-8

Baptised .. we live in Jesus,
his word is 'alive' in us



SAUL THE PERSECUTOR ..
.. NOW PAUL, THE APOSTLE

Easter appearances of Christ
'fade' from the script.

Saint Peter, primary witness
to the risen One .. looms

and now Saul - later Saint Paul
convinces the Apostles
that Christ has appeared to him
and totally changed him.

On the road from Jerusalem
to Damascus (Syria)
is a rural village named DERAYA
it means 'the vision'.

Tradition holds - ACTS 9:3 ..
that near this town
Saul, persecutor of Christians
saw and heard the risen Jesus.

A small chapel in Deraya
reminds travellers of the
most amazing conversion to Christ
in the early Church.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

2024 Bishop's Appeal. Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate Thanks to all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

Thinking about the priesthood? Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith. Saturday 4th May at noon at St Mary's Church, Mt Albert – www.aucklandvocations.org.nz for more details.

Homestays for pre-seminary students The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.

The Israel Palestine Conflict – A Perspective from Professor Mazin 18th May, 1pm, St. Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

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/>

Relics Tour From 26th April to 5th 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/

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 6th 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, 7th 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.

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

Let's Talk About Mary 8th 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

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6th June 2024 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

CDA Connect Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Fr Christopher Brady, who left St Joseph's around Easter 2021 for retirement, died 17 April in Christchurch, aged 73. His funeral Mass was celebrated by Bishop Steve, along with Bishop Pat, 15 priests and a congregation



of almost 200, at St Joseph's last Wednesday. In retirement, Fr Christopher bought a house in Westport, where he was living when poor health saw him admitted to Christchurch hospital. Cancer, which had started in his prostate, spread to his lower back and spine. He was transferred to Burwood spinal unit for ten days, then to Nazareth House for end of life care.

Christopher was born in Wellington, spent most of his youth in Whangarei, and began his seminary formation with Pat Dunn and others in 1968. He left the seminary for a period, working in the media. He was ordained priest in St Patrick's Cathedral in 1989, and served in parishes, school chaplaincy and hospital chaplaincy. Described as a "rough diamond", he was especially generous to people facing problems, and had an affinity with those on the margins. He loved sport, sang with enthusiasm, and generally did not require a microphone to be heard.

Fr Christopher is survived by his sisters, Patricia and Jennifer, and his brother Paul. May he rest in peace.

Liturgy Centre Workshop Reminder
for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
at St Joseph's Church Hall, 19 May at 1pm
(light lunch provided.)

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend once. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at Mass on a chosen date/time.

Register via the link below <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

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.

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/googlerMMFYcBgJP5tRUWu5>

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

INVITATION REMINDER

The Archives of the Auckland Catholic Diocese are providing a presentation, exhibition of items related to Bishop Pompallier and a tour of Bishops House for parish groups. The presentation and tour will take approximately an hour on a Saturday morning. Bookings will be essential. The times will be 9.30am and 11am and the dates are: 25 May, 22 June and 27 July. If you are interested contact Morna on 489 6486 or secretary@stjoseph.org.nz Once we have a group of up to 12 I can set a date. So far we have 6!

NORTH SHORE DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN invites all women to come and learn more about THE GIFT at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. There will be two sessions about the Holy Spirit over two Saturdays, 11 & 18 May at 10am. Please bring your own lunch. For more info, please contact Sylvia Hartley 021 088 22990 or email aldonsylvia@gmail.com

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 - Monday 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