

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart



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27th March 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C

Our Parish – The Week Ahead

Mon. 28th Mar. 9.15-9.45am	Rosary in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 28th Mar. 6.30pm	Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Mon. 28th Mar. 7.30-8.15pm	Christian Meditation at the Mercy Centre. All welcome.
Thu. 31 st Mar. 1.30-2.15pm	Christian Meditation at the Mercy Centre. All welcome.
Fri. 1 st Apr. 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross in our Church.

Thank You

Fr Rob would like to thank parishioners for your kind messages and prayers for his mother Dorothy.

Changes to Covid-19 Traffic Lights

Changes to Covid-19 Protection Framework guidelines mean some changes to how we operate in our church as well.

From this weekend, 26th-27th March:

1. No more Sunday Mass bookings. The indoor limit at RED has increased to 200 and QR code scanning/manual recording is no longer required. There will be volunteers outside our church who will be doing a head count of people attending our Sunday Masses. The first 200 people can come inside the church. Beyond that, people can gather outside the church if they wish (no limit for outdoor gatherings).
2. Vaccine Pass checking will only be required this weekend and next (2nd-3rd April). After that, vaccine passes will no longer be checked, but we will still keep the limit of people inside the church to 200.
3. Face masks are still required indoors.
4. Holy Week Masses and Liturgies: At this point, we will keep the Mass bookings for Holy Week Masses and liturgies as these are usually attended by a lot of people. Please book [here](#) to avoid disappointments.

We will communicate any changes to these settings if necessary.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Planned Giving Envelopes (April-September 2022)

The new sets of planned giving envelopes for April to September 2022 are now available for collection from the church foyer. Please take yours home today.

Confirmation 2022

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open for parishioners in Year 6 and above. Please go to our parish website to register or click [here](#). **Registrations close 31st March 2022.**

Mass timetable at 'Red' Setting

Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 9am

Monday: No Mass or Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday: 8am
Wednesday: 8am
Thursday: 8am
Friday: 8am
Saturday: 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4.45-5.15pm

Stations of the Cross (All Fridays of Lent – 7pm)

Come and walk the 'Way of the Cross' during this Season of Lent. Sr Cathryn will facilitate a prayerful meditation on the Stations of the Cross through prayer, reflection and taize music. On alternate Fridays the Legion of Mary will lead the Stations of the Cross.

7pm Fridays of Lent (from 4th March to 8th April).
Please wear a mask.

Holy Week – Timetable and Mass Bookings

The Holy Week timetable is available in the church foyer. Bookings are required for all Masses and liturgies during Holy Week. Please remember to make a separate booking for each person attending the Mass – you cannot have two or more names in a single booking. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointments. Book [here](#)

Holy Week Ministries Blank Roster

If you are available to serve in the various ministries during Holy Week and Easter Masses and liturgies, please put your name down on the blank roster that can be found in the church foyer. Thank you.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs

Available from the church foyer. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas by 31 March 2022 will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

LENTEN SALE – CENTENNIAL BOOKS & MEMORABILIA will be **ON SALE** after the weekend Masses during Lent. The book has been reduced to \$20, Mugs \$10 and Rosary Beads (individually priced). Not too late to celebrate 100 years. We still have plans to have our Centennial weekend events once the pandemic is over.



Planned Giving

If you would like to make your donations via online banking, details of our parish account are below for your reference. Moving forward, if you would prefer to change your way of doing planned giving from envelopes to automatic payments, please contact Chatty in the parish office to arrange this.

Account Name: RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Epsom
Account Number: 02-0100-0120958-22
Reference: Planned Giving <Your Name> <Planned giving number if known>

NZ Catholic

NZ Catholic is providing, free of charge, a digital link to their latest issue.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-be32-6e89083cecec>

Some headlines for this issue: College name changed after inquiry. Three first year students at seminary. Defeat of anti-life mentality needed for peace. Major reform of the Roman Curia.

Seeking God Together

An opportunity for a small group gathering to read, reflect and share on the writings of an inspirational spiritual author, Fr Daniel O’Leary SJ from his book, “An Astonishing Secret – The Love Story of Creation and the Wonder of You.”

An introduction to the book says:

“The book is a call to you to stretch your thoughts and imagination in many ways. There will be ideas about the world and God and yourself that will both trouble and delight your spirit...but it will transform your life. Read the book as you would read a love-letter from God.”

Venue: Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings (Previously known as Te Ngakau Waiora Mercy Spirituality Centre, 104 The Drive Epsom)

Dates: Wednesdays, 10.30am-12nn
 May 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15

Cost of book: \$30 This is a bargain!

If you have any questions about this invitation or would wish to join the group, please contact Sr Cathryn Wiles-Pickard who will facilitate this gathering. Mobile: 0211 876 986.

Sunday Mass on Shine TV

A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfo> It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/kids-korner-3/>

Parent Ponderings:

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Open Synod Session Come have your say. The Church really wants to hear your voice. Join a Synod listening group (online). Thursday 31 March 7.00pm; Tuesday 4 April 10.00am; Thursday 5 April 7.00pm Register here:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/open-synod-sessions/>

Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship

If you are a 4th or 5th year medical student in 2022, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Randall Ramos, Catholic Diocese of Auckland – randallr@cda.org.nz

Auckland Inter-Faith Council

Sunday 27th March, 2pm Online Event: Let’s Pray for Peace, Peace for Ukraine, Peace for Europe & Peace for Everywhere. Representatives from the various faith communities of Aotearoa-New Zealand leading us in prayers and readings. This is a National Interfaith gathering. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81952156537?pwd=NFFPZTAwdWEwRiRSOTICRDkwbFIFQj09> Meeting ID: 819 5215 6537 Passcode: 098946

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days – For those who see a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 20 Apr | Tue 25 May | Mon 21 Jun Venue: St Francis Retreat Centre.

Bookings: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Tel: 09 625 6651

24Hr Quietude Retreats – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp includes accommodation + food)
 1 - 2 Apr | 15 - 16 Jul | 16 - 17 Sep | 18 - 19 Nov: St Francis Retreat Centre. Bookings: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz Tel: 09 625 6651

School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the ACFL Operations Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Dorothy O’Brien, Lily Posa, D.E.Mijares, Carmencita O. De Ocampo, Derrick Rosario, Rita Loof, Hannah Balida, Constantino Mijares, Aileen Leedham, Claire Gabrielle Jew, Esther Purkis, Philip Dromgool, Wim Wouts

Sick: Sue Wong, Kathryn Badrick, Millie Pacheco, Leo Cassin, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones, Corazon Abulencia, Joe & Nicholas Geor, Evelyn Totanes, May Chow, Stephen Wheoki, Leonard Lee, Noel Mijares, Arielle Beatriz Bautista, Larissa Lukito, Peggy Dance, Adrian Judson, Joseph Cave, Perlita Dineros

Anniversaries: Patricia Malloy (Mar 8), Tom Skyring (Mar 24), Rose Lobo (Mar 26), Celso Sr Abrau (Apr 15)

Roster for next weekend: 3rd April

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Osmitta Francis	Bernard Hollewand
Reader	Polly Kenrick	Vincent George
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Braganza Ashlyn Braganza Bernadette Collins	Mark Almeida Estelle Arts Rose Avery
Collectors	Trevor Arland Walter Lobo	Corbett Madden Michael Marinovich
A/V Operator	Volunteer Please	Richard Rambaud
Vaccine Pass Checkers	Shee Chow and Family	Mary-Ann Todd Dan Bundy
Counters	John Long Kathy Long	Michael Kerridge
Altar Care	Kathy Long	
Flowers	No flowers in Lent.	

Readings for Next Week (Fifth Week of Lent – Year C)

1. Isaiah 43:16-21
 2. Phil. 3:8-14
- Gospel John 8:1-11

