

# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart



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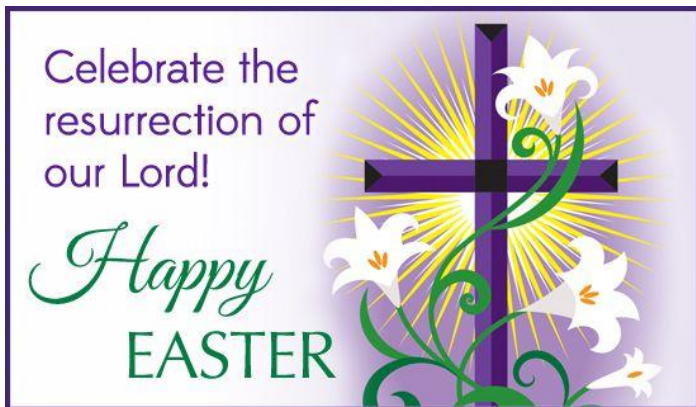
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## 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Easter Sunday – Year C



### Easter Message

(From His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI – *Urbi et Orbi* Easter 2009)

*From the depths of my heart, I wish all of you a blessed Easter. To quote Saint Augustine, "the resurrection of the Lord is our hope" (Sermon 261:1). With these words, the great Bishop explained to the faithful that Jesus rose again so that we, though destined to die, should not despair, worrying that with death life is completely finished; Christ is risen to give us hope.*

*Indeed, one of the questions that most preoccupies men and women is this: what is there after death? To this mystery [the Easter] solemnity allows us to respond that death does not have the last word, because Life will be victorious at the end. This certainty of ours is based not on simple human reasoning, but on a historical fact of faith: Jesus Christ, crucified and buried, is risen with his glorified body. Jesus is risen so that we too, believing in him, may have eternal life. This proclamation is at the heart of the Gospel message.*

I pray that you and your loved ones may experience deep joy on this supreme Feast Day - the Resurrection of the Lord. Happy Easter! - Fr Rob

### **Mass Timetable** **18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Monday: No Mass or Liturgy of the Word  
Tuesday: 8am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
Wednesday: 8am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
Thursday: 8am Mass  
Friday: 11am Adoration followed by 12.05pm Mass  
Saturday: 9am Mass  
Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm  
Sunday: 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4.45-5.15pm

### **Donations Tax Receipts**

Donations tax receipts for the financial year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 have been sent out last week via email. Please check your inboxes or junk mail folder (Email subject is "Epsom Parish Donation Tax Receipt"). For those without email, your tax receipts have been posted to your address. If you did not receive your receipt or you have any questions about your tax receipt, please contact Chatty in the parish office.

### **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.

### **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/f48230de-86ce-46ce-8d55-5dcdef6650b8>

Some headlines for this issue: Social and community housing project on Church land. New CEO for Caritas. Kiwis pray for peace in Ukraine. Icons in exhibition at Akld gallery.

## 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, **2-3.30pm and 7.30-9pm (note change of time)**  
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.

**The Environment & Sustainability Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission needs new members. If you take inspiration from Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and are interested in encouraging awareness of action on environment issues and sustainability we'd like to hear from you. Contact: Peter Garrick Executive Secretary [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730

## Earth Day 2022 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

The theme for Earth Day this year is "Invest in our Earth".

Maybe say this short prayer:

As we give thanks for your gift of life here on planet earth, we ask your grace, Lord, to help us restore the land, the oceans, the air that we have polluted. Lord hear us.

If you would like to invest not only prayer time but money, here is a link to Earth Day's "Canopy Project". It plants trees around the globe. You can donate as little as \$1 US:

<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/the-canopy-project/>

If you would rather like to invest through your actions, below is a link to the 52 suggested actions you can take to help invest in a better future for our planet: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>

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

**Parent Ponderings:**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/download/parent-ponderings-3/>

## Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

**Online Sessions (Evening):**

**Women in the Scriptures & Mythology**

**Part 1: Women of the Old Testament** with Kieran Fenn fms. Wednesday, 20 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

**Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel** with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Friday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/women-in-the-scriptures-mythology/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at** <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

**Divine Mercy Sunday Feast** at Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave, Mt Eden **24th April at 5:30pm**

## Catholic Education Services – Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor

Our Catholic Education Services have a vacancy for a full time Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor, starting in Term 3. The role is to develop, strengthen and support the leadership role of the Directors of Religious Studies & HOD's Religious Education in Catholic Schools. The role will also provide professional development, formation and resources for teachers in Religious Education and Catholic Special Character.

Applicants will have a tertiary qualification in Religious Education or a commitment to undertake appropriate study, hold current NZ Teacher registration, interest in and experience in teaching religious education in Years 7 to 10, would be advantageous.

Please visit our website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/> to view the full advert and to apply. Applications close 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship

If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:randallr@cda.org.nz)

## 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 Wheeki, Leonard Lee, Noel Mijares, Arielle Beatriz Bautista, Peggy Dance, Adrian Judson, Joseph Cave

**Anniversaries:** Raymond Fraser (Apr 10), Josephine Thomas (Apr 14), Celso Sr Abrau (Apr 15), Dulcie Aldridge (Apr 22)

## Roster for next weekend: 24<sup>th</sup> April

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Marlene Parejas	Anne Bannatyne
<b>Reader</b>	Carmel Webb	Margaret Wong
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Marlene Parejas John Ryan Annette Wilson	Rebekah Capon Ani Fangupo John Long
<b>Collectors</b>	Stanley Saw Ashlyn Braganza	Nellie Wulf Xavier Leota
<b>A/V Operator</b>	Marcus Koenig	Jomy Mathews
<b>Counters</b>	Peter Brooks Carolyn Brooks	Elvis D'Costa
<b>Altar Care</b>	Marizel Dizon Joy Daria	
<b>Flowers</b>	Eileena Stoddart Mary van Wijk	

## Readings for Next Week (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C)

1. Acts 5:12-16
  2. Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19
- Gospel John 20:19-31

