

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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21st May 2023 – The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Timetable

For the whole month of May (possibly longer)

Monday: No Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday-Friday: 8am Mass - Sisters of Mercy Chapel*

Saturday: 9am Mass - Sisters of Mercy Chapel*

**Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings
104 The Drive, Epsom*

Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday: 9am Mass in the Parish Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45-5.15pm
in the Parish Office

The Rosary is prayed in the Sisters of Mercy Chapel every Monday
morning during school term at 9.15-9.45am.*

Sacramental Programme 2023

Registrations now open

Are you in Year 4 or above and want to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion? This year's Sacramental Programme in our parish will commence in June and culminate with the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on **Sunday, 10th September 2023**. Details on session dates and venue, and on how to register are on our parish website:

<https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/sacramentalprogramme/>

Registrations close Wednesday, 31st May 2023.

For those in Year 6 and above who have already received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please note that there will be a separate programme for just the sacrament of Confirmation later in the year. Details will be announced in the newsletter and on our parish website as they become available.

Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy program for Sunday mass is now back again. All children, 10 and under, are welcome to participate. For those under 6, we ask that a parent come with them.

Thank you to all who generously volunteered to help as catechists. We still need more volunteers to supplement the roster as well as to provide cover in case of illness or absence. As soon as possible, we will also need a few volunteer parents to help satisfy the "two-person rule" which the Church's safeguarding policy requires. This is important to keep everyone safe. If you are able to assist in either role, please contact the parish office.

Our Parish – The Week Ahead

Mon. 22nd May 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer.

New members welcome.

Mon. 22nd May 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Thu. 25th May 2-2.45pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Help for Children and the Elderly

For many years now, we have called on our Parishioners to help children and their families in need. We are currently looking for help to provide pyjamas and similar clothing and blankets for our families in need and so, in conjunction with our parish school, invite parishioners to contribute donations of pyjamas, etc in keeping with our Lord's words: "I was naked and you clothed me." Donations can be brought to either the parish or school office or left in the basket provided at mass on the weekend.

We are also aware that there are elderly people in our community, who are struggling to make ends meet. If you are struggling, or you know of someone who is, please get in touch, we are here to help.

Please contact - in confidence:

Mary-Ann Todd: maryanntodd29@gmail.com

Sarah Stevens: sarah.stevens@stcuthberts.school.nz

or Chatty in the Parish office.

New set of Planned Giving Envelopes

The new set of planned giving envelopes (April-Sept. 2023) are available for collection from the parish office. If you have any questions regarding planned giving, please contact Chatty at the parish office.

School News

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Auckland Catholic Principals' Conference at Paihia. The theme of the conference was Kei te hono tatou (Take a breath) and the retreat was led by Katrina Brill and Christina Neunzerling who belong to the Sisters of St Joseph religious order. As a group of principals we all agreed that it was the best way to spend the day, reflecting on our and others' well being.

As a school we celebrated Mother's Day at our Great Learner Assembly where many of our mums turned up and were acknowledged by the children. It is great to have all our teachers back at school so the teaching and learning takes place without any disruption.

On another note we are extremely grateful to our parent volunteers who train our students in various sporting activities. On Tuesday some of the Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to play at the Soccer Zones. Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 students who came second and this was possible because of our parent volunteers. As we are a small school, we have limited resources and we are forever grateful to our parent volunteers.

- Mini Joseph, Principal

Shine TV Shine TV weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm
Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-ASCENSION-of-the-LORD.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-Brick-boy-and-a-wheelchair.pdf>

NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Cardinal John Dew retires as Archbishop of Wellington. Sensitive negotiation s over integrated schools. Concerns over new criteria for co-opting school board members. Catholic leaders praise coronation emphasis on service. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to the priest or into the Parish office. *Thank you.*

What is 'Laudato Si' Week'?

Hope for Earth. Hope for Humanity 2023 May 21-28. Laudato Si' Week will be celebrated with the film "The Letter"(120 mins)to mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings will show this film on the following dates:

Wednesday 24th May 2.00-4.00pm
Friday 26th May 7.00-9.00pm

If you are interested in attending, please contact:

Sr Cathryn Wiles-Pickard by email cathrynwp237@gmail.com or mobile 021 187 6986.

St Vincent de Paul

Volunteers needed! The Onehunga Vinnies Op shop, run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, raised \$25,000 for flood relief in the lower North Island. We also help fund many food parcels for people in need. We need help with customer service, sorting, merchandising, pricing and picking up furniture donations. Please come and see us in our newly refurbished shop at 345 Onehunga Mall (9 to 4:30pm Mon-Sat), or contact Liz on 634-2697 or 022-467-5443 if you would like to be involved in a great cause.

Due to works in our church, we will not be able to accept donations in our church at this time. The Food Bank will also not be available during this time. **Please do not leave items for donation inside or outside the church.**

Mass of the Neophytes All those baptised or received into full communion at Easter or throughout the last 12 months are invited by Bishop Steve to join him at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for this Mass celebrating the gift of faith and acknowledging these newest members of the Church. Family, sponsors, RCIA team members and members of the diocese are all invited.

Combined prayer for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Friday 26 May, 7pm, Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0622. All are welcome.

Seminar at Mary MacKillop Centre Chapel Mission Bay **Liturgy for a New Church: the Challenge of Real Participation** Facilitators: Jo Ayers and Fr Neil Darragh, Saturday 17 June; 10am – 2pm, \$30 waged/ \$20 unwaged. Registrations: Sr Julian Ph 09 528 1801

The NZ Catholic Medical Association provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz . For general inquiries and updates for future events, email:

newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).

G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass Wednesday 24th May at 7pm at the G.I.F.T. Centre, 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Intellectually disabled people, families, and support workers welcome. Supper afterwards.

Christian Life Programme

"Do you want to grow deeper in your faith with the Lord and learn more about your Catholic faith? Come and join our Christian Life Programme (CLP) and be renewed spiritually. Run by CFC's Singles For Christ, this program will run for 8 weeks every Thursday from the 8th of June to 27th of July, from 6pm to 10pm. The venue will be at Mary MacKillop Hall, Remuera and it is open to all single or unmarried young adults that are 18-40 years old. Dinner and refreshments will be served at each session. For more info, please contact Shyne 0226321475 or Joven 0275270986.

Catholic Women's League Orakei- Eastern Suburbs invites ladies, men to join us on Wednesday, 24th May at St. Joseph's Church Orakei, 16 Brenton Place, Orakei, Auckland for Mass at 10.30am and then to the Church hall for morning tea, cost \$5 (five dollars only). Socialise, catch up and make new friends and find out what is new to be announced! Hear about Mother Theresa. Bring a friend along. To confirm your attendance please call Tina on 09-5212499/021940950 or linaraines@orcon.net.nz Pay cash at the door.

Logos Quiz Night - One Night in Europe

A few weeks ago we hosted a concert by Fr Chris Skinner at Christ the King Parish, Owairaka - to fundraise for our Marist Pilgrims to go to Lisbon in July. Date/time: **June 3 2023 - 5:30-9:30pm.** Venue: **Christ the King Parish Hall.**

A fun night of entertainment, fine food and wine, and of course a fantastic quiz. Bring your friends and family to make up a team of seven. You can purchase tickets individually or as a table of seven. To purchase tickets visit The Logos Project facebook page where you will find a link to eventbrite. Or give Danielle Webb a call or send an email: Danielle Webb 02102543407 daniellewebb02@gmail.com

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Charles Sturt, Paul Foong, Colleen Williams, Margaretha Pot, Fr. Mario Dorado, Anabella Olaes, Honery Almeida, Lily Owen, Sr. Katrina Fabish rsm

Sick: Sue Wong, Millie Pacheco, Carol Rogers, Corazon Abulencia, Nicholas Geor, Evelyn Totanes, Stephen Wheoki, Noel Mijares, Arielle Beatriz Bautista, Peggy Dance, Adrian Judson, Joseph Cave, William Wong, Lloyd Jones, Ricardo de Castro, Joan Moore

Anniversaries: Larissa Lukito (Apr 7), Dulcie Aldridge (Apr 22), Kenrick Lorigan (May 13), SansRae Lee and Ju-Suk Yang (May 2), Maria T. Valenzuela (May 16)

Roster for next weekend: 28th May

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Marlene Parejas	Mark Almeida
Reader	Polly Kenrick	Fiona McLean
Offertory	Christine & Paul Greaney	Toni Pinlac Ray Salian
Eucharistic Ministers	Grant Barnett Teresa Chow	Annette Wilson Mark Almeida Priscilla B. Pereira
Altar Servers	Jaden D'Souza	Julianna Exross
Collectors	Stanley Saw Lynn Murphy	Vincent George and Family
A/V Operator	No AV Operation while works on-going in the church	
Counters	Carmel Webb Vina Valenzuela Iris Valenzuela	
Altar Care	No Altar Care while works on-going in the church	
Flowers	No Flowers while works on-going in the church	

Readings for next week Pentecost

1. Acts 2:1-11
2. 1Cor. 12:3-7,12-13
- Gospel John 20:19-23

