

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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11th February 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Timetable

Tuesday: 8am at the Mercy Centre Chapel (104 The Drive)

Wednesday & Thursday: 8am

Friday: 12.05pm (Adoration from 11am)

Saturday: 9am

Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45-5.15pm

The Rosary is prayed in the Church every Monday morning during school term at 9.15-9.45am.



Ash Wednesday (14th February)

Masses at 8am and 6.30pm.

(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Sacrament of Reconciliation available after the 6.30pm Mass on Ash Wednesday and 6.30pm every Friday during Lent.

Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024

The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā! The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. **Lenten Giving Envelopes** for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 are now available from the church foyer. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

ALMSGIVING
FASTING
PRAYER

Monday morning Holy Rosary resumes February 12th, 9.15 to 9.45 in Church. In praying the Holy Rosary, we meditate on the life of Jesus through the eyes of the Blessed Mother. St. Pope John Paul II quotes: "The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in Biblical content. I beg you to pray it." Please come join us.

OLSH CHOIR. We have had our first practice and 16 wonderful people turned up and sang well to prepare for Easter. **Our next practice is TUESDAY 13th February this coming week. Please note the change of date just this week because of Ash Wednesday Mass at 6.30pm.** If you would like to sing at Easter please attend this practice on Tuesday 13th at 7pm as we are learning quite a few new hymns. Thank you. - *Annamarie*

Meetings and Events in Our Parish

Mondays 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer.
New members welcome.

Mondays 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Wednesdays 7-8pm OLSH Music Group practice in the church.

Thursdays 2-2.45pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

YOUTH LEADERS WANTED NOW! After much searching, we now have a new youth minister and are working hard to get a parish youth group up and running as soon as possible. To make this happen, *we need leaders in year 12 and above* to help run the program as part of a leadership team. If you know anyone who you think might be suitable, please send their details to the office, point them out to Fr Anthony, or just feel free to ask them yourself. Exciting things are beginning to happen but there's still much which needs to be done and young leaders needed to help make sure it's more than just a dream.

Children's Liturgy Leaders. Are you a teacher – active or retired? Or do you have the gift of breaking open the Gospel stories of Jesus to the younger children in our parish? Are you great working with children? We are looking for volunteer catechists, or prayer leaders, or teachers to lead in the Children's Liturgy ministry. If you have the passion to teach our younger children to hear the Word of God at their level during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, during school terms, we will be delighted to hear from you. This is an amazing opportunity to be involved in parish life ministry. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact details at the parish office on 09-630 3956, Email: epsomparish@xtra.co.nz and the Coordinator will be in touch. As we are a Safe Church, leaders will be asked to complete the safeguarding process. Let us strengthen our Catholic communities for missionary discipleship | Let us build the spirituality of our young people | Let us be involved.

NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Kiwi and Anglican bishops gather in Rome and UK. New director for Hearts Aflame. Chch diocese seeks feedback on cathedral location options. Dunedin cathedral sanctuary angels get their wings. As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is available from this link:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/2face917-ff29-4b13-83b3-3010e8522ea0>

Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to the priest or into the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Tea, Coffee, & Company Starting up again on **Wednesday, 21st Feb. 10.30am** in the Community room. All welcome!

Bible Diary 2024 Clearance Sale! Now at \$10 each from the parish office.

Safeguarding Workshop

Safeguarding training is a policy requirement of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) for those volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults. A safeguarding workshop will be held in our parish hall on **Thursday, 7th March, 7pm**. A cuppa will be provided. For more information, please contact Lisa-May Gray, CDA Safeguarding Coordinator, email lisam@cda.org.nz. New volunteers and those who have previously attended but would like to be updated and refreshed are welcome to attend.

World Day of Prayer 2024 – Friday, 1st March

World Day of Prayer is an international movement of Christian people in many different traditions that have a continuing relationship of prayer and service. People from various denominations gather in one another's churches to celebrate, using a Worship Service prepared by women of a different country each year who share the hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, opportunities, and needs, of their country. It affirms that informed prayer and prayerful action are inseparable.

This year, the service for Epsom area will be held in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church on **Friday, 1st March, at 10am**. We encourage you to participate and join in prayer.

More information on the church noticeboard.

NB. There will be no Adoration on Friday, 1st March, but Mass will be as usual at 12.05pm.

A Time for Every Season - Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay. Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin Saturday 17 February 10am–1pm \$35 waged/\$25 unwaged. Registrations to Sr Jill McLoughlin by February 14th. MBSpirituality@sosi.org.au or MOB 02109115260.

Living as Beloved Retreat – Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 30 Holdgate Road, Kohimarama, Led by Eamon Butler and Jeannie Blaker Thursday 22nd February 7pm – Sunday 25 February \$420 Registrations by February 15th to Eamon_david@hotmail.com or MOB 021 027 91424.

Want to know what happened at the Synod in October? Everyone is invited to join one of the two evening Zooms to hear Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley, St Joseph's Levin parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda and Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM. The three were part of the wider Oceania group from Australia and the Pacific who participated in the first session of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome. Their shared experiences are very topical because we will all be preparing over the coming months for the Second Assembly of the Synod in October this year. Register now to attend one of these special one-hour Zoom sessions:

Tuesday 13 February 7:30pm. <http://tinyurl.com/yc8c2s28>

Thursday 15 February 7:30pm. <http://tinyurl.com/4e2hnf9p>

Christian Meditation The Cathedral parish is hosting sessions on Meditation in the Christian tradition Mondays at 5.30pm register with Anita anita@stpatricks.org.nz

Masterclass Young Leaders' Formation

Youth leaders, you're invited to Masterclass, our quarterly event focused on equipping you for ministry. There will be relevant workshops, fantastic (free) kai, and opportunities to connect with other young leaders! Masterclass will be taking place on Sunday 25 February, 2:30-8pm, at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby. Register at masterclassCDA.eventbrite.com

Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass

Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry in the Diocese! Our Commissioning Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe, who will commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2024. This special mass will be taking place at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 25 February at 7pm. Please join us to support our young leaders.

Taizé Prayer Friday 16 February at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay

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

SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFEGUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, feel safe.

If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Louisa Rani and you can contact her by email at epsomsafeguarding@gmail.com. You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662 or the police 111.

MASS INTENTIONS

A gentle reminder that mass intentions need to be sent to the parish office at least 48 hours before the day on which mass is to be offered. If the intention is particularly important please make sure to mention this at the time the request is made. As a general rule, Sunday mass is offered for the people of the parish although some exceptions are possible. Please note that if a mass cannot be offered on the desired date, it will be offered on the next available date.

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Elaine Murray, Margaret Nicholas, Ricardo de Castro, Bruce Currie, Margaret Nicholas, Patricia Kerr, Nevis Almeida, Mathilda Mendes, Br Gerard Mahoney

Sick: 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, Lima Sio Kame, Celia Codoy, Geoffrey Treanor

Anniversaries: John Trevenen (Mar 1), Honery Almeida (Mar 2), Roquey Almeida (Mar 9)

Roster for next weekend: 18th Feb.

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Joy Daria	Mark Almeida
Reader	Peyton Jacinto	Kevin Maloney
Offertory	Lana Lon Melissa Mara	Gazelle & Ivan Extross
Eucharistic Ministers	Sushila Fernandes Peyton Jacinto Suchi Lewis	Stephen Piggan Peter Prosee Amile Salian
Altar Servers	Vicki Koenig Cecilia Koenig Luke Koenig	Aronui Williams Kieran Thewarapperuma Regan Quah
Collectors	Marilyn & Vijay Kamath	Pio & Cicily Bankien
A/V Operator	Marcus Koenig	Shalini Thewarapperuma
Music	Suchi Lewis	Caroline B. Devine
Children's Liturgy		Sharon Suarez
Counters	Vina & Iris Valenzuela	
Altar Care	Patsy McCahill	
Flowers	No Flowers in Lent	

Readings for next week 1st Sunday of Lent

1. Genesis 9:8-15
 2. 1Peter 3:18-22
- Gospel Mark 1:12-15



Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

Ki te ingoa
O te Matua, O te Tamaiti,
O te Wairua Tapu
Āmene

If you would like to donate to our parish, you may do so via bank transfer into our parish account with details below. You can claim a tax credit from IRD for donations of \$5 or more. If you would like to be receipted, please email epsomparish@xtra.co.nz with details of your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Account Name: Epsom Parish
Account Number: 02-0108-0707091-000
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