

# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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## 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Timetable**

Tuesday (Waitangi Day): 9am

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.*

**Please note that the Mass on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February (Waitangi Day) at 9am will be held in the church (not at the Mercy Centre).**



### **Ash Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> February)**

Masses at 8am and 6.30pm.

(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

### **World Day of Prayer 2024 – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. We encourage you to participate and join in prayer.

More information on the church noticeboard.

**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.

**Bible Diary 2024** with daily prayers, readings, short reflections, and Saints of the Day. **Clearance Sale! Now at \$10 each.** Limited stocks left. Available from the parish office.

### **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.

**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.

### **New Parish Roster (February to May 2024)**

The new parish roster for the period of 4th February to 26th May 2024 has been sent out. Please check your email inboxes (or junk mail). Thank you to all our volunteers.

**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](mailto: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.

### **Safeguarding Workshop**

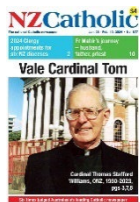
Safeguarding training is a policy requirement of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) for those volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults. A safeguarding workshop will be held in our parish hall on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March,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

### **OLSH Choir**

Practice resumes on Wednesday, 7th February, in the church 7-8pm. We will start preparing for Easter so please come along and sing.

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

## NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Cardinal Williams farewelled – requiem, obituary, editorial. The story of a married priest with children. Representations of Jesus in the first 300 years. Clergy moves for six NZ dioceses. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to the priest or into the Parish office. *Thank you.*

## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Bible Stories - What do they mean?** Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sundays, 04 Feb, 03 Mar, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

**The Mystery of Miracles** Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

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

**WAITANGI DAY 2024 MIHA** All are welcome to the celebration of Mass in Te Reo Māori and English to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840. Miha (Mass) will be celebrated at Whaiora Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara beginning with a Pōwhiri at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2024. Following Mass there will be refreshments and a talk on Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Email [ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz) for info.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** Tuesday 13 February. Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love."

Past, present members of the **Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations**, and those interested in these aspects of Church life are invited to a meeting to explore how the diocese moves forward in these important relations particularly in light of the Synod's call to engage. Bring your interest, enthusiasm and ideas. Wednesday 7 February Poynton Room Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 6.30-8.00pm. RSVP [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) | 5 February

Fr MICHAEL PUI appointed **National Director of MissionNZ** Congratulations and ka pai Fr Michael Pui, who has been appointed National Director of MissionNZ, the local face of the Pontifical Mission Societies, perhaps best known for overseeing the World Missions Sunday collection each October. Fr Michael has most recently been the Parish Priest of Good Shepherd Hurunui in North Canterbury. He will remain based in the Diocese of Christchurch. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/missionnz/>

**The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students** If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2024, 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 email [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz)

**Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:** For more info/dates and to book call 09 625 6651 or visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**Women's Prayer Retreat** - A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | Fri 16 Feb 5pm - Sun 18 Feb 3pm | Earlybird (by 31 Jan) \$300 | Standard (after 31 Jan) \$330  
**Time Out Days** - For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am - 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 21 Feb | Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr

**Homecoming** - A Lenten retreat that will reflect on the spiritual implications of Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" | Fri 22 Mar 7pm- Sun 24 Mar 4:30pm | Earlybird \$300

## 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](mailto: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:** Virginia Orias (Jan 7), Severiano Orias (Jan 10), Harold Anthony Bankien (Jan 28)

## Roster for next weekend: 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
<b>Commentator</b>	Peyton Jacinto	Kevin Maloney
<b>Reader</b>	Tina Hallis	Bernard Hollewand
<b>Offertory</b>	Vijay & Marilyn Kamath	Peter Leathley and Family
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lisette Albuquerque Lynette Duncan Reena Fernandes	Annette Wilson Rose Foong Ani Fangupo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sam Lobo Sia Lobo Amber Challis	Haresha Fernando Fynn Rowley Liliana Tonkin
<b>Collectors</b>	Vincent George and Family	Michael & Jan Marinovich
<b>A/V Operator</b>	Jonathan Abad	Averia Rani
<b>Music</b>	Annemarie Kerridge	Judith Fullerton
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Volunteers Please
<b>Counters</b>	John Long Kathy Long Michael Kerridge	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Path Thomson Sue Lamont	
<b>Flowers</b>	Kathy Long Sarah Crawford	

## Readings for next week 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46
  2. 1Cor. 10:31-11:1
- Gospel Mark 1:40-45



## Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

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

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](mailto:epsomparish@xtra.co.nz) with details of your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

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