

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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28th April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Vocations Sunday

Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. There will be a second collection during Sunday Masses this weekend for this purpose. There are several ways to donate:

- ❖ Those using planned giving envelopes will have a specially marked envelope for Vocations Sunday. Alternatively, you can use any envelope and label with "Vocations Sunday" and your name (optional) if you would like to be receipted. You may place the envelope into our collection baskets.
- ❖ Cash/loose dropped into our second collection.
- ❖ Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate.
- ❖ Use QR Code below which directs to the appeal website.



Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

Confirmation for Converts

A program will be starting in May for anyone who is baptised and wanting to become Catholic. Please see Fr Anthony or contact the parish office for more details.

Donations Tax Receipts

Donations tax receipts for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 have been sent out by email if we have your email address on file or otherwise posted to your postal address. Please check your spam/junk mail if you don't find it in your email inboxes. Any questions, please contact Chatty in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

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 10.30-11.15am Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Parish Ministries Roster

The current roster will finish at the end of May so the new roster for the period **2nd June to 29th September 2024** will be prepared soon. To advise of any changes to your ministries or of your unavailability for the next period, kindly email Chatty at epsomparish@xtra.co.nz **no later than Sunday, 12th May 2024**.

2024 Sacramental Programmes

Confirmation & First Holy Communion for Years 4 and above will be on **Sunday, 15th September 2024 at 11AM**. Online registrations will open early in Term 2. Session dates are up on our parish website.

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

For those who have already received their First Holy Communion but have not yet been confirmed, a date towards the end of the year is still being decided for just the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Relics Tour

A unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches to Auckland from 26 April to 5 May 2024.

The tour, which will bring together relics of Saints from the Roman, Maronite, Melkite, Ukrainian, Chaldean and Syro-Malabar Catholic Churches, will be a spiritually enriching experience for the faithful and an opportunity to engage experience the rich faith traditions of the Eastern Catholic Church. The relics represent a tangible connection to the spiritual heritage of both Eastern and Western Catholics, serving as beacons of holiness in our contemporary world and representing a rich tradition of spiritual reverence and unity within the Church.

The relics will be welcomed at the Cathedral on Saturday 27 April at 3pm in the presence of visiting Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Church.

NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied below.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/11d1d2cb-8032-42fc-a997-f5e77a1a32e0>

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

Baptism in our Parish (April)

We welcome to the Catholic faith:

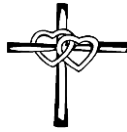
Keondra Cate Te Ata-i-Rehia Gray-Kaihau, child of Te Whareroa and Chelsea Kaihau (nee Gray).

God bless Keondra.



Wedding in our Parish

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Dylan and Natasha D'Costa (nee Noronha) who were married in our church on Saturday, 20th April 2024. The D'Costa family are active members of our parish and Dylan is currently a member of the parish finance committee.



Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May Suggested Koha \$10.

Let's Talk About Mary 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore Mary, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Thinking about the priesthood? Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith. 4th May at noon – www.aucklandvocations.org.nz for more details.

Homestays for pre-seminary students The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.

Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

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. Sunday, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles

Monday, 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm. \$25/session, incl. study material. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Shine TV 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.

University Ministry Coordinator - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Geoffrey Treanor, Antony Porter, Michael Patrick Crosswell, Lloyd Jones, Peter John Hickey, Mary Overend, Chris Walker, Elaine Murray, Margaret Nicholas

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, Lima Sio Kame, Celia Codoy, Mary Knaggs, Margaret Connolly

Anniversaries: Patricia Malloy (Mar 8), Roquey Almeida (Mar 9), Ivan Posa (Mar 20), Tom Skyring (March 24), Paul Foong (Apr 7), Larissa Lukito (Apr 7), Josephine Thomas (Apr 14), Dulcie Aldridge (Apr 22)

Roster for next weekend: 5th May

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Nikki Daria	Sr Cathryn
Reader	Reena Fernandes	Bernard Hollewand
Offertory	Shee & Teresa Chow	Paul Grace and Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Sushila Fernandes Peyton Jacinto Suchi Lewis	Annette Wilson Mark Almeida Estelle Arts
Altar Servers	Sam Lobo Sia Lobo Amber Challis	Haresha Fernando Fynn Rowley Liliana Tonkin
Collectors	Trevor Arland Lana Lon	Volunteers Please
A/V Operator	Lana Lon	Jomy Mathews
Music	Suchi Lewis	Judith Fullerton
Children's Liturgy		Volunteers Please
Counters	John Long Kathy Long	Michael Kerridge
Altar Care	Marizel Dizon Joy Daria	
Flowers	Eileena Stoddart Mary van Wijk	

Readings for next week

6th Sunday of Easter:

1. Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

2. 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel John 15:9-17



Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

Ki te ingoa

O te Matua, O te Tamaiti,

O te Wairua Tapu

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Our parish bank account details are as follows:

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