

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER
Acts 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35
18th May 2025

	5PM	8.30AM	10.30AM
	17 th May	18 th May	18 th May
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11th - 17th May

SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell,
 Brian O'Leary, John Ram Krishna, Anne Wallbank, Margaret Fairweather,
 Morris Pele, Brian Goldfinch, 'Ofa Soakai and Leanne Sharp

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death

Jannette McKee-Wright, Estelle May Farrell, Terence Markham,
 Maria (Mary) Ford, Jean Mary Roberts, Anton Jakor Stanisich, Agnes Flint,
 Jessie Wade, Joanna Catherine Schuller, Bill (William) McMahon,
 George James McLaughlan, Maria Katherine Johnston, Marie Pauline
 Sorraghan and Clifford James Bent

May they rest in peace. Amen

New to the Parish? Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please visit our website at www.papakuracatholic.org.nz and register online or you are very welcome to visit us at the parish office. (Office hours 9:00am– 3:00pm, Monday - Fridays) Thank you



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FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER - 11th May 2025
National Vocations Week 11-17 May (Good Shepherd Sunday)
 Acts 13:14.43-52; Apocalypse 7:9.14-17; John 10:27-30

Welcoming Pope Leo XIV: A Shepherd for our Times

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With hearts full of hope, we joyfully receive **Pope Leo XIV**, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, as the 268th successor to St. Peter. His election marks a historic moment, as he becomes the first American-born Pope and the first from the Order of Saint Augustine.



Born in Chicago in 1955, Robert Prevost joined the Augustinian Order in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1982. He dedicated much of his life to missionary work in Peru, where he served with great humility and energy - as parish pastor, seminary teacher, and diocesan administrator. Known for his closeness to the people, deep pastoral care, and focus on formation, he lived simply and listened deeply. In 2001 he was elected the Prior General of the Order of St. Augustine and served until 2013. Pope Francis made him Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, where he served from 2015 to 2023.

In 2023, he was appointed Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, trusted roles that underscored his gift for discernment, unity, and understanding the needs of local churches across the globe.

By taking the name Leo XIV, he echoes the strength and clarity of Leo the Great - a defender of orthodox faith and papal authority - and the social conscience of Leo XIII, whose encyclical *Rerum Novarum* laid the foundation for Catholic Social Teaching. This choice suggests Pope Leo XIV's desire to combine doctrinal fidelity with a bold, compassionate commitment to justice, dialogue, and missionary discipleship in our time.

In his first blessing from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV offered a simple yet profound message:

"God loves everyone... We have to look together how to be a missionary church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.."

These words resonated deeply with many, reflecting his vision of a Church that is welcoming, listening, and outward-looking. He called all people to solidarity, especially with the poor and suffering, and invited Catholics to rediscover the joy of the Gospel.

Fluent in Spanish, Italian, Latin and English and holding dual citizenship with Peru, Pope Leo XIV embodies the Church's universality. His election points to the Cardinals' discernment for a Pope who can lead the Church with humility, inclusiveness, and missionary zeal at a time when the world needs healing, truth, and hope.

Let us give thanks to God for the gift of Pope Leo XIV and pray for him daily that he may shepherd the Church with wisdom, faith, and love.

God bless.

Fr. Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday
 8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday
 8:30am & 10:30am

BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month
 during 10:30am mass

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - 9:00am
 Tuesday - 6:30pm
 Wednesday - 6:30pm
 Thursday - 9:30am
 Friday - 9:00am

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 Mass - 10:00am
 Adoration - 10:30am - 12:00noon

FIRST SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH
 Anointings of the Sick - 8:30am

ETHNIC MASSES

Filipino language 1st Sunday,
 2:00pm
Samoan Language 3rd Sunday
 12:00pm (dates to be confirmed)
Tongan Language 4th Sunday of
 Jun, Sep & Nov at 2:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Fridays 9:30am - 12:00noon

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Evening Prayer (VESPERS)
 Tuesday & Wednesday - 6:00pm

Morning Prayer (LAUDS)
 Sunday - 8:00am

RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS

Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 11:00am
Summerset - 3rd Tuesday, 10:30am

Announcements from Diocese

Current of Grace, Auckland (CHARIS) is having its annual Pentecost celebration on **8 June from 1:30pm to 4:00pm** at St Luke's Church. 260 Chapel Rd, Flat Bush, Auckland.

Today is **Vocations Sunday**. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

"**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is now open for enrolment for Semester 2. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to apply or call (09) 361-1053 for more information. **Enrolment closes on May 16.**" Please feel free to share the post also on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Praying For The Conclave: New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at www.catholic.org.nz

Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering Easter to Pentecost, a time for prayer, for pondering, for being present in the church's journey with Jesus after His Resurrection. Here are some opportunities for you to be on The Way with a few others from your home, on Zoom. Please contact Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz for more details.



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Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

Want to become a Catholic?

Looking to deepen your faith or join the Catholic Church? Our Parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC) program welcomes you on a journey of faith, learning, and community - come and discover the beauty of the Catholic life!

Registration for RCIC/RCIA 2025-2026 is now open.
Please contact Parish Office

Enquiry dates:
Friday, 16th May, 7:00pm
Saturdays, 24th May & 7th June at 12:00pm



CAN YOU HELP?

St Ignatius is excited to welcome 40 students from Tokyo City Boys this August.

We are now seeking caring families to host these wonderful 14-15-year-old boys for two weeks, from 5 August to 18 August.

These students are polite, sociable, and speak excellent English. They are eager to experience true Kiwi life and will be paired with buddies here at St Ignatius to help them settle in and make the most of their stay.

Hosting is a truly rewarding experience, and remuneration is generous. St Ignatius will organise the transport to and from school each day.

If you can open your home and heart to help, or would like more information, please contact Bridget Hartland at hartlandb@ignatius.school.nz.



HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPAURA FOOD BANK

Our requirements for the foodbank are Breakfast Foods plus recycled egg cartons please.

To request food assistance please phone 021 02671430 to give your details and you will be given an appointment time for collecting a food parcel.

Thank you.

Weekday Readings, 12th - 17th May

Monday	Ps.42; Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Ps.87; Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Ps.113; Acts 1:15-17; John 15:9-17
Thursday	Ps.89; Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday	Ps.2; Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Ps. 98; Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Parish News and updates

Parish Invitation: Nurturing Young Lives

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Stakeholders in the lives of our Children and Youth,

You are warmly invited to a special **Parish Meeting / Hui** dedicated to the **spiritual, human, and social formation** of our young people.

Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025
Time: 4:00 pm
Venue: St. Mary's Parish Hall
Theme: *Nurturing Young Lives*

This is a valuable opportunity for all who care about the growth and future of our children and youth to come together, share ideas, raise concerns, and collaborate on how we can better support their formation in faith, character, and community life. We invite representative from all State and Catholic Schools and Colleges, and other groups and organization working within the parish boundary.

Your voice and presence matter. Let's work hand in hand to nurture the next generation.

Let's shape their future—together!

For more information, please contact: St. Mary's Parish Office.

Sick members of our parish

Please keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are unwell and let us know of anyone who may need spiritual assistance.

Catholics Returning Home

You may know someone in your circle of friends who left our worshipping community. As God is always searching and waiting for us patiently, we are happy to visit them and begin a process of dialogue. Contact the parish office.

You're invited!

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has food, a talk, space to discuss and ask any question you want.



Scan to Register



Starts April 30, 2025 Wednesday, 06:45 PM at St. Mary's School, 54 Clark Rd Papakura

alpha@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

TAX RECEIPT 2024-25

Now available in the Church Foyer or call office if you wish to have a copy through email.



Collection Report 2nd - 8th May

Pledge - \$ 4,505.70

"Mulligan's Musings"

Book by Fr James Mulligan

Copies available at the parish office. \$20.00 each



Dates for your Diary

Sun, 11 May	Seminary Collection at all masses.
Fri, 16 May	Enquiry day for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC), 7:00 pm, Ryder Room
Wed, 13 May	Children's Liturgy Team Meeting, after 6:30pm Mass, Ryder Room.
Thu, 15 May	Nurturing Young Lives: Parish Meeting / Hui, 4:00 pm, Parish Hall
Thu, 15 May	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Room.
Saturdays, 24 May & 7 Jun	Enquiry Day for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC), 12:00 noon, Ryder Room
Thu, 29 May	Baptismal Preparation Course, 7:00pm, Ryder room.
Sat, 31 May	Parish Development Planning Hui. 12:30pm, Parish Hall.

SPECIAL COLLECTION IN THE AUCKLAND DIOCESE FOR 2025 Seminary Collection

On Sunday, **11th May** we will be having a second collection to help the fees for the Auckland students for the priesthood. Bishop's Appeal envelopes also available in the church Foyer.

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR TIME

Washing of Church Linen

We are seeking parishioners or volunteers to assist with the weekly washing of church linen, such as purificators. Training will be provided for both washing and ironing.

Building Maintenance

Our parish is looking for skilled parishioners and volunteers to assist with minor repairs and maintenance around our church grounds and buildings. Whether it's tightening a loose hinge, patching up a wall, or addressing small plumbing or electrical issues, your time and talent can make a significant difference in keeping our parish home welcoming and in good shape.

If you're able to lend a hand—even occasionally—please reach out to the parish office.

St Mary's Papakura Samoan Aulavou

Ave lou ola mo le Atua e ala i lau auauna i le aulavou. Tatalo atu i aiga Samoa uma o le tatou Palisi o loo manaomia oe i le tatou aiga aulavou. Afai e te fia tautua i le Atua e ala atu i le aulavou, fa'afeso'otai le susuga ile Peresitene Ishmael Fiamme Semi 021 022 59201 poo le Teuolua ia Ana Silva 021 142 4963. Fa'afetai.

We invite all our Samoan people in the Parish to come and join our Samoan Youth. We are a vibrant group with a passion to serve and to grow in our Catholic faith. Please don't hesitate to contact us with the numbers above.