

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

	5PM	8.30AM	10.30AM
	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May
LEADER	Phillip Soo Choon	Mavicle Auva'a	Rowena Hernandez
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**4th - 10th 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

**RECENT DEATHS**  
*We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.*  
 Manuelita Popa Chan

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**  
*We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death*  
 Kathryn Pauline Grieve, Hendrica Maria Kroef, Collin Bernard Selman,  
 John Robert Glen, Edward Phillip Neal, Mila Moredo, Wilna Lautua,  
 Janet Stribling-Dew, Philip James Smith, Desmond Joseph Brown,  
 James Ramsay, Jannette McKee-Wright, Estelle May Farrell and  
 Peter Franklin O'Brien  
 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](http://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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**THIRD WEEK OF EASTER**

Acts 5:27-32.40-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
 4th May 2025

**Know our Parishioners .....**

**My Faith Journey**  
 by Letisia Kaloamatangi

It has been more than a year since I first wrote about my faith journey.

I grew up in a Christian family and my parents were devoted to their faith. Prayers and reading the bible was something that I saw them doing every day and I was taught to pray and read my bible which I did.

This went on until I came to New Zealand for further study at 17 years old. This habit slowly disappeared, and I basically focus on my studies at university and other things away from my faith. This went on until I got married at 29 years old.

When I married, I realized for our marriage to last, we need to have Jesus in our life. For me to have Jesus in our lives we need to go back to church. We did go to mass, but we were just visitors meaning we go occasionally to mass.

My husband family through his mother's side are devoted Catholics. This means that our kids will be raised as Catholics. I had no objection to that because I do believe that when married the wife should follow the husband's beliefs. However, I was not ready to go through it yet I went with my husband to mass when we managed to find time to go.

Fast forward to 8 years ago after our kids had gone through the sacrament of Eucharist, we came to mass here in St Mary's and my husband and kids got up to receive the Eucharist and I sat back. After I few times, I made the decision to go through the Sacraments of Initiation.

It has been 7 years since I have become a Catholic. Two years ago, I experienced a dramatic experience in my life that made me realize I need a change. I am into personal development, so I was looking to improve my life and for some reason I discovered this Bible app. This app has a different verse for each day and different subjects where I can choose and learn from. At the time my mind was in turmoil about love and faith. So, I started reading about these in this app. Every morning before I start work, I spend 30 minutes reading from my Bible app and writing about what I read.

Today, I know that I am still a baby in my faith however I want to be a mature Christian. I have asked God to show me my purpose. These days when I wake up, I pray to God to use me in whatever way he wants me to.

My advice for someone out there who is just starting to walk with God in faith:

1. Make time to study about Jesus. Read the bible and meditate on his words. Record your time with Jesus by writing it down. I have 2 books (1<sup>st</sup> book – I write about my understanding of the verse of the day. 2<sup>nd</sup> book – I write about subjects where I think I needs God's guidance. I watch videos and read verses in the bible that deals with the subject then record on this book).
2. Pray. Pray when happy or when sad.



**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

**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](http://www.catholic.org.nz)

The May edition of the **NZCBC** Auckland Diocese newsletter is now available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/NZ-Catholic-Issue-2.pdf> as is the latest edition of Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/MAY-2025-Jubilee-Jottings.pdf>

### Are you a catechist or volunteer in your parish?

All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts.

Two retreats to choose from. One for parishes North of the bridge and one for parishes south of the bridge. \$25.00 per person. 10am to 3:30pm

All details and registration for **Northern region June 7 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/>

Details and registration for **Southern region July 5 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/>

Registrations essential. For further information please contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

**MAY 2025 SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS**

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm
  - Online via Microsoft Teams.
- PLEASE NOTE ONLINE PLACES FILL UP FAST AND REGISTRATIONS MAY CLOSE PRIOR TO DATE SO PLEASE REGISTER SOON SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT.
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 11.00am
  - Face to Face.
  - Parish of St Peter Chanel
  - 44 Boundary Road, Clover Park.

**REGISTER NOW**

WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS AND PARISHIONERS FROM ALL PARISHES AND ENTITIES TO JOIN US.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or link to online workshop CONTACT  
**Lisa-May Gray**  
 Safeguarding Coordinator  
 Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
[lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz)  
 09 360 3019

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.



**TAX RECEIPT 2024-25**

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

**Collection Report**  
 24th April - 1st May

Pledge - \$ 6,077.40  
 Build. Fund - \$ 7,922.81

Parish Calendar of Event for 2025 is on the website.

**Reminder:**

The **Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, 4th May at 12:00pm, in the Parish Hall.**

We look forward to your attendance.

**Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The parish is inviting you to serve the parish as ministers of the Word or as Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Training will be on **Thursday, 8th May at 7:00pm in the church.** You will be commissioned on the weekend, 17th May at all masses. To register contact parish office.

**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:**  
**Fridays, 9th & 16th May, 7:00pm**  
**Saturday, 24th at 12:00pm**

**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.

**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.

**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.

Weekday Readings, 5th - 10th May	
Monday	Ps.119G; Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tuesday	Ps.31; Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Ps.66; Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40
Thursday	Ps.66; Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Friday	Ps.117; Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Saturday	Ps. 116B; Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

## 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.

**MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 11TH**

Mother's Day is a special occasion dedicated to honouring and celebrating the love and sacrifices of Mothers.

So to express our heartfelt appreciation and affection for our Mothers we will be presenting mothers with flowers of your choice for each family to prepare for.

There will be a special blessing during post-communion.

It will be celebrated in all 3 masses next weekend, May 11.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAPA KURA FOOD BANK**

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.

**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.

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

Scan to Register



[alpha@stmaryspapakura.org.nz](mailto:alpha@stmaryspapakura.org.nz)

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Sun, 4 May</b>	Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM), 12:00pm, Parish Hall
<b>Thu, 8 May</b>	Training for Ministers of the Word and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 7:00pm, in church.
<b>Sat, 10 May</b>	Retreat for the PPC & Senior Leadership Team
<b>Sun, 11 May</b>	Seminary Collection at all masses.
<b>Fridays 9 &amp; 16 May</b>	Enquiry day for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC), 7:00 pm, Ryder Room
<b>Wed, 13 May</b>	Children's Liturgy Team Meeting, after 6:30pm Mass, Ryder Room.
<b>Thu, 15 May</b>	Nurturing Young Lives: Parish Meeting / Hui, 4:00 pm, Parish Hall
<b>Thu, 15 May</b>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Ryder Room
<b>Sat, 24 May</b>	Enquiry Day for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult & Children (RCIA/RCIC), 12:00 noon, Ryder Room
<b>Sat, 31 May</b>	Parish Hui - Site Parish Development Plan

**Importance of Catholic Education**

The Father Brian Wilkinson Charitable Trust was established in 1992 to honour and commemorate the life and work of Rev Father Wilkinson - Parish Priest of St Patrick's Pukekohe from 1987 until his passing in 1991. The trust currently supports 39 students with their attendance fees at St Joseph's, St Mary's, Holy Trinity, St Ignatius and Sacred Heart College. The trust is seeking donations from potential donors to enable this support to continue.

For further information please contact Noel Surrey 0274927186 or Bede Mills 021932383

**"Mulligan's Musings"**  
*Book by Fr James Mulligan*

You are all warmly invited to attend the launch of my new book "Mulligan's Musings" - reflections on God's unchanging Word in changing times – Ordinary Sunday and Seasonal / Festive Readings for Year A. The book launch will be held on Sunday May 4th, from **3.00pm - 5.00pm at St Mary's School Hall, 54 Clark Rd Papakura.** Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at **\$20** each. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Cheers and Easter Blessings, Fr James Mulligan.

**MISSION NZ**

**MISSIONAOTEAROA** is NZ Charity. It is part of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS), or the Pope's International Mission Agency, In New Zealand. The PMS support and help children, communities, and future Church leaders in many area including education, healthcare, and spiritual care, standing in solidarity with those in need. For more information visit <https://missio.nz>

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