


| PENTECOST Acts 2:1-11, 1Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23 24th May 2026 | | | |
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| | 5:00pm Vigil | 8:30am | 10:30am |
| | 23 rd May | 24 th May | 24 th May |
| LEADERS | Normita Tolentino | Lumepa Soo Choon | Hilda Pritchard |
| READERS | Sach Fernando Barbrianna Soo Choon | Tevita Koloamatangi Juvina Auvaa | Nadia Anthony Mariana Laupepa |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION | Bea Halal Chante Small Candice Jeffrey Farouk Jeffrey Michael Fetuu Jennifer Anacleto | John Frings Therese Alimario Aurora Alimario Shyamalee Krone Keith Koloamatangi Letisia Koloamatangi Apaula Lautua Martin Lautua | Arnel Mantes Philip Cortesi John Franks Tolotea Sharp Jane Castrillo Elisapeta Tugaga Christopher Cuya Telesia Tuala |
| SACRED VESSELS | Candice Jeffrey Michael Fetuu | Aurora Alimario Shyamalee Krone | Jane Castrillo Tolotea Sharp |
| PROJECTOR | Jovita Parker | Georgina Lautua | Miriam Mantes |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Frankie Aita Edith Aita Prince Nyazema Ethan Clarito Liam Clarito | Sheshan Krone Jeevani Krone Emerenziana Lautua Krictm Lui Tommyano Lui | John Paul Feagaiga Pedan Tulaga James Santos Genesis Feagaiga Matt Marcasote |

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16th - 22nd May 2026
SICK PARISHIONERS
We pray for those who are sick, especially;
 Audrea Warner, Arthur Solomon, Terry Brunton, Bryan Wannell,
 Anne Wallbank, Margaret Fairweather, Morris Pele,
 Daphne Bankien, Jose Thomas, Don Fabricante and Patt Ball

RECENT DEATHS
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.
 James Anthony Knight

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for our dearly departed with anniversaries of death
 Jessie Wade, Joanna Catherine Schuller, Bill (William) McMahon,
 George James McLaughlan, Maria Katherine Johnston, Dennis O'Meara,
 Elizabeth Hartley, Dennis Paul O'Connor, Montague William Bent,
 Elizabeth Harris, Te Mutisa McDowell, John Wyvern Smith and
 Marie Pauline Sorraghan
 May they rest in peace. Amen



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St Mary's Catholic Church

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St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College
 Principal: Catherine Bamber-O'Malley
 Ph 09 2156113

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 17th May 2026

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Ascension Sunday

From a sermon by Saint Augustine

No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

- MASS TIMES**
- WEEKDAY MASS**
 Monday - 9:00am
 Tuesday - 6:30pm
 Wednesday - 6:30pm
 Thursday - 9:30am
 Friday - 9:00am
- WEEKEND MASS**
 Saturday
 8:30am & Vigil 5:00pm
- Sunday
 8:30am & 10:30am
- BAPTISM**
 Second Sunday of the month
 during 10:30am mass
- 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
- RECONCILIATION**
 Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am
- EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
 Fridays 9:30am - 12:00noon
 Saturdays - 9:00am - 10:30am
- RETIREMENT VILLAGE MASS**
Longford - 2nd Tuesday, 9:30am
Summerset - 3rd Tuesday, 9:30am

Welcome to St Mary's Parish

Holy Rosary: 8:30am, 5:30pm Monday to Friday

The statue of Our Lady is available for families, contact Jean 027 2982327

SMYFs (St Mary's Youth Family)- Bringing Youth closer to Christ. We welcome all youth aged 10 & up to join us for our monthly youth sessions. We delve into scripture while growing closer with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact 021 084 04602, stmarysyouthfamily@gmail.com for more info, or check out our Facebook Smyfs Papakura and Instagram @smyfs_.

Next youth sessions are: **5th & 19th of June. 6-9pm.** All welcome

Legion of Mary Senior Presidium: Mondays 6:15pm, Hall Committee room.

Legion of Mary Junior Presidium: Fridays 5:00-6:00pm, Fr. Ryder Centre. Celerina 298 4080

Medjugorje prayer meetings: Every other Thursday, Hall Committee Room after 9:30 am Mass. Joseph 298 2297

Meditation Groups: Tuesdays 9:30am Fr. Ryder Centre. (St Anne's Manurewa every Monday 5-6pm in the Chapel).

Knitting group: each 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 1:00- 3:00pm Fr. Ryder Centre. Jenny 297 7292

St Vincent de Paul Foodbank Office: Food parcels please phone for an appointment. Mob: 021 026 71430

St Vincent de Paul Shop: Mon-Fri 9:30-3:00pm, Sat 9:30 - 1:00pm 275 Great South Rd, 296 5052

The Knights Of The Southern Cross - Richard Power

Lay Camillian Family NZ Ministry to the sick - Dennis Sanga dtbsanga@gmail.com

Music Ministry Team - Singing and music practice for our Sunday Masses - Wednesday at 7:15pm. All welcome.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator - Jackie Whitham, 021 02358939 safeguarding@stmaryspapakura.org.nz

St. Mary's Women's Group - Friday, 1:00-2:30pm, Fr. Ryder Centre - Brigid 021 02345439. No meeting during school holidays. All welcome

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAKAKURA Food Bank



Our current requirements are: cakes of soap, toothpaste and breakfast cereals.

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.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

Please call parish office to book an appointment.

NOTICE

Due to our very limited parking availability, we kindly ask all parishioners to reserve the car park for the elderly, and mobility card holders. We also encourage everyone to park only in designated spaces, helping to maintain safety and ease of access for all.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Announcements from Diocese

Rise up and Shine Festival

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! **30th May, 2026.** Starts at 10am with Thanksgiving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.

Youth Day Launch

On the 7th June at Holy Family Korean Parish, Flatbush, Begins with Mass at 2:30 pm with Bishop Steve Lowe. Priests are welcome to join this Mass with their parish's young adult groups, there will be sessions and programmes to follow after Mass.

World Youth Day Auckland 2026

10:00am-8:30pm Saturday **1st August** at Victory Convention Centre

Inspired by the Scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world. For more info and to register go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

Mass of The Neophytes

Bishop Steve invites all those who were initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on Sunday **24 May 2026** at 4.30pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Jubilee Year of St Francis (1226–2026)

Franciscan Friars Vocation Dinner – Auckland. You are warmly invited to join the Franciscan Friars for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and conversation. Wednesday, **27 May** - 6:00pm (Mass and Evening Prayer, followed by a shared meal) at St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland). This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for single men aged 18–40 to learn more about Franciscan religious life and to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment. RSVP / Enquiries: Br Philip Jeffares OFM +64 210 414 642 Br Yornes Panggur OFM +64 225 259 93 Email: vocations@franciscans.org.au

Visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz for more announcements.

Study Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy) and Māori and Pacific approaches to Christian Theology. You can study either on-campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. Semester 2 starts on 13 July.

For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/>

To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

To keep up to date, like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/theologyotago

Parish News and Updates

Dates for your Diary

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| Fri, 22 May | Confirmation - Sacramental Programme, 6:30pm |
| Sun, 24 May | Pentecost Celebration, Parish Hall, 12:00pm. Shared meal |
| Thu, 28 May | Baptism Preparation Course, Ryder Room, 7:00pm |
| Sat, 30 May | First Holy Communion - Students from St Ignatius Loyola Catholic College, Church, 5:00pm |
| Holy Trinity Sunday, 31 May | Parish Mass - Family School Mass (Holy Trinity Catholic School), 10:30am |

THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR TIME

We warmly invite you to consider offering your time and talents to serve our parish community. Your involvement makes a real difference!

Children's Liturgy

If your child is interested in assisting or reading at the Children's Liturgy during the 10:30am Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish Office. This opportunity is open to children aged 8–12 and is a wonderful way for them to become more involved in the life of the parish. Training will commence once we have sufficient numbers registered.

Power Point Operator

We are also looking for volunteers to operate the PowerPoint presentation during Mass. Training will be provided.

Live Streaming

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with our live streaming during Mass. Basic knowledge or experience with live streaming is preferred.

Repair and Maintenance

We are also looking for additional people with carpentry or building experience who may be willing to assist with the maintenance and repair of our church pews. Any help and support would be greatly appreciated as we work to care for our church.

TAX RECEIPT 2025-26

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

Weekday Readings, 18th - 23rd May

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| Monday | Ps.68: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 |
| Tuesday | Ps. 68: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11 |
| Wednesday | Ps.68: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19 |
| Thursday | Ps.16: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 |
| Friday | Ps.103; Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19 |
| Saturday | Ps.11; Acts 28:16-20; John 21:20-25 |



PENTECOST CULTURAL CELEBRATION

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

AFTER 10:30AM MASS

SUNDAY 24TH MAY

CHURCH HALL

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

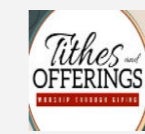


ENJOY SOME CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

"CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT IN COMMUNITY"

We welcome new members to our parish community through Baptism

Amelia Lazo
Charlotte Milena Brajkovic
Penelope Clare Brajkovic
Odette Brajkovic
Jonty Basil Glen
Terrylysa Venus Chan Wong
Ezekiel Iaseto Kalolo-Fraser
Taniela Arthur Smythe



Collection Report

8th - 14th May

Pledge - \$ 4,169.30

Building Fund - \$ 135

SISTERS ON A MISSION UPDATE

A massive congratulations to Bernie F. for winning our Grocery Hamper Raffle, and Joey L. for winning our Mother's Day Hamper Raffle! 🎉

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us throughout our fundraising journey, whether through purchasing raffle tickets, sending words of encouragement, or keeping us in your prayers. Your love and support truly mean so much to us.

As we continue preparing for our upcoming mission trip, we kindly ask for your continued prayers over our team, our preparation, and the people we will be serving. 🙏

MUCH LOVE, HINA & LIVETI
St Mary's Youth Group