



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Good Shepherd Balmoral

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Kia ora koutou katoa. Greetings and welcome as we celebrate the eucharist today, the Lord's Day. A special welcome to those of you who are new comers or visitors to Good Shepherd Parish.

Today we listen to a section of chapter 6 from St John's Gospel. It's often referred to as the Lord's 'Bread of Life' discourse. Its opportune to reflect on the place of the Eucharist in our spiritual tradition. Jesus says in John 6: 35 **'I am the bread of life'**.

Bread is both an image to reflect on and a reality to claim. We pray "give us today our daily bread" and we acknowledge the true presence of Christ as we celebrate Eucharist each Sunday. We know that the early Christians gathered on the first day of the week (Sunday) for the 'breaking of bread' They were honouring the Lord's command as recorded in the Gospels **'to do this in memory of me'**.

The ritual where bread and wine are taken blessed (consecrated) and shared is called by different names Holy Communion, the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Supper, Eucharist...

St Justin Martyr, reflecting the way the Eucharist was celebrated in Rome about 150 AD records: "The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said:
Do this in memory of me. This is my body.

In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave

this command to them alone.

Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit."

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**St Augustine**, writing in the 4th Century writes rather challengingly on the Eucharist

*Do you wish to understand what is meant by "the body of Christ?" Then pay attention to the words of the Apostle, "you are the Body of Christ and his members". 1 Corinthians 12:27*

*So then, if you are the body of Christ and his members, it is the mystery of yourselves that you receive. It is to what you are that you respond, AMEN... That response is your personal assent.*

*You hear "the Body of Christ" and you answer AMEN.*

*Be then a member of Christ's Body and make your AMEN true. Be what you see. Receive what you are. ! (Sermon 272.)*

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In the 16th century **St. Teresa of Avila** reflected beautifully on the 'Body of Christ'

*"Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he
looks compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

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*Blessings, Bernard*

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MON** Numbers 11:4-15 Psalm 81 Matthew 14:13-21

**TUES** Numbers 12:1-13 Psalm 51 Matthew 14:22-36

**WED** Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35 Psalm 106 Matthew 15:21-28

**THU** Numbers 20:1-13 Psalm 95 Matthew 16:13-23

**FRI** Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 97 2Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36

**SAT** Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Psalm 18 Matthew 17:14-20



## **Parish Discernment Meeting**

In June we held the first of our parish discernment meetings.

The second is scheduled for **2-4pm on August 15** and we continue the reflection discerning pastoral priorities for the parish asking ourselves "Where to from here?"

Celebrating.... Caring.... Belonging.... Believing...

Please come along and contribute. If you missed the first meeting (on the cold, rainy, wintry night!) don't worry. Just come along! Importantly pray for our parish as we discern future pathways!

## **Covid19 Awareness...**

It is important to remember to be vigilant.

**In particular, we would ask that if people are sick or unwell (even slightly!)**

**please remain at home—**

**do not come to Mass!** The Ministry of Health has provided us with a Covid Tracer QR posters are displayed at the entrances to the church and printed below for those of you with the app. We will move gradually 'back to normal' so at this stage we will keep the holy water fonts empty, offer communion on the hand only, and refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace.

**SCAN HERE TO SIGN-IN WITH THE  
NZ COVID TRACER APP**



The 9.30am Mass today is being recorded for the Shine Mass next weekend (as will most of our first Sundays of the month).

The school is now joining us next Sunday for the 9.30am Mass. It is the feast of St Mary McKillop. The Josephite Sisters founded Good Shepherd School in 1912 and the parish was established in 1914.

## **Love your neighbour....**

as yourself – get vaccinated  
Arohaina koe ki tōu hoa tata, ānō ko koe,  
me whai i te rongoā ārimate.  
Mahalin mo ang iyong kapwa, magpabakuna.  
Ofa ki ho'o kaungā'api, 'o hangē ko ho'o 'ofa kiate  
koe; huhu malu'i leva.  
Afai e te alofa i lou tua'oi, aua ne'i maua le fa'ama'i,  
ona fai lea o lou tui puipui.

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. People can be reassured that any personal information gathered during the vaccination process will not be shared with Immigration New Zealand. Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated. For more detailed information about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit [www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz](http://www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz).

**St Vincent de Paul** is grateful for our contributions to their Foodbank. If you are able, please bring along tinned items for the foodbank. The donation basket is in the foyer of the church.

**Encounter - Young adult event** happening August 7th @5pm in the Cathedral. Bishop Michael will be giving a talk on the Transfiguration. Bring a friend.

**Time Out Days** – For those who see a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)  
Tue 24 August | Wed 15 September | Wed 20 October  
| Tue 16 November | Wed 8 December.  
Bookings: Tel 625 6651  
[admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

### **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Epsom Centenary Celebration**

24th-26th September 2021. Registrations are now open for the 3-day celebration of our centenary. While we realise many people may have moved on to other parishes, or even moved away from the area, we would love to have you return to be with us! Be sure to mark your calendar now for this great weekend! To register and for more information, visit the parish website at <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/>

### **Role vacancy: Deputy Executive Officer, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference**

The Deputy Executive Officer provides support for the work of the Catholic Bishops and their agencies at national level in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. This role is based at the Catholic Centre, Hill St, Wellington. Visit [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/) for more information.

### **"Parish to Parish for B & B"**

Contact: Marie Anderson, email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)  
2 Brent Place, Christchurch. (03) 359 5541

**Auckland Catholic Festival 2021 Volunteers**  
Apply today! Volunteers will complete an expression of interest using a form accessible from the Festival page of the CDA website:  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/festival/)

**Counsellor – Catholic Social Services**  
Catholic Social Services has a vacancy for a full-time Counsellor to join its Counsellor team, based in Otara and covering the wider Auckland/South Auckland Communities. To view the full job advert and the position description, please visit the Diocesan website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.

**Holy Rosary Series**  
A six session series to learn about the history, the prayers and the mysteries of the Rosary, with hands-on teaching to make your own Rosary –  
Sunday 2pm – 4pm (\$15 pp per session includes all rosary making materials and afternoon tea)  
Sun 8 Aug | Sun 12 Sep | Sun 3 Oct  
| Sun 14 Nov | Sun 12 Dec

**Choral Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
We are happy to once again to bring you a beautiful Choral Vigil Mass celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7 pm Saturday 14 August.

Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes.  
All are very welcome. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7:00pm. St Mary's Church,  
20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.  
**All Welcome.**

## **We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur In August ... Eternal rest grant to them...**

Peter Lyons, Gina De Ros, Sean McKinnow, Kathleen Mearns, Pat McDowell, Michele Courtney, Aleisha Rose McCombie, Rosalie Walsh, Ann Boffey, Louise Griffin, Paul Banao, Rosalie, Brian Reiha, Lyall Campbell, Nancy Wyllie, Frank van Nieuwkerk, John Cloonan, Phyllis Murphy, Fay Lobb, Fay Simpson, Nancy Shanly, Milan Grbin, Ivan Clark, Tony Covic, Vern Peters, Fr Neville Browne, Fr Peter Prendergast, Fr Arthur Lenihan, Mervin de Rosario, Helen Bridgman, Jim Mortimer, Peter Collins, Sr Clare Timpany op, Muriel Prendergast, Frank Soldner, Bill Roche, Noelene Lapwood, Nancy Walden, Patrick Donnelly, Noel Lyons, Owen Doran, Ksenija Pervan, Lucia McLean, Eileen Langkilde, Gerradus Van den Heuvel, Raymond Lapwood, Patrick Marrinan, Lilian Bercich, Kate Tolich, Joan Slater, Alfred Stowers, John Whitaker, Michael Hogan, Bella Kapeli, Margaret Crawley, Qinyang Zhang, Man Hing Wong, William Ross, Elizabeth Johnson, Brandon Virtue, Christina Watts, Basselino Nimo, Glenworth Jennings, Iris Dick, Mary O'Connor, Beatrice Roger, Sean Cooney, George Trubuhovich, Ivan Cooper

There are forms in the church porch if you would like to join the **planned giving programme** using either envelopes or setting up an automatic payment/direct credit.

### **Sunday Masses**

**Saturday Vigil:** 6pm

**Sunday:** 9.30am

11.30am (Filipino Community)

### **Weekday Liturgies**

**Monday Liturgy of the Word 9am**

**Tuesday to Saturday**

(including Public Holidays):

**Mass: 9am**

**Saturday**

**Holy Hour & Exposition of the Blessed**

**Sacrament: 8am Mass 9am**

**Saturday Confession: 9.30am**

**Wellness reminder—if you are sick  
please stay home**

### **GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**

**Parish Priest:** Msgr Bernard Kiely  
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**Secretary:** Frances Macedo  
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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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10.30am to 2.30pm

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### **CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS**

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### **GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL**

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**Principal:** Jane Hahn

principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

### **FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY**

**Chaplain:** Fr Mario Dorado ofm  
frmario@hotmail.com

**Website:** www.acfc-catholic.org.nz  
info@acfc-catholic.org.nz



## **Enrolment at Good Shepherd School**

*Please phone the school office on 620 4962 for further information or download the forms from the school website [www.goodshepherd.school.nz](http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz).  
School visits welcome.*

The first educators of faith are parents/whānau. <https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/> is a wonderful depository of family-friendly material for the domestic Church. It comes from the Bishops' Conference *National Centre for Religious Studies*. New materials are continually being uploaded. Explore!

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

**Outreach – for people 18-30s** - For more information contact Rochelle on 022 309 2022.

### **Auckland Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry:**

Felicity | Rochelle | Joey  
Email: [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz)  
Contact Rochelle on 022 309 2022

## **Parking at Good Shepherd**

For health and safety reasons we need to provide access for emergency vehicles to the School, Church, classrooms and the Hall at all times.



Please park considerately when coming to Mass.  
**KEEP ACCESS WAYS FREE.**  
No Double **PARKING**  
*please!*