



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good Shepherd Catholic  
Church Balmoral

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 21 APRIL 2024 ~

**Kia ora koutou katoa**

## A special welcome to visitors to Good Shepherd this weekend

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is the day we celebrate as our parish feast day.

*Happy feast day everyone!*

In John 10:10–11 Jesus says -

*The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I have come so that you may have life, and have it to the full!*

*I am the Good Shepherd.*

*The shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

Today is also

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

and while we each claim our vocation to the Christian life, today we focus in a particular way on those unique vocational paths that are a part of our faith tradition.

We particularly acknowledge the religious sisters, brothers, seminarians and priests in our midst.

We thank them for their extraordinary, and generous, lives of service.

We also are called to pray for future vocations in these areas.

Today, on **Good Shepherd Sunday**, also known as **Vocations Sunday**, Bishop Steve invites us to be aware of, and extend our support to, our seven Auckland seminarians discerning their priestly

vocations at Holy Cross Seminary.

The journey toward priesthood begins with a response to a divine call. Once these young men step into the seminary, they face the rigorous demands of study, self-reflection, and unwavering dedication to their faith.

It is through God's grace and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can persevere and successfully complete their formation. Your prayerful support of our seminarians is asked for today.

The Bishop has also invited us to contribute, if we are able, to his Seminary Appeal.

Appeal envelopes are available today explain ways to give. There is also QR code on the inside of this newsletter that allows access ways to contribute

### Vocations Prayer

*God our Father,*

*You made each of us to use our gifts  
in the Body of Christ.*

*We ask that You inspire young people  
whom you call to priesthood  
and consecrated life,*

*to courageously follow Your will.*

*Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached,  
the poor are served with love,*

*the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are strengthened  
by the sacraments.*

*We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*



### TODAY'S SHINE TV MASS

was recorded at Good Shepherd last Sunday.

Shine TV broadcasts Mass at 2pm

Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201

Thank you Good Shepherd parishioners for your participation in the recording of these Masses!

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope. In preparation for this the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals

Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope:

[www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/)

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE IN APRIL

Be aware of scaffolding as we address maintenance issues on the north east corner of the church

### TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE presents a new webinar series.

A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II.

[www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology).

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL & FOODBANK

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Contact Phone (09) 815 6122 or 0800 680 090

email [auckland@stvincies.co.nz](mailto:auckland@stvincies.co.nz)

Food Bank email [foodbank@svdpak.org.nz](mailto:foodbank@svdpak.org.nz)

### TODAY'S SEMINARY APPEAL

Use the Appeal Envelopes for cash donations and for making a

Direct Bank Deposit electronically.

There is also a donation box in the foyer

OR

using your phone

camera scan this

QR code



### SAINTS RELICS ECUMENICAL TOUR

The relics of 11 saints, including those of St Peter Chanel, the patron saint of the New Zealand Catholic Church, and Australasia's first saint, St Mary MacKillop, will be hosted by the Auckland diocese from April 26 to May 25.

They will be formally welcomed next

**Saturday April 27 at 3pm followed by a Mass led by Bishop Steve Lowe at 4pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.**

This is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches which will bring together relics of:

St Maroun, the spiritual father of the Maronite Catholic Church; St Peter Chanel, Patron Saint of New Zealand, Roman Catholic Church;

St Charbel, Maronite Catholic Church;

St Rafqa, Maronite Catholic Church; St Volodymyr Pryma, Ukrainian Catholic Church;

St Nehmetallah, Maronite Catholic Church;

St Alphonsa, India's first female Saint, Syro-Malabar;

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, RC Church;

St Mariam Baouardy, Melkite Catholic Church;

Blessed Martyrs of Patulin, Ukrainian Catholic Church; Servant of God Fr Ragheed Aziz Ganni, Chaldean Catholic Church.

Further details of other celebrations in Auckland <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/>

The relics will also visit the other Eastern

Catholic Churches of Auckland: Saint Elias

Melkite Catholic Church, Mother of Perpetual

Help Church of Ukraine, St Addai Chaldean

Catholic Church and the Immaculate Conception

Syro-Malabar Church, Ellerslie.

### CABRINI

a film to watch! ...on the life of C19th nun

St Francis Xavier Cabrini. Bridgeway Northcote

### FR CHRIS SKINNER CONCERT

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay

Sunday 5th May 2pm

### FOODBANK DONATIONS

Many thanks for your ongoing grocery donations to the basket in the foyer

## TODAY'S READINGS

Because we recorded for Shine TV last weekend we will use the readings for the the Third Sunday of Easter this weekend.

FIRST READING - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 *In the gospel Luke will tell us that the message of the risen Christ is the message of forgiveness. This message must be preached in Jerusalem, then in surrounding area, and then to the very ends of the earth. In this reading Luke (also the author of the Acts of Apostles) presents Peter starting off the Church's witness to the resurrection by preaching this very message in Jerusalem.*

SECOND READING - 1 John 2:1-5 *We are called to live close to God by lives of justice and holiness, and we are a people who have our sins forgiven through Jesus Christ, our priest: he intercedes for us with the Father.*

GOspel - Luke 24: 35-48 *We have received the gift of peace from the Lord; we in turn must bear witness to this peace and forgiveness.*

### ~ POPE FRANCIS ON BEING A GOOD SHEPHERD ~

Christians must develop a pastoral heart to care for those who have not heard the Gospel or who have left the fold, Pope Francis has said.

"By being with Jesus, we discover that his pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away,"

"Jesus never said, 'Let them sort themselves out,' he went out to find them."

Pope Francis encourages Christians to model themselves on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, longing for those who have left the church just as a shepherd longs for lost sheep, rather than treating them as "adversaries or enemies."

"When we meet them at school, work or on the streets of our city,

why don't we think instead that we have a beautiful opportunity to witness to them the joy of a Father who loves them and has never forgotten them?"

Being a shepherd is not merely a job, but a "true and proper way of life: 24 hours a day," he says. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, "does not just do something for us, but he gives his life for us."

## **We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur in April... Eternal rest grant to them...**

Murray Hudner, Jeanne Mellamphy, Thomas Mulligan, Phyllis Waters, Frank Neven, Brigid Lyons, Corallie Eagle, Elizabeth Kelly, Fr Frank O'Regan, Ivy Winterbottom, Maggie Wanoa, Fr Denis Whelan CSSR, Sr Helen Winter rsj, Frances Nasey, Barbara Rainsford, Melba Ellis, Ivo Durovich, Margaret Clarke, Gloria Mitchell, Len Fahy, Elma Penney, Norma Lovett, Robin Guy, Paul Cowan, John Gillespie, Rosaura Rustia, Rhyann Rego, Caroline Mitchell, Fr Lucien Armstrong, Pamela Woodcock, Alan Mitchell, Milan Babic Yozin, Fr Terry Dibble, Gordon Mearns, Iris White, Mary Porter, Brian Kearney, Maria Egay, Margie Patchett, Earl Fabian, Patrick Platt, John McDonnell, Patrick Myers, Marie Bryer, Hugh Claney, Kata Cebalo, Eileen Mulqueeny, Dorothea Burke, Robert Walker, Catherine Mellick, Kathryn Peters, Robert Brennan, Molly Hogan, Leo Lavea, Joyce Carrington, Daniel O'Reilly, Kenneth McRobert, James Grace, Jeffrey McCarthy, Nikola Botica, Mary Boyd, Evelyn Grant, Myra Merrick, Lorna Smith, Ada Chappell, Christiaan Helleman, Alyce Whitaker, Steven McGuire, Mary Cleary, Lucia Nash, Anne Virtue, Wiktor Tutlewski, Eric Hadley, Henry Shepherd, Michael Flanagan, Betty Leask, Olivia Valk, Marie Foley, Stella Wickes, Richard Dias, Ellen Murphy, Margaret O'Sullivan, Hector Butterworth, Rex Culleton, Frank Huckle, Arthur

DIOCESAN YOUTH  
& YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM  
or contact Felicity from

Ministries to Young People  
at [felicity@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicity@cda.org.nz)

For other Youth events  
and activities check out

[www.facebook.com/AKCYM](http://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)  
[www.instagram.com/acym2](http://www.instagram.com/acym2)

or contact Sam Brebner –  
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Weekly Mass is celebrated at the  
Maclaurin Chapel, Princes St, City  
every Tuesday in term time at 12.10pm

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 - KEEP ACCESS WAYS FREE.

**Keeping each other well.....**

**A reminder that if you are feeling unwell,  
to remain at home.**

We encourage parishioners to continue to do what  
makes them comfortable when it comes to mask use  
and attending Mass. Although not the same as  
attending in person Sunday Mass is shown on  
Shine TV each Sunday at 2pm.



Sunday Masses

**Saturday Vigil:** 6pm

**Sunday:** 9.30am

Weekday Masses

**Tuesday to Saturday:** Mass: 9.30am  
(including Public Holidays)

Saturday

**Saturday:** Exposition & Rosary from 8am  
followed by Mass at 9.30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9am before the 9.30am Mass

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Parish Priest: Msgr Bernard Kiely

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Secretary: appointment pending  
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to staff vacancy the office is  
unattended at present. Email is the best  
way to make contact

CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL

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For enrolments please phone the school office  
on 09 620 4962 for further

information or download the forms from the school website  
[www.goodshepherd.school.nz](http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz)

School visits welcome.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH

There are forms in the church foyer if you would  
like to join the Planned Giving Programme  
using either envelopes or setting up an automatic  
payment. Parish A/c 02-0108-0708836-000

2023 PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

will be made available this week