



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Church Balmoral

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14 APRIL 2024 -

Kia Ora koutou katoa, nga mihi nui...

A special welcome to visitors to Good Shepherd this weekend

Each year on the fourth Sunday of Easter we listen to a reading from John's Gospel that draws on the image of the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties.

In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and rocky cliffs, threatened by wild animals and thieves.

It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe.

He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves.

So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears.

Again, as in the other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep: what would happen to the remainder of the flock?

But it is an expression of his whole-hearted devotion to the sheep, and an invitation to reflect on the Good Shepherd of Jesus.

Saints Relics to be brought to Auckland

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 on **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 Pryima, Ukrainian Catholic Church; St Nehmetallah, Maronite Catholic Church; St Alphonsa, India's first female Saint, Syro-Malabar Catholic Church;

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australasia's first Saint, Roman Catholic 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 are on our noticeboard or visit

<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.

**TODAY'S 9.30AM MASS IS BEING
RECORDED FOR SHINE TV
TO BE SHOWN NEXT SUNDAY**

Shine TV broadcasts a Sunday 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/

THE FIFTH GOSPEL PROJECT

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God.

Send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to john@fff.org.nz Visit foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/

Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life

The landmark new Catholic bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* has been reprinted, with paper copies available.

Te Kahu o Te Ora contains a succinct overview of eight key moral areas including creation; the beginning and end-of-life; discrimination and abuse; poverty; war and peace; justice and correction; and information technology and artificial intelligence. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu/>

CHURCH MAINTENANCE IN APRIL

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

PARISH FEAST DAY

Next weekend we will celebrate our with morning tea after the 9.30am Mass.
Bring a plate to share if you are able.

NEWS ABOUT THE DIOCESE

For diocesan news and to find out about events and other opportunities coming up head to CDA Connect -a monthly round up of what's happened and what is coming up. The March/April edition is available <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

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.

A DAY WITH HENRI NOUWEN

at Mary MacKillop Centre

26 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay MBSpirituality@soj.org.au

April 20, 10am – 4pm, led by Eamon Butler

Please Register by 17 April. See notice board

All Registrations to Sr Jill

MBSpirituality@soj.org.au Mob: 021 091 15260

WINGS NGĀ PARIRAU

is a three-year programme designed to help you to reflect on and grow in your faith...to help you change and act on your new understanding of your own faith journey and what it means to be part of the Body of Christ.

Next Session Saturday 4 May 10am to 3pm

Contact Dianna diannaf@cda.org.nz

CABRINI

a film to watch!on the life of C19th nun St Francis Xavier Cabrini. Showing at the The Bridgeway Northcote and Rialto Newmarket

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6A Henderson Place, Onehunga

If you, or someone you know, need assistance

Contact Phone (09) 815 6122 or 0800 680 090

email auckland@stvinnies.co.nz

Food Bank email foodbank@svdpak.org.nz

Foodbank Donations are so appreciated!

Many thanks for your ongoing donations to basket in the foyer for the St Vincent de Paul Foodbank.

TODAY'S READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Because we are recording for Shine TV this weekend we will use the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter this weekend and the Third Sunday readings next.

FIRST READING - Acts 4:8-12 *Luke wanted to capture the immediacy of the first Christian preaching. One of the ways that they sought to understand the identity of Jesus was to apply an image from the Psalms: 'the stone rejected, has become the corner stone'.*

Jesus was rejected and put to death by humanity, but he has been raised and glorified by the Father.

SECOND READING - 1 Jn 3:1-2 *We are loved by God, we are the children of God, we can dare to address God in familiar terms.*

GOSPEL - Jn 10:11-18 *In trials the shepherd must not abandon the flock, and if needs be he lays down his life for them. This is a key image in our understanding of Jesus and Christian love.*

SOME EASTER QUOTES...

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song" Pope John Paul

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anyone it does. Lighthouses don't fire canons to call attention to their shining... they just shine!" Dwight Moody

"Unless there is a Good Friday, there can be no Easter Sunday" Fulton Sheen

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"God is love and he has defeated evil" Pope Francis

"We proclaim the Resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence" Pope Francis

"Its not about the bunny; its about the lamb" Anon

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

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, Rosauro Rustia, Rhyan 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 Whittaker, 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 McMahon,

**DIOCESAN YOUTH
& YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM
or contact Felicity from

Ministries to Young People
at felicity@cda.org.nz

For other Youth events
and activities check out

www.facebook.com/AKCYM
www.instagram.com/acym2

or contact Sam Brebner –
samb@cda.org.nz

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

www.facebook.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy

www.instagram.com/

[AucklandCatholicChaplaincy](http://www.instagram.com/AucklandCatholicChaplaincy)

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.



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NW

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

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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
office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL

admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Principal: Ben Fahey
principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

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
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/direct credit.

Parish Account Number:
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