



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good Shepherd Catholic
Church Balmoral

ASCENSION SUNDAY ~ 12 MAY 2024

Kia ora koutou kaōā

A special welcome to visitors to
Good Shepherd this weekend
as special welcome to the mothers
in our midst as we celebrate
Mothers' Day

Sacrament of Confirmation.

Some 38 children have already celebrated
their first Reconciliation during Lent.

As a parish we journey together towards
the great feast of the Holy Spirit -

Pentecost. As we do so, let us pray

"Veni Sancte Spiritus ~ Come Holy Spirit"

for our confirmation candidates
and for ourselves.

**Bishop Steve Lowe will be with us this
next Sunday for the conferring of the
Sacrament at the 9.30am Mass.**

It promises to be a special day of
celebration for the whole parish.

The candidates will be reflecting on the gifts
and fruits of the Holy Spirit, posters of
which adorn the walls of the church.

Which gift / fruit of the Spirit
do I need most at this time of my life?

We welcome seminarian Ryan Sy
back to Good Shepherd. Ryan is will be
on pastoral placement with us this year.

The Lord's Ascension - Acts of Apostles 1: 1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything
Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the
day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen
through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven.

He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion
by many demonstrations:

for forty days he had continued to appear to them and
tell them about the kingdom of God.

When he had been at table with them, he had told them
not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the
Father had promised.

'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about:
John baptised with water but you, not many days from
now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him,

'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the
kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that
the Father has decided by his own authority, but you
will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you,
and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem
but throughout Judaea and Samaria,
and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on,
and a cloud took him from their sight.

They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two
men in white were standing near them and they said,
'Why are you people from Galilee standing here looking
into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into
heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way
as you have seen him go there.'

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS

are in a basket in the foyer.

Please note that we have a new parish email.

Can all planned givers, those on AP and those on envelopes, please email the office at office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz so we have you in our system.

SUNDAY MASS ON SHINE TV

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/

JUBILEE BURSARY for RE STUDY TERM II

Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024

with michellej@cda.org.nz

2024 BISHOP'S SEMINARY APPEAL

Thanks all those who have been able to contribute to the appeal. Its an opportunity to support our seminarians

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Today....Morning tea after 9.30am Mass

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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

Many thanks for your ongoing donations in the foyer basket

HOMESTAYS FOR PRE-SEMINARY STUDENTS

The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months.

The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own email:

alisonm@cda.org.nz or Tel 09 360 3003.

THE ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT A PERSPECTIVE

from Professor Mazin
18 May, 1pm, St. Mary's, Parnell. The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor until very recently. He has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

To learn more see www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

CDA CONNECT

Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

19 May, 2024 at Christ the King Church, Owairaka
4pm to 6pm. Praise & Worship, Mass, Prayer Ministry, and Fellowship (Please bring a plate).
Organised by Current of Grace (CHARIS NZ)

ST PETER'S COLLEGE PALMERSTON NORTH

50th Jubilee St Peter's College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

Executive Officer Position Available

Part time position at Baradene. A new executive management position. Refer to Seek, Community Services, Management roles. EO part time SEEK

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING - Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was taken up to heaven. The risen Lord, commissions his disciples. They will henceforth be his presence in the world.

SECOND READING - Ephesians 1:17-23

A prayer that God may grant to the Christian community a deep experience of God and of his plan for the salvation of all.

GOSPEL - Mk 16:15-20).

A sequence is a chant or hymn that is included for Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi and All Souls day.

The Pentecost Sequence 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' (below) is great for prayer and contemplation

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

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

Maureen and Maurice Hall, Bill O'Brien, Colin Devine, Harry Barton, Moya Ann Rozario, Ian Collier, Erna Januszkiewicz, Jerome Ozich, Helen Boland, Doqi Tipene, Noeline Levick, Mary Browne, Tim Shanahan, Sr Mary Rose Malone rmdm, Steven Murray, Marie Mole, Clodagh McSweeney, Bridie Mortimer, Sr Brendan ism, Nadja Tollemache, Francis & Perpetual Rodrigues, Juvelin Añana, Seba Farry, Kay Vlcek, Maggie Rego, Bonnie-Joy Shanahan, Des Sayegh, Ann McArdle, Anna Thorpe, Francesca Goodwin, Joachim D'Souza, Vito Franco Donohoe, Sonya Vessey, James Doran, Ferguson Corcoran, Bernard Kelly, George Galley, Kay McCrae, Iris Macedo, Alida Wilson, Maraia Magnus, Henry Gedye, Vito Donohoe, Mary Malcolm, Henry Gedye, Mary Nord, Laura Pohl, Irene Somerville, June Holmes, Mary Hepburn, Ursa Modrich, Elton Duthie, Jack Egan, Merlyn Khairaz, Noelene Gubb, Sarah Condon, Ross Tuffs, Clement Bryer, Patrick Steadman, Annie Stone, John Wilcox, Louisa Purdie, Herman Thomsen, Sydney Oliver, John McCabe, Valerie Burns, Thomas Prendiville, Hanorah Ghent, William Morton, Terence McDonnell, Robert Wright, Gerald McAuley, Paul Magee, Ailsa Johnson, Pauline Gardiner,

**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

Weekly Mass is celebrated at the
Maclaurin Chapel, Princes St, City
every Tuesday in term time at 12.10pm

**NZ SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK
SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF**

Every second Sunday of the month
12 noon in the Poynton Room at the
Pompallier Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby
(please drive around to the back entrance)
The 9.30am Mass on the Fourth Sunday
of the month, Good Shepherd has
NZ Sign language interpreters present.

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
are available in the foyer

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
bjbkiely@gmail.com

Secretary: appointment pending
office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz

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.

Go INTO ALL THE WORLD AND *preach*
THE *good news* TO EVERYONE.

-MARK 16:15