



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good Shepherd Catholic
Church Balmoral

~ 28 JULY 2024 ~ 17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**Kia ora koutou katoa,
welcome to Good Shepherd parish,
a special welcome to visitors and
newcomers today.**

The Gospel this week presents John's version of the miraculous feeding of the multitude, a narrative rich in spiritual significance and profound teachings.

This passage not only portrays Jesus' divine power but also underscores essential aspects of his ministry and the nature of faith.

The story begins with Jesus encountering a large crowd following him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Recognizing their physical need for sustenance, Jesus initiates a test for his disciples by asking Philip where they could buy bread to feed the multitude.

Philip's response reveals a limited perspective, focusing solely on the practical impossibility of such a feat given the size of the crowd and the available resources.

Andrew, another disciple, brings a boy forward with five barley loaves and two fish, but he, too, questions the insufficiency of these provisions in the face of such a great need.

Jesus responds by performing a miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fish, feeding the entire multitude with an abundance of food, with twelve baskets of leftovers collected afterward. This extraordinary event demonstrates Jesus' power over the material world, foreshadowing the spiritual

nourishment he provides to those who believe in him. It also echoes the provision of manna to the Israelites in the wilderness, emphasizing Jesus as the fulfilment of God's promises and the embodiment of divine sustenance.

Furthermore, the passage highlights themes of faith and discipleship. Jesus' question to Philip serves as a test of faith, challenging his disciples to trust in divine providence rather than relying solely on human understanding and resources.

The response of the boy, offering his meagre provisions without hesitation, contrasts with the doubt of the disciples, illustrating the simplicity and sincerity of childlike faith.

Moreover, the role of the disciples in distributing the food underscores their participation in Jesus' ministry of compassion and service.

As they obediently follow Jesus' instructions, they become conduits of his grace, witnessing firsthand the miraculous power of God at work in their midst.

John's Gospel presents a compelling narrative of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand, conveying profound spiritual truths about his identity as the bread of life, the significance of faith, and the call to discipleship. Through this miraculous sign, Jesus reveals himself as the source of true nourishment for both body and soul, inviting all who believe in him to partake of the abundant life he offers.

AED DEFIBRILLATOR

The parish now has a defibrillator in the foyer. Please check out its location in the foyer, especially those who are familiar with its functioning.

The access code is C2017

GOOD SHEPHERD BALMORAL PARISH SECRETARY

We are seeking a skilled and enthusiastic person to work in our busy parish office for 15 hours per week. The position requires someone who has initiative, computer skills and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Duties will include - Secretarial services, Accounts and finance management (MYOB), Managing parish records, parish accounts and other office processes and systems, General office work. This could be job shared between a person with MYOB expertise and secretarial skills. Enquiries and applications to:

Leanne Killgour leannek@cda.org.nz

Applications close: 4 pm Monday 29 July.

DIOCESAN POSITIONS VACANT

- Education Property Team
- Marriage and Family Life Admin Assistant
- Pastoral Services Admin Assistant

VISIT www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

WORLD YOUTH DAY AUCKLAND

Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm

Save the date for this incredible experience!

Young people aged 13-30yrs old (and their youth leaders!) are invited to join us for an unforgettable celebration of our Catholic faith.

Get ready for praise & worship, a special guest speaker, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, free kai, time to connect with other young Catholics, and so much more! A group from Good Shepherd will be going. Please see seminarian Ryan for details

'THE BELOVED'

An adult faith enrichment/sharing/formation group meets regularly on Thursday evenings at 7pm at Good Shepherd..... spiritual books, shared wisdom Contact eamon_david@hotmail.com

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ABUSE IN CARE

Recently the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care presented its final report. Church leaders have publicly thanked the Inquiry for the work they have done in preparing this report.

The Catholic bishops and congregational leaders acknowledge the Church's history and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed.

Over the past 30 years, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa has made significant progress in responding to reports of abuse and safeguarding.

Our focus on safeguarding and care is informed by the past and aims to ensure that people are safe in care today.

All are encouraged to engage with the work of the Royal Commission via their website

<https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/>

The Church's response has been coordinated by Te Rop Tautoko - visit their website

- <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/>

The Church takes all complaints of abuse seriously. Complaints against church personnel in

New Zealand are referred to the Church's National Office for Professional Standards

(NOPS). Increased public discussion, such as with the Inquiry, can be the catalyst for people to come

forward. We encourage anyone who has been abused by a priest or religious to contact NOPS, for your story to be heard

and your complaint to be investigated.

Alternately you may choose to go directly to the Police, and the Church will support anyone who requires assistance to do this.

Email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

Phone: 0800 114 622

Web: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Mass and FREE lunch every Tuesday, 12:10pm, at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St, Auckland CBD

Join us every Tuesday during semester at 12:10pm for mass, followed by a delicious, & free! lunch. If you'd like to find out more about what's going on

for Catholic university students in Auckland,

please check out [instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

17th Sunday of Ordinary time

FIRST READING - 2 Kings 4:42-44.

The prophet Elishah is given a gift of 20 loaves and a sack of grain. With faith in the God who gives abundantly to his people, Elijah orders it to be set before 100 of his followers. It proves to be sufficient for all.

SECOND READING - Ephesians 4: 1-6

Paul, from prison, appeals to his community to live a life worthy of their vocation as Christians. He stresses the importance of tolerance and patience with others.

GOSPEL - John 6: 1-15

Jesus has only five loaves and two fish from the lunch box of a small boy.

Not only will it provide food for more than 5,000 people, there will even be enough left over to fill twelve baskets from the fragments

Caring Sunday ...It is an opportunity to be aware of and support the **Catholic Caring Foundation** and to give thanks to the many social service agencies and caring ministries who support the young, the old, the homeless, the hungry and those who struggle to make ends meet.

Our diocesan Caring Foundation was set up over 30 years ago by Bishop Dennis Browne to support those in need through much needed financial grants. The need for assistance in 2024 is at an all time high, as families battle with the cost of living, job losses, and housing and food insecurity.

Today we have an opportunity to support the Bishop's Caring Foundation. If you are able, please support this important work for our

brothers and sisters in need. Your donation will support over 60 agencies, who work at a community level to provide the essential help that is needed for families and people to survive in these challenging times. Many of these agencies are small yet they have a major positive impact on their local communities.

There are a number of ways to make a donation including scanning the QR code. Simply open up your camera on your phone and direct it to the QR image >>>> and follow the prompts that appear.



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

Frank Heffernan, Pat Lythe, Gloria Alder, Sharyn Sim, Trish McKay, Judy Hanna, Joe Hall, Pilippa Hall, Val Roy, Winnie Teo, Jill Williams, Lily Miller, Adrian Tidman, Br Marcel Hall fms, Marianne Roughton, Philip Coghlan, Vise Esera, Jackie Gibson, Leo Cassin, Fernanda Burns, Loured Mary, Sr Veronica, Michael (Mick) McGreal, John Reelick, John Taita, Gerard Langton, Sr Barbara Tacon rsm, Anne Doolin, Taylor Bush, Dennis McKay, Olga O'Connor, Francisco Miranda, Msgr Ray Green, Dawn Davis, Mary Schollum, Frances Austin, Ben Apenui Daniel Teauraki, Nancy Shanley, Josie McLean, Veronica Smith, Stephen Collyns, Jennifer Spencer, Nancy Shanly, Glenette Menzies, Mary Matijasevich, Sr Patricia Erin rsm, Grame Lindsay, Mary O'Keeffe, Mary Prebble, Philip Ward, Alan Galley, Stella Musson, Mary Casey, Mirko (Michael) Pervan, Ernest Taylor, Mary Stowers, Clare Boyle, Margaret Marion Dando, David Cheye, Joan Murphy, Cora Kamp, Rae Gravatt, Etuale Leilua, Bernie Sumich, Ken Clarke, Hugh Green, Wendy Weir, Winifred Flynn, Brett Robinson, Peter Cheyne, Brian Farrell, Doris K, Ivica Covic, Sr Joan Timpany, Augustine Miller, Margaret Mary Cooper, Margaret Lillian Phillips, Helen Dulcie Hickey, Michael Stowers, Edward John Mackin, Desmond Emmett Davis, Peter John Joseph Anderson, Marcella Parker, Ivan Sarich, Josef Borsos, James Harold McGrath

**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

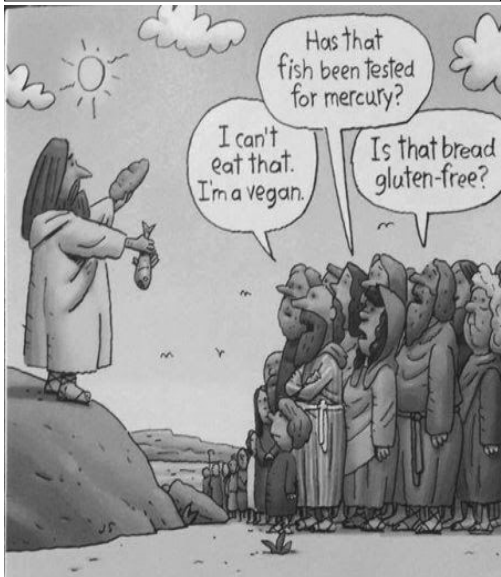
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

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 SIGNED MASS

The 9.30am Mass on the Fourth Sunday
of the month, here at Good Shepherd, has
NZ Sign language interpreters present.
We welcome members of the Catholic Deaf
Chaplaincy who join us today!



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

Seminarian: Ryan Sy

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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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL & FOODBANK

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@sudpak.org.nz

Thank you for your food donations in the foyer basket