



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good Shepherd Catholic
Church Balmoral

~ 11 AUGUST 2024 ~ 19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Kia ora koutou katoa.

Greetings and welcome as we celebrate the eucharist today, the Lord's Day.

Honour ~ Connection ~ Gratitude

As we listen to the 'Bread of life' discourse from St John's Gospel, we might reflect on the place of **Sunday Mass** for us as Catholics.

It is not merely a weekly routine but a deeply rooted spiritual practice that encompasses worship, community, and personal growth.

First and foremost, **Sunday Mass** is a vital expression of worship and gratitude to God.

Eucharist (thanksgiving) invites us to live a spirituality based on gratitude. We pause each week as a community of believers, to gather, listen to sacred texts, and celebrate the Lord's presence in our midst as

'The Bread of Life'

For us **Sunday Mass** commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the cornerstone of our faith. By participating in the Eucharist, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, reaffirming our commitment to living according to His teachings.

The liturgy, prayers, and hymns are designed to elevate the spirit and foster a deep sense of connection with the divine.

Sunday Mass serves as a communal gathering that strengthens the bonds within the church community. In a world that often feels fragmented and isolated, Mass offers a space for individuals to connect, to come together, share their faith, and support one another.

It is a time for communal prayer, shared

experiences, and mutual encouragement and often begins in the car park! .

This sense of community is crucial, as it provides emotional and spiritual support, fostering a sense of belonging and unity.

Sunday Mass is also a time for personal reflection and spiritual renewal providing insights and teachings that challenge and inspire us to grow in faith.

It offers a moment to pause, reflect on one's life, and seek guidance on how to align more closely with Christian values.

The gathering rites include an opportunity to reflect on the ways we might 'miss the mark' and include a plea for God's forgiveness and mercy. Mass can be a powerful step towards personal transformation and spiritual healing.

Attending **Sunday Mass** regularly, cultivates a habit of prioritizing spiritual well-being. In the hustle and bustle of modern life, setting aside time for worship and reflection can be a grounding practice that helps us maintain a balanced and centred life. It encourages a rhythm that integrates faith into daily living, reinforcing the idea that spirituality is not separate from everyday experiences but an integral part of them.

Sunday Mass, for most, is like nothing else we do during any particular week. It invites us to pause, reflect, draw inspiration and, importantly, to live with thanksgiving in our hearts. It can equip us, and our children, to navigate the challenges of life with a renewed sense of purpose and hope.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY AUCKLAND

Next Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm we have a group attending from Good Shepherd. It's an exciting event aimed at young people aged 13-30yrs old. It promises to be 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!

Please see Kat babymarie28@hotmail.com or Ryan syryanphil@yahoo.com

'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

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Mass and complimentary 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/)

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 02 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass.

Parishioners are most welcome.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Patroness of the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand is this Thursday August 15.

Masses are at 9.30am and 6pm

DIOCESAN POSITION VACANT

Accountant – Fixed Term 1-year Parental Leave Cover. We are looking for a CA qualified accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals.

Visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 12 August 24.

PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

Proclaiming THE Gospel of Life IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

FRIDAY
SATURDAY

AUG
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KEYNOTE:
Fr. Boquet
7PM - 9PM

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Conference
Programme
10AM - 4:30PM

Holy Family Parish Hall
94 Taikata Rd
Te Atatu Peninsula
AUCKLAND

FREE REGISTRATION

SPEAKERS

Father Shenan J. Boquet (USA)
Marie Patis
Simon Archer
Michelle Kaufman



19th Sunday of Ordinary time

FIRST READING - 1 Kings 19:4-8

The prophet Elijah was forced to flee from his homeland. When he lay down preparing to die, God granted him restful sleep and provided him with food for the journey.

SECOND READING - Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

We received the gift of the Spirit in baptism.

That gift enables us to live a life of joy in Christ's service.

GOSPEL - John 6: 41-51

'I am the bread of life'. Through the gift of the Eucharist, the Lord constantly draws us into deeper unity with him and with each other.

Children's Prayer after receiving Holy Communion

Jesus, I believe that you
have come to me as the Bread of Life.

Jesus, you are my Lord and my God,

I adore you, I praise you.

I thank you.

Jesus, please help me to be more loving,
more kind and more obedient.

Jesus, please bless all those
who take care of me.

Jesus, please give your peace
and comfort
to those who are suffering,
especially children.



Jesus, you have come to me
in Holy Communion because you love me.

Thank you Jesus.

You have come to me because
you want to be with me. Thank you, Jesus.

You have come to me because
you want to help me to be more like you.

Thank you, Jesus.

You have come to me because

you are kind and good.

Thank you, Jesus.

Jesus, I believe in you, Jesus,
I hope in you. Jesus, I love you.

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

Ron Paterson, Barbara Wiggs, Margaret Dowell, Roger Morris, Nonie Devoy, Jerry Wade, Arthur Mooney, Anthonydoss Manuel, Peter Courtney, Margaret Sinclair, Celia Gatt, Luigi Rocca, Judy Healey, Peter Williams, Jill Double, Arthur Cole, Matthew Chen, James Siufaga, Michael Bradley, Margaret Mc Kay, Sue Mooney, Peter Lyons, Gina De Ros, Sean McKinnow, Kathleen Mearns, Pat McDowell, Michele Courtney, Aleisha Rose McCombie, Rosalie Walsh, Ann Boffey, Louise Griffin, Paul Banao, 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 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,

**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
Maclairin 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.

There is also a monthly signed Mass on the
second Sunday of the month at 12noon at the
Pompallier Centre Contact tristans@cda.org.nz

**CHOOSE THE
BREAD OF LIFE,**



OR YOU ARE TOAST!

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

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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL

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Principal: Ben Fahey

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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
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@stvincies.co.nz

Food Bank email foodbank@sudpak.org.nz

Thank you for your food donations in the foyer basket