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Church Balmoral

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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

Jubilee 2025 Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *love* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of
Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

Jubilees are designed to be a time of conversion and increased emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness. They are marked by the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and in each of the four papal basilicas in Rome, which are destination points for pilgrims who travel to Rome during a Jubilee to pass through seeking special graces and outpourings of God's mercy.

A hymn has been composed for the Jubilee year and "Pilgrims of Hope" and it has been translated into all the languages of the church. We will sing it throughout the year-

Pilgrims of Hope

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.
Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.

Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a
home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.

Son made man for you and many who
will find the way in him.



Kia ora koutou katoa
A special welcome to visitors
and newcomers to
Good Shepherd Parish

This weekend we are recording
the 9.30am Mass for Shine TV.

It is for the first Sunday of February so
the readings will be for the
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.
We will use the readings for the Second Sun-
day of Ordinary Time for the Saturday Vigil.

We have a number of events coming up
that we as a parish need to be mindful of...

Farewelling Mons Bernard

Msgr Bernard's last Mass as parish priest of
Good Shepherd will be at 9.30am on Sunday
January 26. Following Mass there will be a
celebratory morning tea in the school
grounds (under the shaded turf).
Please bring a plate if you are able.

Welcoming Fr Martin Wu

We will welcome our new parish priest,
Fr Martin Wu the following Sunday,
February 2, at the 9.30am Mass.
Parishioners from his previous parish
St Joseph and Joachim, Otahuhu
will accompany him.
Manuel Beasley the Diocesan Vicar for
Maori will guide us in the welcome
for Fr Martin. There will be a morning tea
following this Mass. Many of you will
remember Martin from his time as a final
year seminarian here on placement in 2017

'Handing over' of Mons Bernard

Msgr Bernard will be installed as the parish
priest of the Eastern Bays Catholic Parishes
at 9.30am on February 9 at 9.30am
at Sacred Heart College, West Tamaki Road,
Glendowie. Good Shepherd parishioners are
welcome to join in the 'presentation' of
Bernard to his new parishes.
**Let's keep Bernard and Martin in prayer
during this time of transition.**

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING - Isaiah 62:1-5

You are no longer to be named 'Forsaken' but you will be called "My Delight"

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

God is both revealed and glorified by the many different gifts and ministries in the Church.
Our service to one another through the grace of the Holy Spirit builds up the body of Christ..

GOSPEL - John 2:1-11

Jesus turns water into wine. His first miracle. His mother gives us spiritual advice when she says to
the wine stewards.... "Do what ever he tells you"

READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING - Malachi 3:1-4

A prophet foretells the coming of one who, on entering the Temple, will refresh God's people.

SECOND READING - Hebrews 2:14-18

His sharing fully in human needs makes Jesus the compassionate high priest in whom we trust.

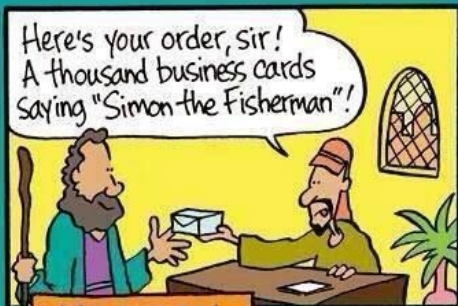
GOSPEL - Luke 2:22-40

Simeon & Anna confirm the child Jesus presented in the Temple as the light
who has come into the world. Christ be our light!



SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

As a parish it is important that we foster an environment which is welcoming and safe for all. While WE ARE ALL CALLED to be mindful of safe environments for children, those who minister directly with children and vulnerable adults are required to complete diocesan safeguarding courses and to be police vetted. Thank you to Jane Hahn who is our parish Safeguarding coordinator and is overseeing the implementation of Church policies and protocols within GS Parish. Her contact email is janehahnnz@gmail.com. Safeguarding information is available via the parish website and on our notice boards



LATER THAT DAY...



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**

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