



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

27 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, Auckland 1041

09 620 9515 office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz

www.balmoralcatholic.org.nz



Good Shepherd Catholic
Church Balmoral

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 19 APRIL 2026

He Walks With Us: Remembrance, Sacrifice, and the Hope of Peace.

On this 3rd Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

They walk away from Jerusalem carrying grief, confusion, and shattered hopes.

They had believed. They had trusted. And now they feel loss.

How close this is to the spirit of ANZAC Day?

In Australia and New Zealand, ANZAC Day is not a celebration of war. It is a solemn remembrance of sacrifice, loss, and the human cost of conflict. It invites us to honour the dead, pray for the fallen, and recommit ourselves to peace.

The two disciples say, “We had hoped...”

Those words echo in every family that has known the pain of war.

Yet the Risen Christ walks beside them, even when they do not recognise Him. He listens to their sorrow. He opens the Scriptures. He breaks bread. And in that moment, their eyes are opened.

Catholic theology understands sacrifice through the lens of Christ. Jesus says, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” The self-giving of service personnel reflects — imperfectly but sincerely — this deeper love: being “for” others.

But the Cross never stands alone. Resurrection follows.

Our remembrance on ANZAC Day is filled with hope. We pray for eternal rest for those who died in service. We entrust them to the mercy of God. We believe that death does not have the final word, and that God will wipe away every tear.

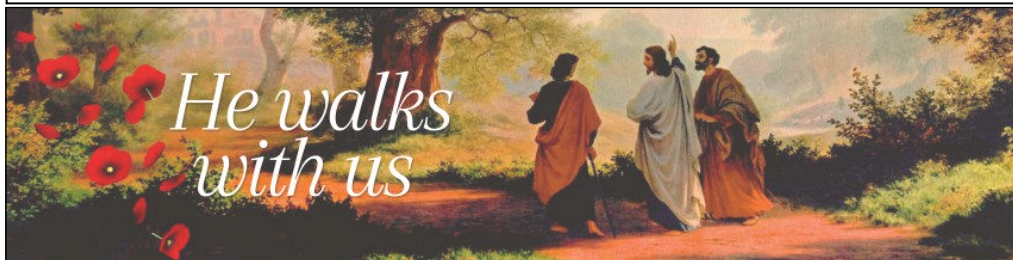
ANZAC remembrance calls us not to glorify war, but to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace. It challenges us to build a world where sacrifice is no longer necessary.

As Christ walked with the disciples, He walks with every grieving family.

As He broke bread, He nourishes us with hope.

May we remember with gratitude, pray with faith, and live as Easter people — committed to peace, grounded in sacrifice, and confident in the Resurrection.

Easter Blessings - Fr Martin



NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new envelopes are out in the foyer to collect for those who are already enrolled on our Planned Giving Programme. Please make sure you collect the correct set.

If you are new to the Parish and wish to register for Planned Giving you are welcome!

Benefits mean no loose cash required and contributions are recorded and tax receipts are issued. The Catholic Church is a registered charity and there is no limit on the amount you can claim for tax purposes.

To register for Planned Giving contact office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz

This programme allows for the care of our Priest, the Bishop and the upkeep of our church itself.

Our bank account details for all donations is

Good Shepherd Balmoral Ecclesiastical Goods Trust

BNZ Account: 02-0108-0708836-000

Thank you for your generosity.



LEGION OF MARY

“Our Lady of Good Shepherd Praesidium” meets every Saturday morning after 9.30 am Mass in the GS church.

For further information contact: Jackson Gonzales : Jacxz_jam@yahoo.com

HOURS OF MERCY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays until 23 May

Jesus Youth, Auckland, will be having Adoration every Tuesday here at Good Shepherd Church, after the 9:30 am Mass, from 10 am to 12 pm, until Pentecost.

All are welcome to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

AED DEFIBRILLATOR

The parish has a defibrillator in the foyer.
THE CABINET ACCESS CODE IS C2017 .

SAFEGUARDING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Over the coming weeks we will be working to update our Safeguarding register at Good Shepherd. Attending safeguarding seminars is mandatory for all those who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults. If you are involved in ministry as a volunteer/worker in our parish, you need to complete the safeguarding requirements.

Please see the church notice board for an online safeguarding workshop options available for you to attend.

FRANCISCUS

7.30 pm, Tuesday 21 April at

St Michael's Catholic Church, Remuera

A musical commemoration of the life, leadership, and spiritual legacy Pope Francis by the Graduate Choir New Zealand, directed by Terence Maskell.

Featuring John Rutter's Requiem, with sacred works by Poulenc, Howells, Harris, Artley, and Duruflé. With acclaimed soprano Elizabeth Mandeno, organist Philip Smith, and a small orchestra.

To purchase tickets and further information visit <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2026/apr/franciscus?view-info>



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

17-24 May. Gather your people, join us and the other Christian Church communities to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7 pm on Friday, 29th May at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill.

MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES

Bishop Steve invites all those who were initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on 4.30 pm, Sunday, 24 May. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.

READINGS THIRD SUNDAY EASTER

FIRST READING - Acts 2:14,22-28

Peter explains the meaning of God's plan of salvation; the death and resurrection of Jesus, with the gift of the Spirit, form a single action of God's love.

PSALM 16

Lord, you will show me the path of life.

SECOND READING - 1 Peter 1:17-21

The newly baptized are reminded that their faith and hope in God are based on the crucified and risen Christ.

GOSPEL - Luke 24:13-35

The risen Jesus makes himself known to the disciples when they break bread together

'THE EXODUS' - by Dr Dan Stollenwerk.

In the lead up to Pentecost Sunday, Dan will dive deep into the common themes that link Pentecost and the Book of Exodus.

At St Michael's: 4x Wednesday mornings
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May. 10:30am –
11:45am in the Parish Centre. Followed by
midday Mass. No registration required.

RISE UP AND SHINE FESTIVAL

Brought to you by the Migrant Chaplaincy.

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture!
30th May. Starts at 10am with a Thanks
giving Mass followed by music, Zumba,
food stalls and cultural show.

At the Malaola Community Centre,
16 Waokauri Place, Mangere.

REBUILD MY CHURCH WITH DR MARY HEALY

Join internationally renowned Catholic
theologian Dr Mary Healy this June in
Hamilton for *Rebuild My Church*,
a three-night formation series at the
Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Hamilton.

Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice
more clearly and grow in confidence in
the gifts He gives for the building up
of the Church.

This is a three-night series
(June 9–11) exploring the power of God's
Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our
call to live our faith today.

For more information and to book, visit
<https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397>

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Reshaping Facilitator

The Diocese seeks a mission-focused
Reshaping Facilitator to support parishes
on the reshaping journey. This role will
equip parishes with resources, facilitation,
and professional support. This is a three
3-year fixed term role, full-time or
two part-time roles considered.

Applications close 24 April.

Head of Pastoral Services

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking
a committed, faith-filled leader to support
the Bishop's pastoral mission and provide
strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral
ministries. The role works closely with
parishes and communities to strengthen
evangelisation, formation, and pastoral life.

Applicants must demonstrate a strong
Catholic faith, senior pastoral leadership
experience, and strategic capability.

Applications close 30 April 2026

*For full details and to view both position
descriptions, visit*

[https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/
services/](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/) *under staff vacancies.*

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

Last Sunday of the month 4:30pm at
St Patrick's Cathedral

For more information contact the
Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry
Team: youthmin@cda.org.nz

CATHNEWS—Sign up for the free digital
newsletter and read the latest stories at
cathnewsnz.com



SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

What is Safeguarding?

The Catholic Church believes that every person has a value and dignity which derives directly from their creation in the image and likeness of God.

This implies a duty to value all people and therefore to protect them from harm.

The gospel values of love, dignity and justice as demonstrated by Jesus remind us that safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is an integral part of the life and ministry of the church.

We are called to create a culture which cherishes, nurtures and safeguards children and vulnerable adults. Developing a safeguarding culture where we do will pose the question is this safe for the people of our diocese?

Pope Leo has made it clear he expects the Church, on entry level, to implement whatever steps are necessary to ensure the protection of minors and vulnerable adults and to respond to their needs with fairness and mercy.

Safeguarding Contact:

CDA Safeguarding Coordinator :
lisam@cda.org.nz

MONTE CECELIA HOUSING TRUST

Providing short term housing for families in need. Contact us on 0800 624 848

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The work the Vinnies do in New Zealand to help those who are facing great hardship has never been more important. They are there at the grass-roots to support people who are really struggling.

Visit www.svdpak.org.nz
if you are able to help with a donation.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday: Mass: 9.30am
(including Public Holidays)

Saturday

Exposition & Rosary from 8am
followed by Mass at 9.30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9am before the 9.30am Mass

Wellness reminder—please stay home
if you feel unwell

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Parish Priest: Rev Martin Wu

PARISH OFFICE - 09 620-9515

Parish Secretary:

Rebecca Knibb (Temporary)

Office Hours Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10am to 3pm

office@balmoralcatholic.org.nz

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 see

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@svdpak.org.nz

Thank you for your food donations
in the foyer basket