**Northcote Parish Historical Dates**

**1861**Three acres of land was gifted to Bishop Pompallier by Phillip Callan – Birkenhead Cemetery, North Shore was originally serviced by the Cathedral until 1904.

**1904**Devonport parish established. PP Fr Furlong

**1914**PP Fr Patterson – Devonport

**1916**District hall in Northcote purchased and converted to church – PP Takapuna Fr Kelly.

**1921**Fr Brady World War I Padre – Fr Doyle PP Devonport – Fr Eugene O’Connor PP Takapuna.

**1928**Hato Petera established as catechists school.

**1930**6 April Northcote parish established – then St John the Baptist - to cover territory to the west. Presbytery was a rented house in Fairfax Avenue. 1930-1932 PP Fr John Brennan. First baptisms  20/4/1930.

**1931**PP Fr John Taylor 1932-1936.

**1932**First wedding 15/2/1933. March 1933 Convent and primary school established by Dominican Sisters.

**1936**Fr Maurice Hunt PP 1936-1949

**1938**19/8/38 Convent burnt down (caused by trying to rear chicks – heating area by kerosene heater).

**1945**Hato Petera established for Maori Boys College.

**1949**Fr Francis Terry PP 1949-1963.

**1953**Primary school extended and secondary school opened (St Dominics).

**1960**Planned Giving Programme established in Northcote. Parish Dinner 24.7.98

**1963**Big drive to boost PG. PP Philip Purcell 1963-1972.

**1964**New church blessed on the 7th of June and opened (present church) to seat 500. Cost ₤31,750. Mosaics cost ₤100 each fitted to church.

**1967**Dominican Sisters moved to Henderson. Mercy Sisters took over Convent and school

**1969**Solemn Consecration of church on 23rd March by Archbishop James Liston.

**1970**20.4.86 De Paul House opened.

**1972**PP Fr John Lyons 1972-1983. Beachhaven parish established.

**1973**Glenfield parish established.

**1983**PP Fr Lawrence Sakey 1983-1990. Assistant Priest Fr Ivan Lunjevich.

**1984**18.8.84. Fr Paul Rankin OP ordained by Bishop Denis Browne at St Mary’s.

**1987**Yvan Sergy – Swiss Seminarian served in Northcote (December 1986 to May 1987). He was ordained in Switzerland 1988.

**1988**Parish hall opened 15.5.88.

**1990**PP Fr Pat Dunn (Bishop Pat now) 1990-1992. Fr Ivan remains.

**1992**PP Fr John Dunn 1992-1994. Fr Ivan remains.

**1994**PP Dr Dennis Horton – resigned December 1996. Fr Ivan remains.

**1997**February to August Fr Bernard Kiely, Administrator. September Fr David Tonks appointed Parish Priest.

**2003**Iosefa Euese (Samoan Priest ordained 9.11.2002) joined parish team as junior assistant Priest.

**2004**Iosefa Euese transferred.

**2005**July 2005 Fr David Tonks transferred/appointed Bishop Pat Dunn’s Pastoral Assistant, domiciled at the Cathedral Presbytery. July 2005 Fr Craig Dunford appointed Administrator at Northcote. Fr Benedict Francis (newly arrived from India) appointed Assistant Priest. Fr Ivan Lunjevich remains.

**2006**August 2006 Fr Benedict Francis goes to Hibiscus Coast Parish, while Fr Peter Tipene away to study. Fr Ivan Remains September 2006. Fr Vernon D’Chuna temporarily appointed assistant at Northcote. Fr Craig Dunford appointed Parish Priest.

**2008**Deacon Samuel Pulanco (ordained Priest December 8, 2008) at Northcote until January 2009 when he was then transferred to Howick Parish as Assistant Priest. Fr Ivan remains, Senior Assistant.

**2009**Filipino Seminarian, Larry Rustia, lives at Northcote from September 2009.

**2010**Fr Ivan retires to St John Vianney House at the end of March 2010. Deacon Alfredo Garcia (Filipino) joins St Mary’s Parish Team in April as did Fr Stanko Grubic (Croatian Chaplain) and Assistant Priest at Northcote. Deacon Alfredo Garcia moved to Remuera November 2010. Deacon Larry Rustia re-joined Northcote team November 2010.

**2011**February Fr Stanko leaves. Larry Rustia ordained priest 07 May 2011, continues at Northcote as Assistant. Fr Craig continues as PP.

**2013**Fr Craig continues as Parish Priest. Fr Larry transferred to Cathedral in February 2013 Fr Elric Jorquia (Filipino) arrives February 2013 as Assistant Priest.