

**02ND APRIL 2023
PALM SUNDAY**

REFLECTION

The procession with Palms in commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem can be traced back at least as far as 4th century Jerusalem. Pilgrims flocked to the holy city after the peace of Constantine. One of them was a devout lady, perhaps a Spanish nun, named Egeria. Keen to share her experiences with her circle of friends, she kept a diary of her stay in Jerusalem around 384-385. It contains invaluable descriptions of the liturgies in which she took part. On Palm Sunday afternoon, she reports, the faithful gathered with Palms on the Mount of Olives and processed down to the city to the place of Jesus' resurrection (now the church of the Holy Sepulchre) chanting on their way. Over 1700 years later, a procession with Palms and chants still takes place on this day in churches around the world. All four Gospels contain a great deal of material for the period between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his betrayal. They testify to the growing tension that eventually reaches crisis point. This in-between time is ignored by the liturgy, making today's transition "Hosanna" to "Crucify him" shockingly abrupt. It is reminiscent of what happened in the Synagogue in Nazareth where Jesus "won the approval" of his townsfolk only to have them swiftly become enraged and murderous (Lk 4:22-30). In each case, the time frame has been condensed but the trajectory of Jesus' reception remains truthfully reflected

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jim DUFFICY, long time parishioner and friend who returned home to God on Wednesday Afternoon.
MAY HE REST IN PEACE

ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE

Learn about the meaning and integration of the Cross in the life mission of St Francis. Session today Sunday 02nd April - 'The Cross' 2pm-4pm (free).
Time Out Days 9.30am-2.30pm (\$30 includes lunch)
Tues.18 Apr., Wed. 17 May, Thurs. 8 June.
24Hr Quietude 7pm Fri-7pm Sat. (\$120pp includes accom. & food) July 7/8 & Sept. 8/9

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
NATIONAL CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE
14-16 APRIL 2023**

Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Ponsonby. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd use Montessori principles to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to children through sensorially rich materials based on age appropriate scriptures and Liturgy. The National Course will form adults to pass on the Catholic faith through the CGS method. More information go to cgsaotearoa@gmail.com

EDUCATION IN FAITH

A programme for children not attending Catholic Primary Schools is on a fortnightly basis during term time. Classes this Sunday at 8.30am and are held on alternate Sundays. Next session 5th March. If you wish to enrol a child for the Sacramental Programme this year and the child does not attend a Catholic Primary School, the child must attend EIF Classes for at least 6 months to be accepted on the Sacramental Programme Course Enquiries 480 7357.

PARKING OVER HOLY WEEK

We are looking forward to seeing many of you for the beautiful liturgies over Holy Week. However as parking in church grounds is limited, please be careful where you park.

1. Please observe the time limits in the T3 Lane going up towards Birkenhead (especially on Thursday evening). If you do not there will be a substantial fine!
2. Please do not park in Staff carparks.
3. Follow directions of Ushers (Red Badges).
4. Recently we have had complaints from Neighbours, about people parking over driveways/obstructing access to their homes. We have been warned that if this happens over the Easter weekend offenders will be towed!!!
Thanks for your consideration of the above!

**DE PAUL HOUSE FOOD BANK
THE CUPBOARD IS BARE,
SHELVES ARE EMPTY**

Please help if you can Tinned fish, corned beef, pasta sauces, biscuits, crackers, rice, long life milk, powdered milk, tinned fruit, muesli bars, tea coffee, milo, spreads Vegemite, Jam, Peanut Butter etc. Personal Care shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, baby wipes, frozen meals or meat. The foodbank is shared with 45 family residents, but also with a growing outreach in the local community, this includes elderly pensioners. 'Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD' prov.19:17 Thank you for your kindness and support.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, ACFL Operations Manager On (09) 360 3069 at the Catholic Diocese for further info. can be downloaded from www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME THE EASIEST WAY TO CONTRIBUTE IS ONLINE (FEW PEOPLE CARRY CASH ANYMORE). TO ARRANGE FOR ON LINE DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE info@northcotecatholic.org.nz
Or call (09) 480 7357. If you join you can obtain a Tax Receipt at the end of the Financial Year and claim back 1/3rd of your donations, a great form of saving!!

LENT PRAYER WEEK 6

'Truly, this was the Son of God'

May the compassion of Jesus motivate us. May we be present to those around us who are suffering, who may be lonely, and struggling to make sense of the world around them. God of compassion hear our prayer.
E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai rā ki a matou.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Palm Sunday usual Masses 5.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am & 5.00pm - procession at 10.30am Palms distributed and blessed at all Masses.

Monday usual 9.15am morning Mass
Chrism Mass 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

Tuesday usual 9.15am Mass

Wednesday 9.15am Mass and 6.30pm Stations of the Cross followed at 7pm by Mass

Holy Thursday **NO 9.15am Mass**
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Includes the presentation of the Oils and washing of the feet. Mass followed by watch and wait with the Lord through to 10.00pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am. 3pm Liturgy includes veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. There will be a collection for the Holy Places.

Holy Saturday morning prayer of the church 9.00am. The Great Easter Vigil 6.30pm at this Mass we will receive eleven adults and children into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Easter Sunday we have our usual Masses 8.30am- 10.30am and 5.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 8.30am Elsa Palacios RIP; **Sun. 10.30m** Teresa Campbell RIP (mother of Matt Campbell)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Will the parents of the children who came for Altar Service Training on 8th March Please send their email and phone contacts to info@northcotecatholic.org.nz The children all gave their school emails but we need to contact them through their parents, for obvious reasons!

COME JOIN US!

A big thank you to our group of volunteers who have sown the seeds for the Economy of Charity initiative! By generously sharing your ideas and talents, we are growing and looking for others to join us in creating a supermarket for those in need to shop at no cost to them. We are inviting ALL parishioners with a wide array of skills and backgrounds to get involved. Additionally .. Our marketing group is looking for people with: *graphic design - social media & general marketing skills*. Our donors group are looking for people with *sales experience - a flair for Fundraising & skills in event planning*. To learn more, please email antonellastudio28@gmail.com OR mirellasoratroi@hotmail.com
If you would like to help financially our account is 02-0100-0120974-018 please Reference our statement-Economy of Charity

PARISH HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Please contact the office for terms of hire and hire rates phone: 4807357 or email info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

WAKE AND PRAY THIS HOLY WEEK

Join on Zoom to be present with Jesus in early morning silent Meditation, 6.15 to 6.45am each day of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning Meditation is simply taking time in prayer with a desire to be fully present with Jesus. Hear Him asking his disciples to 'stay awake' with Him - keeping loving watch. Please contact Dianna Fouhy, diannaf@cda.org.nz for Zoom link details.

CDA Connect Read about the Happenings in the Diocese.
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

CARE OF ALTAR LINEN 02 April Ninette Correa
CHURCH CLEANING 08 April Kimberley Garingo

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE PARISH???

Just once a month. It would help you to concentrate, understand and appreciate Mass a little more? You would be guaranteed a seat! Just come and operate the computer projector - full training given, name your day and time! The need is especially for 5.30pm (Sat), 10.30am and 5pm (Sun.) can't wait for your email with details and preferred Mass time. info@northcotecatholic.org.nz



Mass on Shine TV resumes on Sunday at 2pm

Fake Facebook/Messenger accounts purporting to be Bishop Pat are operating. If you are friended by a fake account please report this to Facebook.

Please pray : For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Yohann, Linda F, John McC, Megan S, Peter D, Peter C, John W, Mary L. Shannon, Owen B, Susan C. Brian, Neil M, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S. Ronald B. Paula & Peter O'S, Syrel C, Billy G M. Angus C, Eileen Kit Yung D, Keira, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian A, Lucia, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla Petros A, Denise C, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Tui O'S, Maselino L, Ann & Merv C, Helen B, Yvonne P, Helen McBride, Connie B, Helen B, Maureen McG, Ted H, Elizabeth S.

DAILY READINGS

Monday			
Reading	Isaiah	42: 1- 7	Ps. 27
Gospel	John	12: 1-11	
Tuesday			
Reading	Isaiah	49: 1- 6	Ps. 71
Gospel	John	13:21-23,36-38	
Wednesday			
Reading	Isaiah	50: 4- 9	Ps. 69
Gospel	Matthew	26:14-25	
Holy Thursday Mass 7pm			
1st Reading	Exodus	12: 1- 8,11-14	Ps. 116B
2nd Reading	I Corinthians	11:23-26	
Gospel	John	13: 1-15	
Good Friday Liturgy 3pm			
1st Reading	Isaiah	52:13-53:12	Ps. 31
2nd Reading	Hebrews	4:14-16,5: 7-9	
Gospel	John	18: 1-19:42	
Holy Saturday Mass 6.30pm			
Readings	as selected (5)		
Gospel	Matthew	28: 1-10	
Easter Sunday			
1st Reading	Acts	10:34,37-43	Ps. 118
2nd Reading	Col.	3: 1-4	
Gospel	John	20: 1- 9	

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Update - Cardinal John Dew

Cardinal John had his surgery on 21st March. He is doing well in his Recovery. He is still in a little pain, but this was expected. He continues to take things slowly and will do for some time yet. He has been very touched by the messages of support he has received and thanks everybody for their continued prayers for him.

Marriage Educators

If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to train as Marriage Educators, then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. Couples married for more than five years, with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact gerrys@cda.org.nz - see notice board in the church.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday, the Diocese will continue our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We will begin by gathering at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am. The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.

Te Kupenga Theological College

Offering a course PM501 *Prayer and Liturgy* Sats. 06 May & 03 Jun. Ponsonby. Ideal for people in ministry or wanting to grow in their faith. Can be credited towards Certificate qualification or solely for personal interest. For schedule of fees www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Fees or call 361 1053.

New Website for Catholic Enquiry Centre

A reminder that the Catholic Enquiry Centre has a new website. Visit to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make Donations <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

Nga Whaea Atawhai O Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy

Invite young women aged between 18 and 40 to a "Come and See Day" to discover more about mercy life! Saturday 22 April, 9.30am to 1pm. Venue Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings 104 The Drive Epsom. RSVP by 17th April for catering purposes. More info vocations@mercy.org.nz

Executive Director NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, Wellington based job opportunity.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference—Te Huinga o ngā Pikatorika o Aotearoa is seeking a Wellington-based Executive Director who will be responsible for working with NZCBC agencies in implementing the decisions of the bishops. Closing date for applications is 17th April. Full details of the position and how to apply are at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases-exec-director/>

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY ON LINE Online Sessions

The Book of Job—A Book of Hope ... with Kieran Fenn fms Monday 24 April 7-8.30pm ZOOM Fee \$25 (incl. Study material)

www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/
YouTube Recording The Notion of Church with Prof. Thomas O'Loughlin
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The journey towards the October Synod of Bishops on Synodality Continues. Our diocese and country continue to participate with listening hearts. To keep up-to-date with this historic event go to www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synof/

PROLIFE FACTS

The Abortion Legislation Act 2020 law allows abortion on demand up to and including 20 weeks of pregnancy. After 20 weeks a woman may obtain an abortion if her doctor or other qualified clinician (midwife, nurse practitioner, registered nurse) believes the abortion is 'clinically appropriate', and that continuing the pregnancy would endanger her 'wellbeing'. The clinician has to consult with another doctor / appropriate health professional. Neither the term 'clinically appropriate' nor the term 'well-being' is objectively defined. Further, there appears to be no legal impediment to prevent abortions being performed up to birth should the clinician decide these criteria are met. In contrast, the previous law only allowed abortions after 20 weeks in order to save the life, or prevent serious permanent mental or physical harm of the mother. It also required an agreement and approval of two doctors.

For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz or righttolife.org.nz