

12th MAY 2024
ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

“God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”
With these words taken from our responsorial psalm, we enter into the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and with it, the completion of the paschal mystery through which we have been redeemed.
How fitting are these words taken from psalm 47! A psalm of exaltation and enthronement that portrays a jubilant procession in which God is celebrated as conqueror and king of all the nations. For today we celebrate exactly this, that forty days after His resurrection, having emerged from the tomb as victor over sin and death, Jesus goes up into the Heavenly Jerusalem, into the presence of God Himself, and is exalted and enthroned at the right hand of the Father. As the catechism teaches us “Christ’s Ascension into heaven signifies His participation, in His humanity, in God’s power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord, He possesses all power in heaven and on earth. He is ‘far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,’ for the Father ‘has put all things under His feet.’ Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history.” (CCC 668)
Consequently, with the completion of the paschal mystery, the Kingdom that the disciples ask about in our first reading has already been inaugurated and restored.
It is mysteriously already, but not yet. This kingdom already exists because Christ sits at the right and of the Father. However, it’s perfect manifestation in the church has not yet been achieved. It is for this purpose, that is, for the purpose of the “building up of the Body of Christ” that Jesus gives the “great commission” in our Gospel today: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.”
Our charge and commission as disciples of Christ, then, is nothing less than the salvation of the world and the propagation of the kingdom. Thus having been incorporated into the Kingdom through faith and sacrament ourselves, we must now manifest the Kingdom and build it up by using our God-given gifts to bear witness to it. That is, by becoming martyrs (witnesses) of Christ for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE TAX YEAR APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2024

If you are on our Planned Giving Programme and would like a tax receipt for the above period please email the office, office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz giving your PG number if known, and we will forward the receipt to you as soon as possible. We need up-to-date email addresses please.

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!
TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS, MUMS,
GRANDMOTHERS, NANA’S - THANK YOU!
MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED DAY.**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY 19TH MAY
(next Sunday)**

Mass of Welcome 4.30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral - Celebrant Bishop Steve Lowe
Bishop Steve and the diocesan community invites those who were baptized at Easter to join him along with family, fellow parishioners and friends. ALL WELCOME!

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Please let us know you are here by contacting the parish office either on 480 7357, or by entering your name in our New Parishioners book in the church.
Alternatively email us on office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz
We would love to welcome you and get to know you and your family!

**TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY
ONLINE**

Bible Stories - What do they mean?
Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sunday, 02 June 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom).
Koha
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/07/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

**DE PAUL HOUSE FOOD BANK
IN NEED OF FOOD!**

Please continue to donate so that we can keep our shelves stocked.
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.
Things to help families when making lunches for children at school frozen meals or meat, also a great help!
Personal Care
shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, baby wipes,
The foodbank is shared with 45 family residents, but also with a growing outreach in the local community, this includes elderly Pensioners. Thank you for your kindness and support.

**PART-TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FOR THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART
AT BARADENE**

This new executive management position is a mix of strategic, finance, governance, HR and Legal responsibilities, with help to advance the purpose of the Society’s mission. For more info. Refer to Seek, Community Services, Management roles.
EO part time SEEK

**NEW WEEKEND MINISTER’S
ROSTERS**

were emailed to you last Monday. If you need a hard copy or did not receive your roster please email the office.
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

The Liturgical Centre of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland offered training and formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer, who would lead people in worship through the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. The training took place last year from March to July. Saint Mary’s Parish Northcote were fortunate to have generous lay leaders participate in this program. They were commissioned during the 10:30am Mass last Easter Sunday.

**Liturgies of The Word with Holy
Communion will generally take place on
Mondays in lieu of Mass at 9.15am**

This will further enhance the liturgical life of our parish community, expanding and respecting the baptismal priesthood of each one of us. Our commissioned Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer are:

Sean Gardiner, Jeffrey Ng, Joyce Ng, Brian O’Neill, Rose Silay, Adriana Janus, and Miken Madamba.

We are grateful for the spirituality and generosity of our Lay Leaders.

Together we grow to reflect the face of Christ...

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL

We rely on you our parishioners for the finances to keep our work going in this area and we are very grateful to those of you who donate to our cause. **You can contribute to our monthly collection** at the entrance of the church on the 1st Sunday of the month, or online to our bank Account: no. 12-3035-0505571-00. Our small committee of 6 who meet on a monthly basis, Wednesday at 7pm- parish meeting room. Do come and join us! contact the parish office for details, or Phone me on 021 154 3428 *Cath Slykerman, Secretary*

**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 ONLINE
DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE**

office@stmarysnorthcote.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!!

YOU AND ME PILATES!

Monday evenings, from 6.45pm to 7.35pm, in the parish hall, classes only \$11 - come and join them!

**LINKS FOR KIDS CORNER AND PARENT
PONDERINGS-ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/Celebrating-the-ASCENSION-of-the-LORD-12thMay.pdf

[Parent Ponderings
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/)

PARISH HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE

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



ST MARY'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP SAMOSA FUNDRAISER

Buy for yourself and/or donate a pack to De Paul house. Easy as 1,2,3 ...
Choose your flavour from Vegetarian, Lamb, Butter Chicken, Spiced Chicken

Confirm and pay for your order by Saturday 25th May

Collect your order on Thursday 6th June, 4 - 8 pm, St Mary's Parish Hall/Carpark

To make an order Photograph the QR code (left) or use this link <https://fundraising.surti.co.nz/s-marys-parish-northcote>

Youth Group Members will attend all weekend Masses 11 & 12 May in case you need help with your order.

Thanks so much, we appreciate your support!



DO YOU SPEAK SPANISH?

We have a lovely new parishioner from Columbia who would love to make friends with someone who can speak Spanish. If you can help please call the office. 480 7357!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5.30pm Filemon Bayangos RIP (th Anniv.)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 121 to 19th MAY

This week is the week of prayer for Christian Unity in New Zealand. The theme for the week in 2024 was prepared by different Christian traditions in Burkina Faso. The choice of biblical and liturgical texts is inspired by the image of the Good Samaritan from the parable (Luke 10:25-37) in which Jesus demonstrates what it means to love one's neighbour. "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27) Resources are available on the diocesan website the relevant area is linked from the front page. Gather into groups of different cultures and religious churches to pray the 'Eight Day of Prayer.'

If you can, please support Peter & Chinecherem, with their baby son's medical bills. Bryan is improving thanks to your prayers, so please continue to pray <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-us-save-our-little-fighter-clearing-medical>. Every small donation will help.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION (EDUCATION IN FAITH)

Classes are opening soon. If your child has been baptised, attends a non-Catholic school and would like to know more about their faith, these classes will provide an opportunity for them to learn and grow in understanding of our Catholic religion. These classes are also a requirement for those children wishing to register for the Sacramental Programme. Classes are held on a Sunday morning; dates and times are still to be confirmed. Please email queries to childrenformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

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, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S, Ronald B, Syrel C, Billy G, M. Angus C, Eileen Kit Yung D, Keira, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, 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 C, Lucia, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla, Petros A, Denise C, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Maselino L, Ann C, Letalie V, Yvonne P, Helen McBride, Orille F, Connie B, Elizabeth S, Paula O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T, Chike E, Ted H.

DAILY READINGS

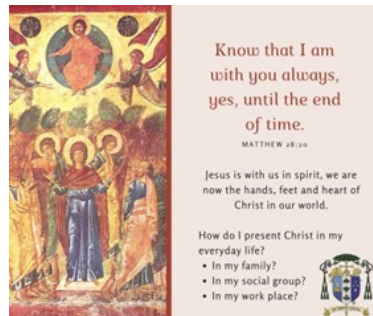
Monday			
Reading	Acts	19: 1- 8	Ps. 68
Gospel	John	16:29-33	
Tuesday St Mathias			
Reading	Acts	1:15-17,20-26	Ps. 113
Gospel	John	15: 9-17	
Wednesday			
Reading	Acts	20:28-38	Ps. 68
Gospel	John	17:11-19	
Thursday			
Reading	Acts	22:30;23: 6-11	Ps. 16
Gospel	John	17:20-26	
Friday			
Reading	Acts	25:13-21	Ps. 103
Gospel	John	21:15-19	
Saturday			
Reading	Acts	28:16-20,30-31	Ps. 11
Gospel	John	21:20-25	
PENTECOST			
1st Reading	Acts	2: 1-11	Ps. 104
2nd Reading	I Corinthians	12: 3- 7,12-13	
Gospel	John	14:15-16,23-26	

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

University Ministry Coordinator –Diocese of Auckland

Are you a self-motivated relationship builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We are looking for someone who answers "Yes". To become our full-time University Coordinator. Part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese. more info. aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/
Credit Controller & Admin, Pompallier Centre –Part-time Fixed term 7 months this role is to provide credit control and administration support to the Operations Manager for the collection of attendance dues in Auckland Diocese. To view full advert and position description please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies

The Israel Palestine Conflict-A Perspective from Prof. Mazin 18 May 1pm St Mary's Parnell The talk will be livestreamed. see noticeboard.
Marriage & Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enq. Gerry 021 0224 7442
Jubilee Bursary Semester 2 2024 For Theology and RE Courses at tertiary level. Applications close 6th June enq. michellej@cda.org.nz
CDA Connect catch up with happenings in the diocese and get a 'heads up' on upcoming events www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/



How do I present Christ in my everyday life?
• In my family?
• In my social group?
• In my work place?



CARE OF ALTAR LINEN
12 May. Birgitte R - 19 May Jan S
CHURCH CLEANING
18 May Lai Family
25 May - Choy Family

NEW! Young Adults Group

Due to high demand we have started a young adults group this year in the parish! Meeting on the first Sunday of every month in the Foley Centre we'll reflect on the Gospels, listen to talks, study Catholic theology and the church's teachings on hot topics, pray and go eat dinner together!
All parishioners 16 - 35 yrs are welcome. Next meeting will be **NEXT Sunday June 02 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm (after the 5pm Mass)** To register your interest please contact Dan Story : dandcstory@gmail.com / 0212993270

PROLIFE FACTS

The End-of-Life Choice Act is due for a review in November this year. Issue 72 of the Nathaniel Report published by The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics features a very useful summary of the conflicting issues that are likely to be debated in the review. Entitled "The Sharp End" by Sophie Olszowski, a medical and science writer, she comprehensively covers the for-and-against arguments that arise, but also examines the real situation of lack of palliative care. "We need to address assisted dying by tackling end-of-life care. The shortage of such care should not lead us to argue that, if someone is dying in pain, we must kill them. We must instead find ways to give them, in the widest sense, better pain killers." Access the summary at: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Nathaniel-Report-72.pdf.

Visit voiceforlife.org.nz/ak24 to find out more.