



**05th APRIL 2026
EASTER SUNDAY
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN!**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A blessed Easter to you and your families. This year, the joy of the Resurrection meets us in a world that feels heavy, with global conflicts, wars that break our hearts, seeing people suffer, economic pressures that touch every household, and worries that sit quietly on our shoulders. None of us is untouched by these realities.

And yet, Easter comes.

Not as a denial of what we face, but as God's gentle insistence that darkness does not get the final word. The empty tomb reminds us that Christ steps into the very places where we feel stretched, anxious, or uncertain, and speaks His steady promise: *"Peace be with you."*

The Resurrection assures us that God is still at work, in us, in our families, in our community, and in the hidden corners of our lives where we most need hope. Even when the world feels fragile, His love remains strong, faithful, and creative.

As we celebrate Easter, may the Risen Lord bring peace to troubled places, relief to struggling homes, and renewed courage to each of us. And may we, as a parish family, continue to carry one another with kindness and compassion.

A joyful and hope-filled Easter to you all.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr Lio

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 2026!

Next Meeting TODAY 05th April after the 5.00pm Mass. Anyone between the ages of 18-35 is most welcome. Come along and meet other young adults in the parish for fellowship and to journey alongside one another in our Catholic faith.
Enquires Email: gnastrun88@gmail.com

**EASTER BLESSINGS, SAFE TRAVELS
AND HAPPY REUNIONS**
from the Parish Team

**NEW PARISHIONER LUNCH!
SUNDAY 19TH APRIL AFTER THE
10.30AM MASS**

St Mary's warmly welcomes new parishioners, so if you have arrive here over the last six months, we would love to get to know you a little better. If you have already registered with us you will receive a personal invitation via email over the next week. If you have not yet registered then please contact us to let us know you will be coming we need numbers for catering purposes. Your name and number in the family to office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

Please pray for:

*All those who are in need, struggling or finding
life a challenge at this time.
Amen*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

*Yang Tracy CUI Lihua Catherine LIU
Yen Ning Jocelyn LAI Tauese Ketty FAAEE
Santannah ALLEN Matthew Richard KING
Gang Leo LIU Ying CHENG
Max Wen Bo LI FeiLong YAN
Layla Emily JAYNES Kate NOH
Lily ANDERSON Ryubi TOWSEND-PALEY
Jack Rey Thoms HITCHCOCK
Forest Yuebin LIU Eddy Yuedong LIU
Ethan CHENG Kingston VEA
Braxton VEA Ming Kai Ryan LI
Ziyi YAN*

**Baptised, Confirmed and received First
Holy Communion**

*Ximena BALLANTYNE
Hannah Mary Leloir Pamela SANDO
Pesley FA'AUI Amelia SANDO*

**Confirmed and received
First Holy Communion**

*Adele JANYES Zachary ANDERSON
Arthur Reuban Fredrick HITCHCOCK
Daisy ANDERSON Ella LIU*

Baptised

**ALL AT THE HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday Evon Sulyman, Khlood Rassam, Subihan, Nouri RIP, **Sun. 8.30am** Nuri, Sabiha, Gazala, Simon, Merlee RIP, **5pm** Peter O'Sullivan RIP (3rd Anniv.) loved brother of Mary, Margaret and the late Paula

PLEASE NOTE!

The parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday this week.
Open again at 8.30am on Wednesday.

FOOD BANK SHELVES ARE EMPTY!

De Paul House needs food and especially personal and household care products. Shampoo, soap, hand-wash, deodorant, dish wash, clothes wash, spray and wipe. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish and meat, coconut milk and cream, jam, vegemite, milk powder, long life milk, milo. Every little contribution makes a difference. If you want to run a food drive, please contact Lesley Farmer lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz or call 480 5959

PARISH NEWSLETTER



You can now subscribe to get a link to our weekly newsletters via email for updates on Parish and Diocesan activities.

We encourage you to scan the QR Code, above, and subscribe now!

ST MARY'S PANTRY - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported Mary's Pantry in 2025. Together, we distributed 360 fruit & veg bags, supporting over 85 families in our community. We have three fundraising events planned for 2026, along with plans to expand our Community Bags programme and launch our social supermarket. More details will follow soon.

Mary's Pantry is now also a registered charitable trust and if you would like to make a one-off or regular donation this can be done directly to the Mary's Pantry bank account 02-0200-0315568-000. To receive a tax receipt, please email your details and bank reference to hello@maryspantry.org.nz. Thank you to all our volunteers, donors, and supporters for helping us live our parish motto:

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

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Falls on 17-24th May. Gather your people, join us and other Christian communities to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7pm on Friday 29th May at St John's Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill. Let us respond to Christ's prayer to the Father, "that they may all be one". It is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways, to be Catholic.

WYD 2027 WEBINARS

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world". (John 16:33) More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

WHY NOT BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH IN 2026? URGENTLY NEEDED NOW

*Car Parking attendants (ALL Sunday & Special Masses)
Mass Coordinator for 10.30am Mass
Hospitality people*

*Contact the office on office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz and more
Details/training will be given!*

ST JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP.

Come see us at our new location in Albany Village (Opposite Albany Toyota) or visit us online at www.stjosephscentre.co.nz (09) 489 5613

St Josephs Gift Shop *Supplying quality Christian & Catholic products for every need* 253 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, Auckland 0632

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, Keira, Max W, David P, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Anselmo S, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla, Petros A, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Maselino L, Ann C, Letalie V, Yvonne P, Helen McBride, Aesop N, Patricia W, Elizabeth S, M O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T, Chike E, Emily G, June B, John R, John S, Patricia Maunsell, Mary G, Cath S, Anne J.

DAILY READINGS

Monday Easter Octave			
Reading	Acts	2:14,22-32	Ps. 16
Gospel	Matthew	28 8-15	
Tuesday Easter Octave			
Reading	Acts	2:36-41	Ps. 33
Gospel	John	20:11-18	
Wednesday Easter Octave			
Reading	Acts	3: 1-10	Ps. 105
Gospel	Luke	24:13-35	
Thursday Easter Octave			
Reading	Acts	3:11-26	Ps. 8
Gospel	Luke	24:35-48	
Friday Easter Octave			
Reading	Acts	4: 1-12	Ps. 118
Gospel	John	21: 1-14	
Saturday Easter Octave			
Reading	Acts	4:13-21	Ps. 118
Gospel	Mark	16: 9-15	
Second Sunday of Easter			
1st Reading	Acts	2:42-47	Ps. 118
2nd Reading	1 Peter	1: 3- 9	
Gospel	John	20:19-31	

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Youth Mass Last Sunday of each month 4.30pm February through November at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info contact youthmin@cda.org.nz

Prayer Retreat for Women Prayer and the Interior Life, Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm. Time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough. Earlybird registration and more details www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Rise up and Shine Festival Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture 30th May. Starts at 10am with Thanksgiving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food Stalls and Cultural show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up and Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance sparks joy. Venue Malaeola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere. world" (John 16:33) more info www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

Charis NZ Chevalier Cyril John will be leading a 1.5 day, hosted by Current of Grace Auckland at Christy he King Church, Owaraka. 11/12th May. Training on Prophetic Intercession.

CAN YOU HELP DE PAUL HOUSE?

Cold weather is fast approaching, and De Paul House needs your help to restock our warm bedding and towel banks. You will be helping homeless and low-income families and senior citizens stay warm this winter. De Paul House has had a huge increase in calls for help both with housing and support services. Please share the message with friends, family and work colleagues. Matthew 25:40 The King will reply

"Truly I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

admin@depaulhouse.org.nz ph: 480 5959

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

If your child has been baptised, attends a non-Catholic school and would like to know more about their faith, these classes provide an opportunity for them to learn the faith. **The classes are a requirement for those children wishing to register for the Sacramental Programme later this year.** Classes are on a Sunday morning. Enq. Childrensformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz



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CHURCH CLEANING

11 April Valdez family -

18 April Hoa N

ALTAR LINEN 06 April Fleur B -

12 April Eresha D

Please Pray for:

Eddie TURKINGTON, long time parishioner, **Eddie's Requiem will be here at St Mary's at 12.30pm on Monday 6th April. MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

PROLIFE FACTS

If you have experienced abortion, it takes courage to break the silence and take the first step toward healing. There is help, there is hope, and you don't have to face it alone. Reaching out can be the beginning of a new chapter in your life. SaveOne can help you and is now operating in New Zealand; it is a life-saving, life-changing ministry. SaveOne is dedicated to helping women and men recover mentally, emotionally, and spiritually after the choice of abortion. God wants to heal you, and through SaveOne's confidential small group study, we will help you navigate forward toward healing. Your grief is valid, and we will work through it with you. If you would like more information about SaveOne or to enquire confidentially about upcoming programmes, please contact Gina regarding programmes for women at gina@voiceforlife.org.nz or Graham at graham@voiceforlife.org.nz for men.