

**03rd MAY 2026**  
**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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

**REFLECTION.**

Two gems from today's Gospel have found their way into the Eucharistic Prayers of the Roman Missal.

One is from Moses' address to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, when he tells they are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and God's own people. Adapted by Peter in his first letter and applied to Christian believers, it is the centrepiece of the first preface for Sundays in ordinary time.

The other is Jesus' revelation to His disciples that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

This terse text has been expanded for one of the prefaces of the Eucharistic Prayer for Special Needs and Occasions.

Within this prayer addressed to the Father, it speaks of Jesus as "the way that leads to you, the truth that sets us free the life that fills us with gladness".

The two texts illuminate each other.

The more we wonder at the beauty and wisdom of Jesus, the more we see the grace and goodness of God at work in us.

We have indeed been set apart to sing the praises of God who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARINS**

You can still support our seminarins, Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support our seminarins studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the church here in Auckland.

Donate at  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate)

Please continue to pray for our seminarins.



**THE INSTITUTION OF THE LAST SUPPER**

With Fr Kevin Waldie sm Monday 18 May  
7 to 8.30pm ZOOM

[www.studyjoy.nz/2026/04/21/the-institution-of-the-last-supper/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/04/21/the-institution-of-the-last-supper/)

**MARY UNTIER OF KNOTS**

With Beate Matthies Tuesday 26 May  
7 to 8pm venue St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay

[www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/08/mary-untier-of-knots](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/08/mary-untier-of-knots)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Grateful thanks are expressed to our PPC members for their work over the past years. As some members are standing down now, I invite expressions of interest to anyone who feels they would like to minister in this area please email with details: [office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)  
God bless, Fr Lio

**WE ARE STILL URGENTLY WANTING YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH NOW!!!**

**Hospitality people (AD HOC)**  
**Car Parking attendants**  
**( ALL Sunday & Special Masses)**  
**Mass Coordinator for 10.30am Mass**  
**Contact the office on**  
[office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)  
**more Details/training will be given!**

**INVITATION!**

Our Parish Thursday Scripture Reflection: Theme "*Evangelising with Scripture*" continues in the Foley Centre  
Time : 10.15am to 11.30am

**PENTECOST WEEKEND OF 23/24TH MAY**

As you may know, we have a tradition here at St Mary's that for all of the Masses over the Pentecost weekend we offer our prayers of intercession in different languages. We need 6 prayers of each Mass, so we need 24 volunteers!! As we are blessed with many different ethnicities this should be a simple task! Please email the office with your name, Mass time and the language you will pray in and we will send you a short prayer to translate.  
We look forward to your emails  
[office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

**Please pray for**

*Peace throughout our troubled world, that all peoples may live in harmony. Amen*

**JOSHUA 40-YEAR CELEBRATION WEEKEND!**

All men are invited

When : Fri pm 14 August to Sun midday 16 August Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua

Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad"

Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals To Register: Follow the link below **OR** contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747 Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

**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](mailto:lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz) or call 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](mailto:Childrensformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME**

Are you in our Planned Giving Programme? Would like to join? If so please contact the office for a personal number. [office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)  
If you join you can gain a tax rebate at the end of the tax year (April) of 1/3rd of your contributions, a way of saving, perhaps for a winter treat!!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

Next Course, 2026 will be held on 12 & 13th May. It consists of Two 1 1/2 Hr. sessions, 7.30-9pm, and is held in the Foley Centre. This Course is mandatory for your first child prior to Baptism, can be completed prior to baby arriving.  
Reg. [office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

**MASS INTENTION**

**Friday 9.15am** Daniel O'Brien RIP (4th Anniv.) father of Julie Fennell.

**TAX RECEIPTS 2025-2026**

For those on our Planned Giving Programme please email the office if you would like your receipt for the 2025 to 2026 tax period sent to you.  
[office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

**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](mailto:admin@depaulhouse.org.nz)  
ph: 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!

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Book/Study Course using Dr Edward Sri's Men, Woman and the Mystery of Love- based on St John Paul II's Love and Responsibility. This course is for young adults (18-35 years) single, dating, engaged and married. Wednesday evenings starting 6th May, Hillsborough, Auckland. More info. Visit [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz)

### 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.

### ST MARY'S KNIGHTS (Junior Youth Group)

Calling all parents of kids aged 8-12!

We have an exciting group for our younger youth called St Mary's Knights which takes place every fourth Sunday of the month between 6-8 pm in the parish hall which is adjacent to the church. We would love to see you there at our next event which is Friday 22nd of May so save the date! This group allows children to learn and explore their faith and also make friends across schools in a safe environment. The group is lead by graduates or current senior students from Rosmini, Carmel and St Mary's College. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask Francesca on 022 059 0852. Updates are also provided on the St Mary's youth instagram page - @smy\_northcote

### ROSARY BEADS FOR REPAIR

Can be left in the container provided in the church foyer with your name/contact number. They will be collected and repaired by a kind parishioner FREE OF CHARGE. You can also place beyond repair blessed beads in the container, they can be used to repair other Rosaries.

### ST MICHAEL'S PARISH REMUERA

Scripture Study 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. Wednesday mornings 6th, 13th, 20th, 27 May. 10.30am to 11.45am in the parish centre, followed by midday Mass - All Welcome

**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

<b>Monday</b>			
Reading	Acts	14: 5-18	Ps. 115
Gospel	John	14:21-26	
<b>Tuesday</b>			
Reading	Acts	14:19-28	Ps. 145
Gospel	John	14:27-31	
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Reading	Acts	15: 1- 6	Ps. 122
Gospel	John	15: 1- 8	
<b>Thursday</b>			
Reading	Acts	15: 7-21	Ps. 96
Gospel	John	15: 9-11	
<b>Friday</b>			
Reading	Acts	15:22-31	Ps. 57
Gospel	John	15:12-17	
<b>Saturday</b>			
Reading	Acts	16: 1-10	Ps. 100
Gospel	John	15:18-21	
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			
1st Reading	Acts	8: 5- 8,14-17	Ps. 66
2nd Reading	1 Peter	3:15-18	
Gospel	John	14:15-21	

### 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 youth-min@cda.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.

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

**Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute Enrolment for Semester Two 2026** Whether you are starting or continuing your journey of faith. Study full-time or part-time enrolment for Bachelor of Theology & Diplomas open 28th April. More info go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables)

**Wings.Nga Parirua** A Catholic Faith Formation Programme. We all need to feel welcomed into our church, to understand our faith and to recognize Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with Him. This programme is open to all to gather in communion with other parishioners. Contact diannaf@cda.org.nz for more details.

### WYD 2027 WEBINARS

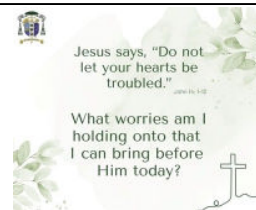
Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will hold its second webinar on the WYD2027 Series titled "Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith", with Bishop Michael Gielen as speaker. On Tuesday 05 May, 5to 6pm via Zoom. For more info and to register [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

### CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSTIY STUDENTS!

There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us in 2026! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at [dans@cda.org.nz](mailto:dans@cda.org.nz) and/or check out our socials search [aucklandcatholicchaplaincy](https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholicchaplaincy).

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 2026!

Meeting TODAY Sunday 03rd May 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](mailto:gnastrun88@gmail.com)



"Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" John 14: 1-12

What worries am I holding onto that I can bring before Him today?

### CHURCH CLEANING

09 May Nissa T - 16 May Lai Fam  
**ALTAR LINEN** 03 May Ninette C  
10 May Birgitte R

### 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. [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/)

### PROLIFE FACTS

The 2025 film *Without a Doubt: God is Always There*, directed by Mike T. Tremblay, tells the true story of Erica, a young wife and mother played by Stacey Saunders. Two months into her second pregnancy, she is diagnosed with Stage 4 inflammatory breast cancer. Though doctors strongly advise abortion, Erica chooses "faith over fear," trusting God while undergoing treatment and carrying her baby. The film follows her resilience, her family's courage, and the many ways God remains present through suffering and uncertainty. Her daughter Ella's birth becomes a powerful witness to love, sacrifice, and steadfast belief. For Auckland readers: Auckland Voice for Life is hosting a free movie night. Snacks provided. 15 May 2025, 7:30pm - 74 Trias Road, Totara Vale (PG / age 7+) For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).