

31ST MAY 2026



HOLY TRINITY

REFLECTION

“Life is a journey, not a destination.”

In our Christian life we have a goal we call heaven. Baptism and Confirmation are our launching point. The Eucharist sustains us as food for the journey. Confession corrects our course. Marriage and Holy Orders arrange our particular journey in a special way and we get a last-minute boost from the Anointing of the sick. The goal is the same for man and woman, clergy and laity: eternal life with God.

Trinity Sunday is a celebration of our destination.

Between Lent and Easter we have spent a third of our year celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church on earth. Trinity Sunday, as the first Sunday outside the Easter season, shows us our unearthly goal. We are to live with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - forever. That is life's destination. That said we have to recognise God with us all throughout our journey to Him. We today know that we must keep the commandments to get to heaven, and we do not always know that the list of the ten commandments comes to us with a prologue in which God reminds us that He is already with us.

The first commandment reads, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods beside me” (Exodus 20:2-3)

God commands us to do nothing He is not already helping us to achieve by His presence and His grace. He goes before and behind His people in a column of smoke and fire.

The journey of this life is one of spiritual warfare, of movement from slavery to sin to freedom for spirit, soul, emotions, and body. God is with us because we need Him. The way we train to live together with our awesome and all-powerful God is to live the way God does within Himself as a Trinity: complete obedience and loving self-surrender, seeking always the good of the other, making one's life mission to glorify God. This is the way of Christ Jesus, whose earthly mission we have been following, through Lent and Easter. Jesus has given us the Beatitudes, Paul his formulas, and we could also wear as our own the breastplate of St Patrick, which amply describes a life's journey in Christ.

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me,
Christ in the eye of every man that sees me,
Christ in the ear of every man that hears me.

I bind to myself today,
The strong power of an invocation of the Trinity,
The faith of the Trinity in Unity
The Creator of the Elements. Amen

Extracts from the writings of Rev. Peter A Healey

Parish "Planned Thanksgiving"

Dear Parishioners, starting from the weekend of the 6th & 7th June, we will commence the Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community which will run over the next three weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Together we grow to reflect the face of Christ

INVITATION!

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

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 orcall 480 5959

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

STUDY THEOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Biblical studies, Church History, Ministry, Pastoral Theology (including Chaplaincy) and Māori/Pacific approaches to Christian Theology. Either on campus or across Aotearoa New Zealand through our distance study programme. Semester 2 starts 13 July. For details of papers go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/thology/study/papers/>
To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/stdy/enrolment/>
To keep up-to-date like us on Facebook

CAN YOU HELP DE PAUL HOUSE?

You can get some good bargains at The Warehouse or Briscoes! De Paul House needs your help to restock their 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

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed this coming Monday 01st June to observe Kings Birthday. The office will re-open at 8.30pm on Tuesday 2nd June.

TAIZE PRAYER EVENING

Friday 12th June Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay 7 to 8pm
Light refreshments will be served after prayer

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 2026!

Meeting Sunday 07th June 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: gnasrun88@gmail.com

GIRL TIME

We extend an invitation to all women for our "Girl Time" meeting, a group for friendship, laughter, and inspiration. Join us for morning tea, as we explore topics that resonate with our lives and faith. A light luncheon will be provided. 10:15 AM on Monday, June 08th, in the Foley Centre, next to the church.
We look forward to seeing you there!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 31/5 10.30am Maria Ornelas RIP
And 5.00pm Ruth Upperton RIP (13th Anniv.) Sat. 6/6 9.15am Jim Maunsell RIP (1st Anniv.)

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.

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. Childrenformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

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!

**MARY'S PANTRY MID-WINTER FEAST FUNDRAISING DINNER
JOIN US!**

Friday 03rd July 6-11pm at St Mary's Parish Hall,
an evening of food, fellowship and community spirit.
Enjoy a great night out while supporting local families in need.
\$40 adults / \$20 children / Tables of 8 available- tickets
<https://events.humanitix.com/marys-pantry-mid-winter-feast>
We are also seeking raffle prize donations email:
hello@maryspantry.org.nz



WINGS. NGA PARIRUA

The Catholic Faith Programme. All need to feel welcome in our church, to understand our faith and to recognize Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with Him. The hospitality at the heart of "Wings" gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection, to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer. The programme is open to all and could also be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA and Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners. More information contact
Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz

TRACING PATHWAYS TO PEACE

Anniversary of the Council of Christians and Muslims (CCM)
Join in celebrating 30 years of CCM 06.06.2026 2.30 to 6.00pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral Parnell

ST JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP - ALBANY VILLAGE

"Pope Leo XIV proclaimed "The Year of St. Francis" a special Jubilee Year running from 10th January 2026 until 10th January 2027. It commemorates the 800th anniversary of the saint's death (transitus). Inspired by this we have thoughtfully curated a collection of books, statues, crosses, and devotional items reflecting St Francis's message of humility, peace, and love for God and all creation. You can see instore or online.

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 and/or check out our socials search aucklandcatholicchaplains.

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 St Justin			
Reading	II Peter	1: 2- 7	Ps. 91
Gospel	Mark	12: 1-12	
Tuesday			
Reading	II Peter	3:11-15	Ps. 90
Gospel	Mark	12:13-17	
Wednesday St Charles Lwanga & Cmps.			
Reading	II Timothy	1: 1- 3,6-12	Ps. 123
Gospel	Mark	12:18-27	
Thursday			
Reading	II Timothy	2: 8-15	Ps. 25
Gospel	Mark	12:28-34	
Friday St Boniface			
Reading	II Timothy	3:10-17	Ps. 119A
Gospel	Mark	12:35-37	
Saturday			
Reading	II Timothy	4: 1- 8	Ps. 71
Gospel	Mark	12:38-44	
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST			
1st Reading	Deut.	8: 2- 3,14-16	Ps. 147B
2nd Reading	I Corinthians	10:16-17	
Gospel	John	6:51-58	

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
Youth Day Launch on 7th June at Holy Family Korean Parish, Flatbush. Begins with Mass at 2.30pm, Bishop Steve Lowe celebrant. Priests are welcome to join this Mass with their parishes' Young Adult groups, there will be sessions and programmes after Mass.
Billings Life NZ Seminar a two day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on June 19 & 20th. This event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. More info

and to register www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

Canon Law in Practice Webinar Series, Msgr. Brendan Daly will be leading a 3 part webinar series during June. The series will focus on practical case handling, documentation, and rights-focused safeguarding. This series could be of interest to those involved in pastoral and safeguarding ministry. Session 1 *Responding to an allegation* Wed. 03 June 7pm Register by session Session 1 — 3 June Reg. https://spc-va.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BG8o4Ry8TQmF2q472-qXnw#/registration

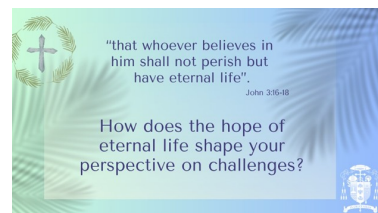
World Youth Day Auckland 2026 10am to 8.30pm *Saturday 01st August* at Victory Convention Centre. Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victoria Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026—a massive joy filled day of faith, community and WITNESS. Inspired by the scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world. For more info and to register to go to: <https://events.humantix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

Calling all young Northcote parishioners 13 to 35 to join our parish group register here <https://forms.gle/KrqRMwaV6bDjzSo27>

Auckland Inter-Faith Council announce the next AIFC Anniversary Event, Monday 15 June 7 to 9pm They are honoured to have Dr Melissa Derby as the keynote speaker. Places are limited, please register on time before 10th June.

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 years webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) For more info and to register www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026



"that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life". John 3:16-18

How does the hope of Eternal life shape your perspective on challenges?

CHURCH CLEANING

05 June Hoa N -
13 June Kimberley G
ALTAR LINEN 31 May Eresha D
07 June Anne H

PROLIFE FACTS

For 15 years, ACTIV8 has equipped New Zealanders to become more effective and compassionate communicators on abortion, euthanasia, and other issues of human dignity. After the success of the annual ACTIV8 Pro-Life Training Week, the mission expanded in 2025 to include an annual ACTIV8 Pro-Life Youth Camp. The Training Week is open to anyone over eighteen who wants to deepen their knowledge and build a culture of life in their community, while the Youth Camp serves prolife people aged 16 –25. Participants from every walk of life have been inspired by these events, which offer strong intellectual formation, and equip participants with the practical tools to make a meaningful difference. Upcoming events: Activ8 Pro-Life Youth Camp, 14–17 July (Ngāruawāhia); Pro-Life Training Week, 17–21 August (Christchurch). details at activ8nz.org
For pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.