

10 MAY 2026
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN!

REFLECTION.

When Jesus tells us He is not leaving us as orphans, that He is coming back to us, that He is leaving His spirit with us, we should understand this is not just about our relationship with Him, but our relationship with the world as well.

Our faith in Christ, our hope in the resurrection, the love we show by keeping the commandments and doing the works of mercy, these alienate us from the world that cannot accept Christ or the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells His apostles that the world cannot accept the Spirit of truth because it neither sees nor knows the Holy Spirit. Jesus goes on to say, "In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me, because I live and you will live."

In other words, Jesus is leaving and is taking us with Him. We live already in heaven, in some way. We are in the Father just as the Son of God is. This reality, this resurrection reality, this Easter joy, is already ours.

Remember when Jesus tells Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life." The resurrection of Lazarus reveals eternal life already present in the person of Christ Jesus. We who spend so much of our year celebrating Easter do so to reveal to the world that we already have a share in the resurrection. We are orphaned before the world, not God. The world has disinherited us. The emancipation makes us free to live as the Spirit leads, to proclaim the Gospel as the Paraclete guides, to keep the commandments as Christ instructs. We live already in God and as help to assimilate this word, Christ gives himself to us in the Eucharist.

The deep-rooted, long lasting truths Christ speaks at the Last Supper take time to become the way we think about ourselves and our place before God and the world. Not as orphans does Christ leave us, because He remains in His Eucharist. When we come to receive Him in Holy Communion, we hear His words again.

We have to live and work alongside those who do not know Christ or the Holy Spirit and remember that God has not left us alone.

Our work in this world is to keep the commandments and perform the works of mercy as evidence of the love God has placed within us. His love as a token of the great inheritance that is ours. Let's linger in our Easter joy a little longer, confident that though orphaned before the world we live in possession of our hope, life within the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Extracts from the writings of Rev. Peter A Heasley S,Th.D

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
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)
Projectionists for all Masses
Contact the office on
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz
more Details/training will be given!**

INVITATION!

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

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

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

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 or call 480 5959

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 have had only THREE volunteers out of the TWENTY FOUR NEEDED please Contact the office this week so we can get organized!!

We look forward to your emails
office@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
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!!

NURTURE OUR FAITH' 2026

Next Faith Nurturing monthly evening is on Monday 25th May, 7-8.30pm, in the Foley Centre. This is an opportunity to reflect, nourish, and strengthen our Faith by delving deeper into the meaning of what we believe. The topic that we will explore is "Mary Mother of God".

New registrations, please email office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz.

MASS INTENTION

Sun. 10.30am Filemon Bayangos RIP (8th Anniv.)

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

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!

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.

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 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

Monday			
Reading	Acts	16:11-15	Ps. 149
Gospel	John	15:26-16: 4	
Tuesday			
Reading	Acts	16:22-34	Ps. 138
Gospel	John	16: 5-11	
Wednesday			
Reading	Acts	17:15,22-18: 1	Ps. 148
Gospel	John	16:12-15	
Thursday St Matthias			
Reading	Acts	1:15-17,20-26	Ps. 113
Gospel	John	15: 9-17	
Friday			
Reading	Acts	18: 9-18	Ps. 47
Gospel	John	16:20-23	
Saturday			
Reading	Acts	18:23-28	Ps. 47
Gospel	John	16:23-28	
Ascension of The Lord			
1st Reading	Acts	1: 1-11	Ps. 47
2nd Reading	Ephesians	1:17-23	
Gospel	Matthew	28:16-20	

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

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, Owariraka. 11/12th May. Training on Prophetic Intercession.

Evangelion Evangelion in conjunction with the Sydney Diocese is bringing Mike & Alicia Hernon from the *Messy Family Project* to New Zealand. Visiting a number of NZ locations, spreading their testimony on Marriage and Family Life and giving insights into liturgical living. Auckland event Sat 16th May 2pm Sacred Heart Parish, Vermont St.

Mission Hub Accompanying others in Faith—Mission Hub will explore a practical and hope filled approach to accompanying others in faith, Carly Mulqueen will guide us through the "thresholds of conversation" - helping us to recognize where someone might be on their journey and how to enter into a meaningful, evangelizing conversations with sensitivity, courage and trust in the Holy Spirit. Monday 18 May 7 to 8.30pm Online - All are welcome, Register bit.ly/missionhubmay2026

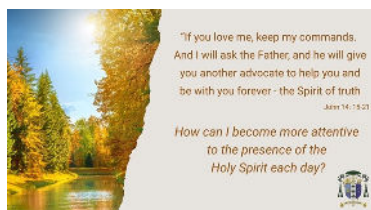
The Upper Room Wed. 20 May 6.30pm Good George Mission Bay for young adults—James Bergin will sit with Frank Ritchie to explore his remarkable journey from serving as a Wesleyan Methodist Minister to entering the Catholic Church this Easter, they will reflect on the faith, discernment and courage required to surrender fully to God's call. Be sure to grab your ticket early! For more info and tickets go to @AKCYM on Facebook or search for the -upper-room-may-2026 on Humanitix.

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 , 5 to 6pm via Zoom. For more info and to register 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 and/or check out our socials search aucklandcatholicchaplaincy.



"If you love Me, keep My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and to be with you forever -the spirit of truth. John 14:15-21. How can I become more attentive to the presence of the Holy Spirit each day?"

CHURCH CLEANING

16 May Lai Fam -
23 May Choy Fam.
ALTAR LINEN 10 May Birgitte R
17 May Jan S

PROLIFE FACTS

Euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada are known as Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), and an estimated 16,000 Canadians are offered or choose this option each year. The practice has become so routine that earlier this year a Catholic priest reported being offered MAID twice while in hospital, despite explaining that it was incompatible with his vocation. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition recently noted that Health Canada does not require MAID to be recorded as a cause of death. Doctors are also not required to attempt effective treatment for life-threatening illnesses before offering MAID as an alternative. Research from the Netherlands suggests around 20% of euthanasia deaths go unreported. The Coalition argues that if MAID is not listed on Canadian death certificates, unreported cases become nearly impossible to identify.

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