

09 AUGUST 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

The question isn't "Why did Peter get out of that boat?" The question is, "Why did Jesus command Peter and the others to get into the boat?"

Many will say that Peter got out of the boat because Jesus commanded him.

Did Jesus really command Peter to get out of the boat? It was Peter, after all, who urged Jesus to command him to get out of the boat. Peter had the urge to get out of the boat and he said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

Jesus said "Come". The only command that came from Jesus was the command at the beginning of the Gospel. It says, "Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede Him to the other side."

Why did Jesus command the disciples to get into the boat? Because the boat, which symbolizes the church, is the hope of our salvation. Jesus commands the disciples to get into the boat to help one another. When the disciples first set out in the boat and the weather was good, each of them would have been part of the crew needed to set the sails, row, and steer. As the storm approached, everyone would have been needed to take down the sails and secure the oars and the other equipment. They would have relied on each other's weight to sit in the centre of the boat to give it balance against the waves, lest it tilt too much to one side and flip.

So too, in this boat, in this church, the place of seating is even called a "nave". It comes from the Latin word meaning "ship".

Every person in this church is a part of the crew. As a member of the crew each of us is needed to pray and support one another. The presence of every member of the crew is important. When you are not here, people miss you. When you are here, people are glad to see you and rely on your prayerful presence. Much is made these days of surveys that say that Catholics don't believe in the true presence of the Eucharist. But the bigger problem is that many Catholics don't appreciate the importance of their own presence around the altar.

All of us are needed as crew of this boat, called the church.

It is in this boat the we journey together towards salvation.

Even Jesus doesn't continue walking to the other side. He gets in the boat and journeys with the disciples, as He journeys with us.

Extracts from the writings of Fr Edward Linton

RESTORED ROSARIES

We still have several restored rosaries ready for collection from the parish office. If one is yours please collect it from the parish office.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15TH AUGUST 2026
THE PATRONAL FEAST FOR AOTEAROA AND OUR PARISH FEAST DAY,
NEXT WEEKEND - TIME TO CELEBRATE!!

Lead up: Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th & Friday 14th August:

Usual 9.15am Masses followed by the Rosary, in addition on 12/13/14th August we will have the Rosary at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

This year the Assumption has been "Sundayized" so all Sunday Masses, including Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm will be celebrated for the Assumption.

Saturday 9.15 Mass followed by the Rosary and Reconciliation as usual.

Saturday 5.00pm Rosary followed by Vigil Mass at 5.30pm.

After Vigil Mass you are invited to join us in the parish hall to CELEBRATE!!

For an evening of fellowship, entertainment and fun. Please bring a plate of finger food to share, you can bring your plate to the hall before Mass that will help us with set up, we will supply tea and coffee.

We know it's winter, but promise you a VERY WARM WELCOME!

On Sunday after all Masses 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.00pm we will have a FREE Sausage Sizzle!!

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

ONGOING "NURTURING OUR FAITH"

Next monthly meeting is on 24th August, in the Foley Centre from 7 to 8.30pm. Delving deeper into what we believe!

FLOWER ROSTER

We are urgently needing new volunteers for our flower roster (flowers done on a Saturday morning). If you have a flare for flowers, training will be given, come and join our happy team! We have a monthly roster please contact the office office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz We have at least 4 places vacant!!!!

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, etc. Basics like crackers, biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned fish & meat, coconut milk & cream, jam, vegemite, milk powder, long life milk. Every contribution makes a difference. If you want to run a food drive, please contact Lesley Farmer lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz or call 480 5959

ALONE AGAIN?

A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, divorce or widowhood 21 to 23rd August. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for those grieving being single again. Cost \$350 includes accommodation, meals, materials & follow-up event. More info www.beginningxperience.org.nz

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (Beginners Course)

Saturday 29th August 8am to 5pm. Adults 20+ register theologyofthebody.nz

INVITATION!

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

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Is holding its 4th session for WYD SEOUL 2027 webinar series. Join us for this session, "Witnessing: A Call For Young People to Evangelise" with the Auckland NET Team. This will be on Tuesday 1st September 2026. 5.00pm to 6.00pm on ZOOM online platform.

Register through www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/online-webinars-2026/ Free discounts apply.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
A Journey of Faith
OCIA adopted for Unbaptised Children of 7-15 years begins soon.
To enrol for the 2026/2027 OCIA process please email the Parish Office
christianinitiation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz
By 16th August 2026

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



ST MARY'S NORTHCOTE PARISH AUCKLAND

TO REGISTER, PLEDGE FOR YOUR PLANNED GIVING, OR GET OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE
Please go to our Web site
Don't hesitate to contact the office if you need help!
office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz

IMPORTANT NOTICE - SCAM EMAILS BEWARE!

Recently the frequency of scam emails pertaining to be from Priests has increased enormously. Check carefully any email address pertaining to be from a priest. If in doubt phone (480 7357) the parish office or send an email office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz DO NOT OPEN

ST MARY'S WYD 2027 KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young Catholics from around the world to celebrate faith, build friendships and grow closer to Christ! Several young people from St Mary's Parish have the opportunity to represent our parish at WYD Korea 2027. To help make this pilgrimage possible, we're selling delicious *Krispy Kreme Doughnuts!* **Final orders & payment by Thursday 20th August, pickup on Sunday 30th August, from the parish hall after all Masses.** We are selling in boxes of 6 or 12 original glazed and assorted. Please fill in our google order form



[St Mary's Youth WYD Korea Donut Fundraiser](#) or via the QR Code to support our youth. Any queries northcoteyouth@gmail.com

DE PAUL HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Join us for an evening of connection and fun with our loyal team of supporters and friends. Fantastic prizes—raffles, silent and live auctions.

Friday 21st August 6.30pm, Rosmini Auditorium

Tickets \$110 per person (early bird \$100 till 14th August)

Email bookings: admin@depaulhouse.org.nz Any support with donations, gift vouchers or products to support the fundraising raffles/auctions, your support will help us to continue wrap-around care for families and seniors. More info contact Lesley or Jan on 480 5959

ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP (AGES 13 TO 17 YEARS)

St Mary's welcomes youth aged 13-17 years to our youth group! Our youth Masses are every 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm followed by our youth group session from 6 to 8pm in the parish hall. Come along for prayer, games and fellowship.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 8.30am Special Intention for Ting Sie Mee, recovery from Bone Marrow transplant for Lukemia; **10.30am** Thanksgiving Jose, Joy & Teves family, Retzel Sumo, Rolando Sumo & Dido Emring RIP; **Tues. 9.15am** for Benedict Lam's speedy recovery from surgery; **Thurs. 9.15am** Ron Halpin RIP (20th Anniv.); **Sat. 9.15am** Rosalind Halpin RIP (6th Anniv.)

Please pray : For the elderly and frail & 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, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Anselmo S, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Alice C, Najla, Petros A, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Maselino L, Ann C, Yvonne P, Helen McBride, Aesop N, Patricia W, Elizabeth S, M O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T, Emily G, June B, John R, Patricia M, Cath S, Anne J, Patrick C, Cath S, Mike L, Neil M

DAILY READINGS

Monday St Lawrence

Reading	II Corinthians	9: 6-10	Ps. 112
Gospel	John	12:24-26	

Tuesday St Clare

Reading	Ezekiel	2: 8- 3: 4	Ps. 119B
Gospel	Matthew	18: 1- 5,10,12-14	

Wednesday

Reading	Ezekiel	9: 1- 7,10:18-22	Ps. 113
Gospel	Matthew	18:15-20	

Thursday

Reading	Ezekiel	12: 1-12	Ps. 78
Gospel	Matthew	18:21-19: 1	

Friday St Maximilian Kolbe

Reading	Nahum	2: 1- 3,3: 1- 3,6-7	Canticle of Isaiah
Gospel	Matthew	19: 3-12	

Saturday morning

Reading	Ezekiel	18: 1-13,30-32	Ps. 51
Gospel	Matthew	19:13-15	

VIGIL & SUNDAY THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1st Reading	Apoc.	11:19;12: 6- 6,10	Ps. 45B
2nd Reading	I Corinthians	15:20-26	
Gospel	Luke	1:39-56	

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Vacancies: Otahuhu Parish Coordinator 20 hrs a week Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm Full details and job description go to www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz –Diocesan Services, staff vacancies. ST ANNE'S, MANUREWA `PART-TIME Parish Receptionist more details go to SEEK <https://nz.seek.com/job/92934322>

Alpha in the Catholic Context A local series on why Alpha in our parish-es will help and how it will generate vibrancy. All welcome to attend.

19 Aug.7pm Where does Alpha fit in the life of the parish, 16 Sept. 7pm ow to take your Alpha from good to great. Register on [Training Zoom for Alpha in a catholic context-Fill out form](#) more info. Contact

Clare@alpha.org.nz or Deacon Fraser stephenf@cda.org.nz

Catholic Caring Foundation Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Steve and the Caring Foundation team for the Caring Mass - Wednesday 12th August at 11.30am in Christ The King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill.

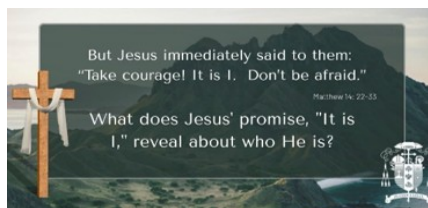
Local Youth Ministers Wanted! The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated relationship-builders to become part-time local Youth Ministers, working in a secondary school and/or parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ **Part-Time Catholic Chaplain for Auckland Regional Forensic Psychiatry Services** We Are seeking and experienced or suitably qualified Catholic Chaplain to join the Chaplaincy team at the Mason Clinic , working 20 hours per week. The role involves providing spiritual, emotional and pastoral support to patients, families and staff, and working as part of a multidisciplinary healthcare team. The applicant will be able to support people from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds and work in a manner consistent with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Job description and applications go to www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ Applications close 28 August.

G.I.F.T. Special Needs Ministry "Saints and Angels DINNER DISCO Saturday 29th August 6 to 9pm at the Pompallier Centre. Everyone most welcome.

Season of Creation 2026 Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to celebrate Season of Creation. From 1st September to 04th October, we are invited to renew our relationship with God as Creator. For resources to celebrate visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/

JOHN PRIDMORE - INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC SPEAKER

In Auckland for a series of inspiring Parish Missions. For more than 30 years, John has travelled the world sharing his powerful story of conversion, hope and God's mercy, inspiring thousands to rediscover their faith. Each evening includes John's testimony, prayer and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ through Eucharistic Adoration. St Joseph's, Takapuna Mon. 17th to Wed. 19th Aug. sessions begin 7.00pm.



*But Jesus immediately said to them
"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
Matthew 14:22-23*

*What does Jesus promise, "It is I", reveal
about who He is?*



CHURCH CLEANING

15 Aug. Nissa T
22 Aug Choy Family
ALTAR LINEN
09 Aug. Birgitte R
16 Aug Flur B

PROLIFE FACTS

The Voice for Life team has spent the last few months developing a new informational flyer to provide clear, accurate and accessible information on abortion. The brochure presents information on gestational development and the legal status of the unborn in New Zealand in a sensitive, tasteful way. It also includes a QR code linking to further information and assistance on the Voice for Life website. Voice for Life hopes to place a flyer in every New Zealand mailbox, encouraging calm, thoughtful engagement with these important issues. Voice for Life branches, other community groups and pro-life individuals are welcome to help distribute flyers. To get involved, email admin@voiceforlife.org.nz.

For pro-life info, visit w.voiceforlife.org.nz.