

Feast Days in The Fourth Week of Easter

- **Mon 26 April: FEAST DAY for ST MARK, EVANGELIST.** His gospel is based on Peter's teaching in Rome. Early tradition says he founded the Church in Alexandria.
- **Tue 27 April: Optional for St Louis de Montfort, priest, confessor.** Born 1673 at Montfort in France. A confessor, preacher and author whose books have influenced a number of popes. Fostered devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary. Founded Sisters of Divine Wisdom and the Missionaries of the Company of Mary. Died 1716, canonized in 1947.
- **Wed 28 April: Feast of ST PETER CHANEL, PRIEST AND MARTYR.** Born in France in 1803, he did pastoral work there for a few years after ordination, then entered the Marist Society and was sent to Oceania. There was resistance to missionaries at the time, though he did receive a few converts into the faith before being clubbed to death on the island of Futuna in 1841. Patron saint of New Zealand.
- **Thu 29 April: Memorial for St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church.** Born at Siena in 1347. Entered the order of St Dominic. Filled with an active love of God and neighbour, she strove to bring peace to the quarrelling factions and cities of Italy, and to restore the rights of the papacy, in exile in Avignon. A contemplative and ascetic, her writings are remarkable for their spirituality and theology.
- **Fri 30 April: Optional memorial for St Pius V, pope.** Born near Allessandria, Italy, 1504. Entered Dominican Order, made Pope in 1566. He put into practice the reforming decrees of the Council of Trent which ended 1563: in his name the Catechism, Breviary and Missal were promulgated. He encouraged the praying of the Rosary. He died 1572.

Diocesan Job Vacancy: Credit Controller & Administration - Pompallier Centre. A full time role, to provide credit control and administration support to the Revenue Manager for collection of Attendance Dues for schools in the Auckland Diocese. Please visit : www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

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Parish Priest: Fr Neil Darragh
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St Leo's Catholic School: 4459339 www.stleos.school.nz
Principal: Maureen Harris **Parish-School Reps:** Steven Albrecht, Kath Petrie, Rachel Steel
Parish Office Hours: Mon—9:00am to 12:30pm; Tues to Fri—9:00am to 1:00pm
Parish Newsletter: (DEADLINE 9am THURS.)
Sunday Mass Times: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9.30am
Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy **Thurs & Sat:** 9am Holy Mass
Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass



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We pray for those who have died recently and have Anniversaries at this time

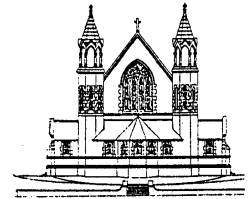
- Apr 24:** Linda Gay 1993
- Apr 25:** John O'Brien 1946, Veronica Boyd 1977 Diane Petersen 1977
- Apr 26:** Elizabeth Lilly 1951
- Apr 27:** Mona Harkins 1981, Kathleen McGregor 1982 Henrietta Redmond 1996, Peter Kalougher 2006, David McKellar 2015
- Apr 28:** Kathleen Marquis 1917
- Apr 29:** Peter Rattigan 1955, Lillian Quirke 1960
- Apr 30:** Kevin Wright 2005, Suaesi Passi 2009
- May 1:** Maria Street 1946, Daniel O'Rourke 1999

Other Rosters:

- Counters**
2 May— Shyrelle & Brian
- Cleaning**
1 May — Elaine & Les
- Flowers**
30 Apr— Sue
- Morning Tea**
2 May—Corenna



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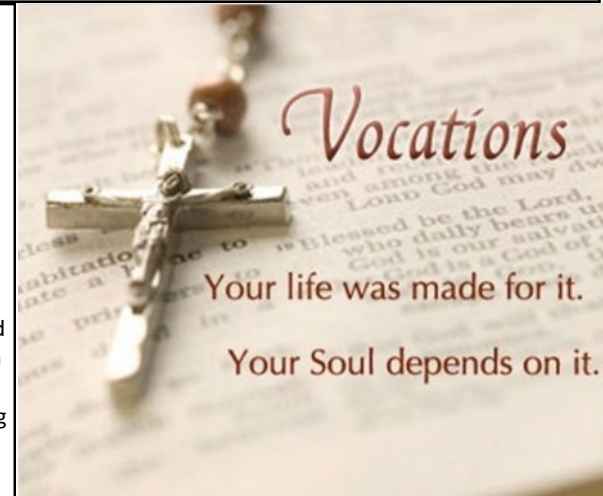


FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 25 APRIL 2021

Prayer for Vocations

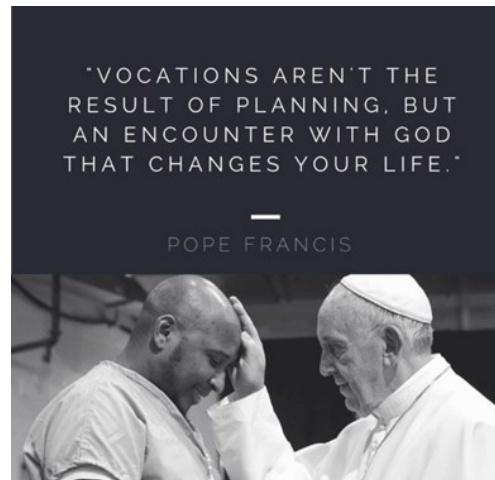
Generous God,
 You show us the way that leads to everlasting life.

Through baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with deacons, priests, and men and women in consecrated life. Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that we, your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and for always. Amen



The 4th Sunday of Easter — Good Shepherd Sunday

A Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. There will be a Special Collection for the Seminary. The money collected will help pay the fees of Auckland students for the priesthood. Envelopes for this appeal are on the table at church door.



Pope Francis, in his Message for today, says: "God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings. In this way, as he did with Saint Joseph, he sets before us profound and unexpected horizons."

Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Every year the gospel reading is taken from one part or another of Jesus’ discourse on this theme in the tenth chapter of John. Naming Jesus as our good shepherd implicates us in his unconditional self-sacrifice.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Good Shepherd — Day of prayer for Vocations

ANZAC DAY: National Day of Remembrance.

Acts 4:8-12 This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Ps 118: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone, or Alleluia!

1John 3:1-2 We shall see God as he really is.

John 10:11-18 The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2 May

Christ, The True Vine

Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Ps 22: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1John 3:18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

John 15:1-8 Whoever remains in me, with me in them, bears fruit in plenty.

Readers:

(25 Apr) **Sat** Liz McMaster

(2 May) **Sat** Steve Burke

Kath Petrie

Sun Robert Mannion

Sun Gerard Dobbs

Denise O’Shaughnessy

Linda Lampen Smith

Communion Ministers:

(25 Apr) **Sat** Kit Isidro

(2 May) **Sat** Mila Burke

Sun Karen Rawlinson

Sun Mary Lyttleton

ROSARY
Every Monday,
6pm
in the church
Come & join in, reciting
this beautiful prayer.
All Welcome

**Contemplative prayer/
Christian meditation**
Monday 6.30pm in the
Parish Meeting Room
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New Zealand Catholic
18 April — 1 May issue out
now. Some headlines:
Plea for more prayers for
vocations. Theological
college to move to new
Auckland campus. 500
years of Catholic faith in
Philippines celebrated.
Copies available @ \$4

Diocese Notices

Bishops’ Forums

Bishops Pat and Michael invite you to join them at one of the 2021 Bishop Forums:

5 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Joseph Takapuna

8 May, 11.00 am St Therese, Moerewa

9 May, 11.30am St Francis Xavier Whangarei,

11 May, 7.30-9.30pm Christ the King Owairaka,

27 May, 7.30-9.30 pm St Anne’s Manurewa

Sisters of Mercy Centenary Celebration Epsom

As part of this year’s centennial celebrations of the Parish and School, the Sisters of Mercy invite parishioners, students and parents to join with them after **10am Mass on Sunday 2 May**, For catering purposes please register your interest to attend. www.epsomcatholic.org.nz/centennial/

Revisiting Ut Unum Sint after 25 years Tuesday 27th April 2021 @7:00pm

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism is hosting a public lecture on Ecumenism, celebrating 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II letter on “Ut Unum Sint (That They May All Be One)” by Dr Sarah Hart, theologian and lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere. Light refreshments provided.

Jubilee Bursary

Applications Invited for Semester 2, 2021.

Applicants must be Catholic and contributing to the mission of the Catholic Church in the Auckland Diocese. The bursary is a contribution toward fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 10 June

Please contact: Michelle Jarvis

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Pope Francis affirms to the “irrevocable” commitment of the Church in promoting unity among Christian Churches. Bishop Pat is hosting 8 Churches uniting in One House, under One Faith through One Baptism in the One Lord of All to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held at Christ The King Catholic Church on Tuesday 25th May 2021 @7:30PM. You are all invited to attend and to participate in this years’ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The service will be live streaming on SHINE TV and various Churches Social Media.

ALPHA RETURNS – Alpha is a forum which every parishioner can attend and have a refresher on the basics of our faith. Participants will enjoy a meal, meet **new friends**, and learn more about **faith and God**. There is **no charge**. **Starts Tuesday 4th May, 7pm in St Joseph’s Church hall (for 9 Tuesdays)**. To REGISTER contact Engelbert Dsouza; email: engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com Ph 021 0234 6853 OR Deacon Steve Fraser; email: stephen@cda.org.nz Or Ph 021 439 407

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FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
Miriamana Kano

2-4PM, SUNDAY 2ND MAY, 2021
ST LEO’S SCHOOL HALL

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Order by emailing stleosfundraiser@gmail.com

Please support St Leo’s Mothers Day Fundraiser, if you need help organising Tickets please speak to Corenna and she will help. Thanks so much.

De Paul House
Minute Secretary Needed

Do you have secretarial skills? De Paul House is needing a minute secretary. 10 meetings a year. 5.30pm -7-30pm 2nd Monday of month at 92 Onewa Road Northcote. A worthwhile cause supporting vulnerable families for over 34 years. Contact Lesley on 480 5959 or lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz

The NZ Modern Slavery Act

Slavery is not an issue of the past or overseas territories. There are slaves in New Zealand. People are treated and paid poorly their very human dignity ignored. Please consider helping to petition the government to enact laws that cherish the rights of all people and make it illegal to abuse people under an circumstances. **The NZ Modern Slavery Act** will help rectify this injustice. Please support it by signing this petition <https://www.signforfreedom.nz>.

LEST WE FORGET
ANZAC DAY
25TH APRIL

Each Anzac Day we remember the names of members of our parish community who were killed in war.

ANZAC DAY
+ LEST WE FORGET +

**BRIAN BOATE, BILL COLEMAN,
LAURIE HALE, JACK HENDRY,
BILL HENDRY, GERALD
MULLANE , LAURIE RYDER,
BRUCE SKINNER, BRIAN STONE**

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn. At the going down of the sun
and in the morning We will remember them.*

St Vincent de Paul

Thank you to those people who continue to support SVDP, We have a basket at the back of the church and are looking for donations of non-perishable food, household cleaning products and personal hygiene items. Also you may be aware of families or individuals who may need our help. Please pass their details into the office at 4450078 and we will discretely contact them. Thank you.