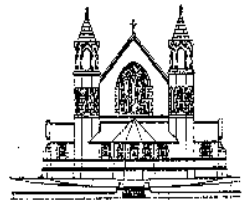
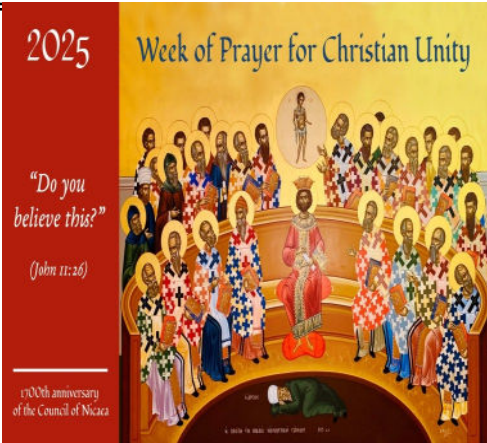




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JUNE 1ST 2025 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Jesus prayed that his followers would all be one (Jn 17:21), and so Christians cannot lose hope or stop praying and working for unity. Praying, walking, and working together is highlighted each year as Christians around the world celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). The theme for this year's WPCU is:

“Do you believe this?” (John 11:26)
Prayer cards and prayer leaflets are available at church door.

World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope | Saturday 2nd August 10am – 8:30pm

Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders!)
Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, and HOPE.
<https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>



Enviro Group

There will shortly be a tree-planting day organized by Restoring Takarunga in conjunction with The Mauga Authority. If you would be interested in helping restore the mauga where we sit as a church, or in finding out more please talk to Sasha after Mass on Sundays or sashagillies@gmail.com

Parish Council.

- The Devonport-Belmont Ministers Association have organised a 24-hour Pentecost day of prayer on June 5th, midnight to midnight. You can come to the hall foyer of Holy Trinity Church to pray with others at any time during the day or night. You can sign up at this link <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/3edef9> Offers of help to keep the room open would be appreciated—please contact Terry Humphries, peoples' warden on 021 880884
peopleswarden@htdevonport.org.nz
- Parking in school playground.
Please be conscious of small children who may be playing in the school playground after Mass, especially on Sunday mornings and drive carefully and slowly. Could the last person to exit the playground please close the gate to Owens Road?

The ascension is a celebration of the passing of the baton from Jesus to us. The risen Lord is now present in his people, and each of today's readings stresses the mission of the Church to carry on the work of Jesus.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD — *Christ's Eternal Glory*

World Communications Day — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Acts 1:1-11 He was lifted up while they looked on.

Psalm 47: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Ephesians 1:17-23 He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.

Luke 24:46-53 As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8 June

The Spirit of Life

Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Psalm 104: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Romans 8:8-17 Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God.

John 14:15-16,23-26 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Ministries	Sat 31 May	Sun 1 June
Welcome	Natalie Williams	Joseph Wolfkamp
Readers	Nicky Witham Blackwell	Kate Kearins Denise O'S.
Communion	Kevin Isidro Kasey Isidro	Gabriel S., Pauline Baker, Maryanne O.
Ministries	Sat 7 June	Sun 8 June
Welcome	Sarah Menzies	Anne Gibson
Readers	Robert Mannion Kath Petrie	Mary Lyttleton Nevil Gibson
Communion	Denise Ross Janet Monga	Kate Casey, Flo S., Francisca K.

Prayer during the Week

Mondays: Rosary at 6 pm in the Church,
Meditative Prayer 6.30 pm in Meeting Room

Wednesdays: Scripture Discussion Group 7 pm.
Meeting Room

Preparing for Pentecost

The Novena to the Holy Spirit has begun on Friday 30th, but you can join in at any time and in your own space. The prayer sheets and some background information are on the table at the back of the church, and have been sent out by email to the parish database.

Please pray for those who have recently died, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jun 01: Emma Cornish 1940, Bernard Brady 1981

Jun 03: Carol Floyd 1944, Eugene O'Brien 1954

Jun 04: Sidney Brogan 1960, Mary O'Brien 1962

Jun 05: Rose Wallace 1988, Raymond Smith 1996, Helen Ogilvie 2022

Jun 06: Lorna Watt 1995, Jill Carter 1998, Peter Newbold 2004

Jun 07: Percy Halsey 1983, John Maher 2000, Loretto Leyland 2010

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is having its third webinar this year titled "Pastoral Ministry among Māori and Pasifika in the Third Millenium" with Rev Hemi Ropata, a deacon from the Society of Mary who is currently in Rome completing the final stages of his formation before his ordination to priesthood this year. This webinar is on Wednesday, 25 June 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

From the Diocese

Both the diocesan newsletter <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/NZ-Catholic-Issue-3.pdf> and the latest edition of Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/JJJUNE-2025.pdf> are now available online

St Marys College Auckland 175th Jubilee Celebrations

Labour Weekend (Friday 24th - Sunday 26th October)

2025 marks 175 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in NZ and founded St Mary's College. Past pupils, teachers and friends are invited to a weekend of celebrations, including a cocktail function, school tours and displays, and a family picnic and Mass at the school.

On Saturday 25th October, the Gala Jubilee Dinner will be held at the RNZ Yacht Squadron. For more information about the Jubilee events please contact pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com

G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass Saturday June 7th at 1pm in the Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby. (G.I.F.T. is the ministry for intellectually disabled people.) **Everyone is most welcome!** Afternoon tea afterwards.

St Paul's College 70 Year Anniversary

Friday June 13th 6pm

Mass in the school chapel followed by drinks & nibbles in the auditorium.

Registration appreciated

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/XCK>

From St Leo's Catholic School

Along with all the other Catholic Schools in New Zealand, this week we celebrated **Catholic Schools Day**. This special day recognises the vital role Catholic education plays in nurturing faith, learning, and a strong sense of community. At St Leo's we started the day with a liturgy and carried on with a fun talent quest. It was amazing to see some of our beautiful tamariki showcasing their talents through dance and music. The day continued with all the classes doing some art and other fun activities to acknowledge this special day



TURN DEBT INTO HOPE WEBINAR — JUNE 4: **Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand** is hosting a 30-minute webinar to invite people to take part in its "Turn Debt Into Hope" campaign. The global campaign for debt justice was launched by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year, and Caritas has big plans to honour this legacy in Aotearoa. The webinar will feature guests from the Pacific explaining the impacts of climate debt, Caritas explaining what Kiwis can do about it and a chance for Q&A. Mark your diaries for 12 noon on Wednesday, June 4. Find out more and learn how you can get involved at www.caritas.org.nz/

Feast Days in the Seventh Week of Easter

- **Mon 2 June: Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs.** Martyrs from the time of the persecution of Diocletian.
- **Tues 3 June: St Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs.** The 22 martyrs of Uganda were put to death by the king, Miwanga, whose objection to their Christianity was reinforced by their resistance to his impure demands of them. Some were quite young boys; some still catechumens, though Charles baptized these before their death.
- **Thurs 5 June: St Boniface, bishop and martyr.** Born England c 673, called Winifred until Pope Gregory II gave him the name Boniface, consecrated bishop by the pope during a visit to Rome in 722. Boniface traveled throughout Germany where he established or restored dioceses, and set up monasteries, notably at Fulda, where he is buried. Continued his itinerant missionary life, and was killed by pagans in Friesland in 754.
- **Fri 6 June: St Marcellin Champagnat, priest.** Born in Marlihes, France, 1789, ordained a priest in Archdiocese of Lyons. Consecrated to Mary, Marcellin felt called to found a religious order of Brothers to bring the message of Jesus' love to neglected youth. Today his vision is embodied in Marist Brothers living on five continents. Canonized by JP II in 1999.

Eucharistic Miracles exhibition | Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby | June 2025: To celebrate the month of the Sacred Heart, Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish will be showcasing Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles exhibition in June. All are welcome to visit. There will be a talk at Sacred Heart Church on **Sunday, 1 June, 3-5pm**. Come along and find out more about the Eucharistic miracles, and join us for the Divine Mercy chaplet, Adoration and Benediction.

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**Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00am to 12 noon
closed Wednesdays**

Masses next weekend

Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

Masses during the coming week

Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm

Ministry Reminders

Flowers

Sue Story

Church Cleaning

7/6 Anne Feeney

Counters

1/06 Maria & Jeremy

8/06 Shyrelle & Brian

Hospitality

1/06 Yem Braid

8/06 Gerard & Mia

Altar Servers

1/06 Grace Rumble, Bella
Albrecht

8/06 Rosemary Dobbs

Children's Liturgy Leaders

1/06 Anna & Will Rumble

8/06 Mary-Jane & Millie
Lendich