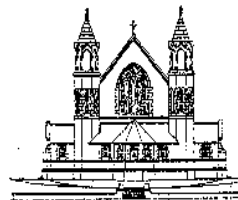




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MARCH 29TH 2026: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday



PALM SUNDAY

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

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Putting Compassion Into Action

Thank you for your generous donations to the Caritas Lent Appeal. To find out more, and to donate at any time, visit www.caritas.org.nz/lent. There you will find additional online reflection, video stories about the people we serve, and further opportunities to engage with the Lenten themes.

Prayer: *E te Ariki, May we walk the journey to Jerusalem in whatever way we are called to do so. May the compassion of God find a home in us, the forgiveness of Christ transform us and heal us, and may the peace of the Spirit abide in us now and always. Āmene*



EASTER LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH: Blessing of the Palm Sat 5.30pm & Sun 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL : Noon weekly mass

HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL:

◆ 7pm Evening mass of the Lord's last supper

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL:

- ◆ 10am Ecumenical procession beginning at Windsor Reserve
- ◆ 3 pm Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL:

◆ 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL:

◆ 9.30am mass

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES THROUGHOUT
AUCKLAND DIOCESE 2026**

To view :

[Holy Week - Catholic Diocese of Auckland](http://HolyWeek-CatholicDioceseofAuckland)

Bless me Lord, in this Holy week and give me the grace to know your loving presence more intimately. Amen

Today we meditate on the passion of the Lord, which will be celebrated more specifically at the end of the week. Key texts for interpreting the passion are the four 'Servant Songs' of Isaiah, which we hear read at Mass during Holy Week, the third one we hear today. Reflecting the experience of Israel and of prophetic figures like Jeremiah, the songs are referred in the New Testament to Jesus himself, especially in his passion.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY 29 March *Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem*

Matthew 21:1-11 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult — I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Matthew 26:14—27:66 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April *Resurrection of the Lord*

Acts 10:34, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Psalms 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

Col. 3:1-4 You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.


John 20:1-9 He must rise from the dead.

Ministries	<u>Sat 28 March</u>	<u>Sun 29 March</u>
Welcome	Shawn Pearce Blom	Emma Mackie-Watts
Readers	Robert Mannion Riaan Blom	John Knight Sarah Sparks
Communion	Lisa Mannion Denise Ross	Gabriel Sagripanti Pauline Baker Maryanne Offner
Ministries	<u>Sat 4 April</u>	<u>Sun 5 April</u>
Welcome	Kath Petrie	Anne Gibson
Readers	Nicky Witham Blackwell Damian Wallis	Nevil Gibson Yem Braid
Communion	Denise Ross Kitt Isidro	Monica Duot Iain Gillies Francisca Knottenbelt



Stations of the Cross
Each Friday at 7 pm
All Welcome

[Weekday prayer groups](#)

Rosary Group: 
Monday at 6pm in the Church

Meditative Prayer:
Monday 6.30 pm in meeting room

Scripture Study Group: On break and will meet again Wednesday 22nd April.

We remember in prayer those who have died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mar 29: William McKearney 1918
Mar 30: Ethel Munro 1938, Raymond Cameron 1960
Mar 31: Duncan Henderson 1996 William Richardson 1999
Apr 01: Evelyn West 1956 Anne Dunne 2003
Apr 02: D. Playford 1889,
Apr 03: Lilly Simmonds 1958, Raymond Cameron 1979, Alexander (Alec) Bell 1984, David Sands 2014, Shirley Swan 2022
Apr 04: Elizabeth Lott 1918, Geraldine Coleman 1993, Robert Priddy 2016
Apr 05: Winifred Waters 1950, Mary Hayde 2008, Bob Clarke 2025

FROM THE DIOCESE

**Good Friday Stations Of The Cross 9am-11am
3 April 2026** | Gathering at albert park rotunda & Concluding at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Join us for the 18th Annual Stations of the Cross Procession through Auckland CBD this Good Friday! Experience a powerful and moving journey through the heart of the city as we walk together in prayer, remembering Christ's passion. Each year, hundreds of people from across the Auckland come together for public witness of faith. Poster in foyer.

Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April
5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, Eden Terrace. Poster in foyer

VACANCY - CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER The Diocese of Christchurch is seeking an experienced and forward thinking Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute meaningfully to the strategic direction of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. Applications close at 9.00pm on **Apr 12**. For more information, or to apply, email applications@cdoc.nz

Special Collections - Please Note:

- There will be a collection on **Good Friday** - for the upkeep of sacred shrines in the Holy Land.
- There will be a second collection on **Easter Sunday (the Easter Offering)**: for the welfare of the clergy of the Auckland diocese.

Special envelopes are available for these collection, on table at church door.

 * **EASTER FLOWERS - Donations please** *
 * Parishioners are invited to contribute *
 * towards the cost of fresh flowers for our *
 * Holy Week Altar of Repose and the Easter *
 * Altar. Please **place donations in basket at** *
 * **church door** or direct credit to: Parish a/c *
 * 020100 0120958 16 (Ref: Flowers). *
 * Thank you. *
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FROM ST LEO'S SCHOOL

Navy Education



This week, the tamariki of St Clare class deepened their understanding of medals and ribbons, exploring their meaning, history, and significance. We were fortunate to have Emma from the Torpedo Bay Navy Museum join us, bringing her

expertise and engaging the students in rich learning experiences.

Through hands-on exploration and discussion, students discovered how medals and ribbons are awarded to recognise acts of bravery, service, and dedication. They learned that these honours are not only given to men and women in the armed forces, but can also be awarded to animals who have shown extraordinary courage and loyalty in times of conflict.

To further honour the importance of ANZAC Day, students also created their own poppies. This meaningful activity helped them reflect on remembrance and the sacrifices made by others, providing a powerful and personal connection to this significant day.



St Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generous donations of food and other items which are a huge help. We're well-stocked with dry staples but would appreciate tinned fruit, tinned fish, beans of any kind, and pasta-type sauces. Also washing powder and detergents. Alternatively, donations can be made directly to our bank account: Soc of St Vincent de Paul 01-0137-0030606-00. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Feast Days in the Sixth Week of Lent — Holy Week

- **Tues 31 Mar: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, 7pm.** Blessing of Holy Oils. Priests' Renewal of commitment to Priestly Service.
- **Thurs 2 April: Holy Thursday — Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm**
- **Fri 3 April: Good Friday — Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross, 3pm**
- **Sat 4 April: Easter Vigil, 7pm**



Senior Coffee Group: The next morning coffee will be Thursday 9th April at 10am at 2 Patuone Avenue. All Welcome. Phone Kathy 021 212 4914



Thank You to all who helped with the Cleaning Bee in the church on Saturday morning. Outstanding effort, as usual.



De Paul House plea for donation - If you have any spare blankets and towels to donate. Please leave them in the clear plastic box in children's room for collection. Any queries please call Bernadette in the office. Thank you

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St Leo's Catholic School Principal: Vimi Chandra

Proprietor's Reps: Julia Cairney, Anna Rumble, Paulene Walsh

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Thurs, Fri 10am to 2pm,
Tuesdays 10am to 1pm. Closed Wednesdays.

Masses next weekend

Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.30am

Masses during the coming week

Wednesday and Friday at 12pm

Lent Season - Station of the Cross - each Friday 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Flowers

Sue Story

Counters

29/3 Alix & Bill Hooper

05/4 Gabriel Sagripanti & Phil
Lawrence

Hospitality

29/3 Yem

Altar Servers

29/3 Beth Cairney & Declan
Takuira

05/4 As available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

29/3 Mary Jane & Millie
Lendich

05/4 School holidays, no
Children's Liturgy

More volunteers welcome

Please contact parish secretary
09 445 0078