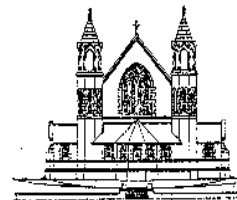




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APRIL 12TH 2026: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

DIVINE MERCY - Based on the writings of **St Faustina Kowalska**. Calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available - especially to the greatest sinners. All we have to do is ask.

- A - Ask for Mercy: Repentance** (change of heart)
- B - Be Merciful** (ie engage in the Corporal Works of mercy)*
- C - Trust in Jesus**

* The Corporal Works of Mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Giving alms to the poor is a chief witness to fraternal charity and justice.

A prayer of Trust in God’s Plan

Heavenly Father,
I come before You with a heart that longs to trust in your plan.
When I am overwhelmed by doubt or fear, remind me of Your love and Your power to work all things for good.
Strengthen my faith, Lord, so that I may walk confidently in Your will, even when the way is unclear.
Help me to trust that you are always with me, guiding my steps and holding me close.
I surrender my life to You, knowing You will never fail me.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Formation Sessions for Liturgical Ministers

Welcome and Communion

◆ Sunday 12th April, today at 4.00pm

Readers

◆ Sunday 19th April, 4.00pm

These sessions are for current ministers as well as anyone who may be interested in joining the team. Would you consider volunteering for one of these roles? If you’re thinking about it or interested, you’re welcome to attend either of these sessions.

* **Prayer Partners** is our St Francis Prayer *
* tree. If you would like support in prayer, *
* please email the Parish office with subject: *
* Prayer partners. Thank you. *

The readings of the Easter season are a mystagogical catechesis or teaching of what it means to be baptised. The fearful disciples behind closed doors became a confident community, living together, owning everything in common, sharing everything. What made the difference? The experience of meeting the risen Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our Easter Joy Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47 The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

Psalm 118: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia !

1Peter 1:3-9 In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.

John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April

Christ With Us on the Way of Life

Acts 2:14,22-33 It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Psalm 15: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1Peter 1:17-21 Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Luke 24:13-35 They recognised him in the breaking of bread.

Ministries

Sat 11 April

Sun 12 April

Welcome

Sarah Menzies

Marty Willetts

Readers

Damian Wallis

Kate Kearins

Riaan Blom

Denise O'Shaughnessy

Communion

Kevin Isidro

Vimi Chandra

Kasey Isidro

Flo Sapa'u

Pauline Baker

Ministries

Sat 18 April

Sun 19 April

Welcome

Steve Burke

Greg Shanahan

Readers

Kath Petrie

Ben Upton

Robert Mannion

Mary Lyttleton

Communion

Kitt Isidro

Adrienne Ramskill

Denise Ross

Gabriel Sagrapanti

Maryanne Offner

From Catholic Diocese of Auckland

KIDS' KORNERS:

[CELEBRATING SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER](#)

ADULT PONDERING:

[WE SHOULDN'T WASTE DOUBT](#) - Our faith needs it. "Doubting Thomas the Apostle can teach us plenty"

[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:

Apr 14: Lawrence Curtayne 1982, Veronica Hart 1984

Apr 15: Walter Glover 1962, Henry Dennis 1998

Apr 16: Michael Danahan 1981, Leonard Morrell 1985, James O'Dell 1985

Apr 17: Catherine McCarthy 1906 James (Jim) Carrigan 2006; Catherine Brideson 2024

Apr 18: Emily Doyle 1957, Sarah Davies 2008

Apr 19: Honora Sharp 1943, Cathryn Cooper 1994, Edith Hollis 2022

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Please refer to posters in Parish noticeboard in foyer

Divine Mercy Feast

Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark.

Prayer Retreat for Women

Prayer and the Interior Life' **Friday 17th April 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm** 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Vacancy - Reshaping Facilitator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a mission-focused Reshaping Facilitator to support parishes on the reshaping journey. This role will equip parishes with resources, facilitation, and professional support. This is a three 3-year fixed term role, full-time or two part-time roles considered. For full details and to view the position description, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies. Applications close **24 April 2026**.

Vacancy – Head of Pastoral Services - Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a committed, faith-filled leader to support the Bishop's pastoral mission and provide strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral ministries. The role works closely with parishes and communities to strengthen evangelisation, formation, and pastoral life. Applicants must demonstrate a strong Catholic faith, senior pastoral leadership experience, and strategic capability. More details available on Diocesan website. Applications close **30 April 2026**

FROM THE DIOCESE (continued)

Mission Hub

The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission: We are excited to welcome **Bishop John Adams** from the Diocese of Palmerston North as our first guest speaker at Mission Hub this April. In this special session, Bishop John will reflect on "**The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission**," inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today. Together, we will explore how we can grow in openness to the Spirit's movement in our own lives and be renewed in our call to share the Gospel. Mission Hub is a monthly online gathering that brings people together from across the country to learn, pray, reflect, and be encouraged in mission. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by others seeking to follow Christ. **Monday 13 April 7.00–8.30pm**. Everyone is welcome and invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/apr13zoom>

Rebuild My Church - Dr Mary Healy

Join internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy this June in Hamilton for Rebuild My Church, a three-night formation series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Hamilton (**June 9–11**). Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church.

Alongside the evening mission there will also be: • A clergy workshop – Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful (Wednesday 10 June) • A leadership formation day for clergy, diocesan staff, and parish leaders (Thursday 11 June) This is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, parish leaders, and anyone seeking to deepen their faith and grow in service to the Church. All are warmly invited. [Full details and registration are available here](#)

Feast Days in the Second Week of Easter

- **Mon 13 Apr: St Martin I, pope & martyr.** Born at Todi in Umbria. Elected Pope in 649; called a Council to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which denied the two natures of Christ. This brought him into conflict with Emperor Constant II who had him exiled and stripped of his honours. He died in the Crimea in 656.



The Exodus with Dan Stollenwerk on Wednesdays 10.30am to 11.45am May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 2026 at St Michael's Parish 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera. Followed by midday mass

This Month's Intention from Pope Leo

For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

More copies of prayer can be found at back of church or link below: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network. Everyone is invited to a 7 week Seminar on The Holy Spirit-our Helper. Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby. Come for a cuppa from 7.15pm. **Starts 21st April 2026** No charge. Register at <https://forms.gle/pDameRsdUYnhrbb7A> Email aucklandccr@gmail.com for more information. Flyer in foyer

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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Flowers

Sue Story

Counters

12/04 Denise O'Shaughnessy & Karl Stolberger

19/04 Kate Kearins & John Knight

Hospitality

12/4 Sue & Ian Story

19/04 As available

Altar Servers

12/04 As available

19/04 As available

Children's Liturgy Leaders

12/04 School holidays, no Children's Liturgy

More volunteers welcome

Please contact parish secretary
09 445 0078