Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the sick and retired Priests of St John Vianney, Mercy Parklands and Little Sisters of the Poor, Bishop Patrick Dunn, Tracey & Max Stacey, Peter Sugden, Mary Nevin, Louis Morello, Lucie Morello, Michaela Schmidt, Louana Schmidt, Sinili Chan Ting, Mele Moataane, Fa'avai Vasau, Lucky Savelio, Vivien, Michael Wong, Stephanie Vilich, Maria Tunai, Kathleen & Doreen Follas, Patrick & John Meleisea, Kevin Heeney, Barbara Stacey, Colleen Wright, Shaye Stowers-Tualega, Gregory Wood, Patricia Jelas, Adrien Lunai, Lesley Moore, Katrina Cole, Patea Niupopo, Sam Kenny, Helen Sloan, John Gavin, Amy Chue, Ally's Mum, Nick Nestoriwsky, Pauline Senn, Matilda Low, Paull Grasby, Lisa Finucane, Phyllis Petricevich.

We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Parish Office Hours

The office will be staffed on Wednesday and Friday 9am –2pm (closed on Monday for Waitangi Day)

Phone 09 376 4303 for Ally and MayLynn
Email: ponsonbyhernebayparish@gmail.com

For urgent matters contact Fr Rory 021 039 4980

Parish Finances

Last week's Gifting: $1,214.25

Planned Giving, Thank you for your generous support. If you wish to donate to the parish by internet banking, details for your bank are:

A/C Name: For Bishop of Auckland Ponsonby HerneBay
Parish Account: 02 0248 0112110 00
Branch: BNZ Ponsonby

If you are contributing by automatic payment please ensure that your name is on the 'payee' section of the bank form. Please also contact the office with your details so we can issue a tax receipt. Thank you.

Please remember the parish of Ponsonby Herne Bay in your Will.

Today's Theme: Life isn't about "me" and my wants. Life is about noticing the vulnerable people around us and sharing our time and energy to support them. We are called to be the voice for those who do not find the justice that they need to live in dignity and peace.

Feast Days & Memorial Days this Week

7 Feb— St Paul Miki & Companions (Memorial)
10 Feb—St Scholastica (Memorial)

5pm Mass 18th Feb—No Access from Ponsonby Rd

Please access Vermont Street via John Street as Ponsonby Rd will be closed from 4.30pm onwards due to an event.

Diocesan Vacancies

The diocese currently has a number of staff vacancies

- Chancellor for the Bishop's Office
- Archivist/Archives Manager/Privacy Officer.
- Project Manager – Property Maintenance Delivery, Education
- Social Workers – 2 Roles in Catholic Social Services Auckland – new graduates welcome.

For detailed information including closing dates and application procedures please access the website https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Shine TV

Resumes this weekend (February 5) Shine TV will resume weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201

Mass for the Deaf

12 February - 12 noon in the Poynton Room (please come to the back entrance) Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Ponsonby the monthly Mass for the Deaf (NZSL) followed by a shared lunch – please bring a plate.

Living on the Wings of the Spirit

Explore and learn about your faith so that you can integrate and share it with others. An afternoon session of formation in faith on Wings Nga Parirau to be held at: Pompallier Diocesan Centre – 30 New St – Ponsonby, Sunday 26th February 2023 from 1pm to 4pm. Afternoon refreshments provided. Please RSVP to diannaf@cda.org.nz or 021 261 2189. More information at https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/living-on-the-wings-of-the-spirit/

Greetings from Palestine.

NZCBC in association with Caritas and CEC invite all to come and meet Brother Peter Bray, FSC. He will talk about the experiences and challenges of his students face today. Brother Peter is the Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University the only Catholic/Christian university in Palestine.
Wednesday 8 February, 7.00pm. Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street (please come in via the back entrance)

This is the first newsletter of 2023.
Welcome to Mass today!

Auckland Floods

We know of a few parish families who have been impacted by the flooding last week. Bishop Steve has an appeal through Catholic Caring Foundation if you wish to donate to the fund. caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3

Fr John O'Connor & Parish Mission Talks

Thank you to Fr John for facilitating and Catherine for organising this week of very interesting sessions. The topics certainly have given us ideas for lively discussion in the parish. Thank you Fr John, we look forward to seeing you again!

Parish Roll Details

Have you moved? Are you new to the parish? Do we have your relevant details? We have a database of parishioners details (that we keep private) this has come in very useful for times of emergency like the covid lockdowns but there is also another reason. We really appreciate planned giving donations but we don't have everyone's contact details to issue a tax receipt. This is super important for you to get a tax rebate. Please fill in a Parish Roll form if your details have changed and hand it in to one of the parish council members or to Fr Rory.

Ash Wednesday—22 Feb 2023

We are planning the following times for Mass and Distribution of Ashes:
7 am OLPH 9.30am Marist HB School Mass 5.30pm SH

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We offer Stations of Cross every Friday evening of Lent in one of our churches. We would like to do 'Soup and Stations' again which is Stations of the Cross in the church followed by fellowship over a bowl of vegetarian lentil soup. More information will come, but if you want to put your hand up to be on a soup making roster let us know! Time and place to be notified.

Supermarket and Petrol Cards

If you are able to donate supermarket or petrol gift cards, we would greatly appreciate it. We have run out. P**lease include or attach the receipts** as there have been some issues redeeming the cards. If you are in need of assistance please speak with Fr Rory.

Foyer Food Box

Please give and take as you need. We will gratefully accept donations of canned food, rice, biscuits, tea, coffee, long life milk, breakfast cereals and pantry staples. Please do not leave perishable food (cold, frozen or fresh produce) as it is unable to be safely refrigerated or stored.

Parish Sacramental Programme 2023

For baptised children of practising Catholic families aged 8 years old and over (8 years old and over at the start of the programme next year) Enrolment for the programme is now open. Information and enrolment forms are in the back of the church and on the parish website.

Clothing/Household Goods donations

Please phone Catholic Social Services if you have any household items or clothing to donate and give to them directly. Please only donate items in a good, clean and useful condition. 31 Lincoln Street phone 09 378-9650.

The Sacrament of Baptism

If you require the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or a family member please contact Fr Rory: frrorynz2@gmail.com or at the Herne Bay office, 376-1737. Please note that baptisms on Saturdays are held after 10.30am.

Catholic School Preference Forms

Dear Parents, if you wish for me to sign a Preference Form for Catholic schools, please either leave the form in the letterbox at Sacred Heart 16 Vermont Street, or the "leave and collect" board at 84 Kelmarna Ave. Please leave your contact phone number and I will be in touch with you. Fr Rory.

Holy Cross Seminary

Please pray for vocations, for those in discernment and for this year's seminarians, teachers and support staff.

www.holycross.org.nz

MARIST Herne Bay
WITH GOD TO LOVE AND SERVE

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay

Enrol for 2023 at any level years 1-6

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay is located on Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay. It serves the communities of Ponsonby, Grey Lynn and Herne Bay, with preference enrolment for St Paul's College, St Peter's College and St Mary's College. Warm and welcoming atmosphere, high academic excellence with small class sizes supported by high-calibre teachers, Catholic values and an inclusive community.

Students are known individually by their teachers and good communication between home and school is a strong priority. If you have any children or friends/family with children wishing to start at Marist, now is the time to be enrolling them. Enrolment forms are on the school website (https://maristhernebay.school.nz)
or email Sarah Gleeson
principal@maristschool.co.nz

Sunday 5 February 2023

Readings at Mass

First reading **Isaiah 58:7-10**

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and do not turn from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 111(112):4-9**

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel **Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 February 2023

PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH MASS TIMETABLE

Sacred Heart Church: 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 84 Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay

DAY	TIME	CHURCH	DEVOTIONS
Monday	7.00am	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am
	7.30pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	
Tuesday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Wednesday	7.00am	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am
	5.30pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Rosary 5.00pm
Thursday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
	7.30pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	
Friday	7.00am	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am
	12.10pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 11.00am
Saturday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Vigil Mass	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
Sunday	8.30am	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	
	10.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday	7.00pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay
Thursday	7.00pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay
Friday	11.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby
Saturday	4.15pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

1st Friday 12.10pm Sacred Heart Ponsonby
2nd Sunday 8.30amPerpetual Help Herne Bay

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday—Friday **3.00pm Perpetual Help Herne Bay**

Sacred Heart
5pm Saturday 4 Feb
Word: Virginia
POF: Virginia
Gifts:
EMOE: Karen

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
8.30am Sunday 5 February
Word: Lina & Agnes
POF: Rheh Bernard
Gifts: Schmidt Family
EMOE: Louana

Sacred Heart
10.30am Sunday 5 Feb
Word: Catherine & Michael
POF: Annabelle
Gifts: Van Schie Family
EMOE: Yvonne
Servers: Madeleine, Myla, Sophia

11 Feb 5pm: Word Bridget POF Rachel Gifts: Unasa Family EMOE: Eddie Servers: Ranen & Finn
12 Feb 8.30am: Word: Robert & Carleen POF: Mulo EMOE: Chris Gifts: Langton-Fidow Family
12 Feb 10.30am Word: Taumihau & Daniel POF: Maria Gifts: Youth EMOE: Zach Servers: Vetepillia, Imogen, Norah

CLEANING:
SH 11/2 Marist HB Families
SH 18/2 Virginia & Theresa
OLPH 11/2 Mother of DMC
OLPH 18/2 Vetenibua Family

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