

Prayers for the Sick

Each week a Mass will be offered for the sick, including those mentioned below. If you would like a name added to the list, please email details to the office.

Please pray for the sick and retired Priests of St John Vianney and Little Sisters of the Poor, Bishop Patrick Dunn, Tracey & Max Stacey, Peter Sugden, Mary Nevin, Louis & Lucie Morello, Michaela Schmidt, Louana Schmidt, Sinili Chan Ting, Mele Moataane, Fa'avai Vasau, Lucky Savelio, Vivien, Michael Wong, Stephanie Vilich, Maria Fatima Tunai, Kathleen & Doreen Follas, Patrick & John Meleisea, Barbara Stacey, Colleen Wright, Shaye Stowers-Tualega, Patricia Jelas, Adrien Lunai, Lesley Moore, Katrina Cole, Patea Niupopo, Sam Kenny, Helen Sloan, John Gavin, Diane Young, Nick Nestoriwsky, Pauline Senn, Matilda Low, Paull Grasby, Lisa Finucane, Phyllis Petricevich, Theresa Bercades, Sylvia Kok, Anne Riseborough, Jane Cavanagh-Eyre, Allie Blucher, Ally, Chris Speight, Garth Stewart, Anna Tan, Juliet Eyre and her baby twins Amalia and Madeleine, Chris & John Sinisa, Livesa.

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

Coming up in the Parish...

- * **Lenten Stations of the Cross** at 7pm on Fridays. Please refer to schedule.
- * **The Agape Community**, every Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm at Sacred Heart Hall, fellowship and pizza at the Ponsonby Food Court to follow.
- * **Friday Nights—Upper Room**, organised by Young Adults from 6.30-8.30pm. All young adults welcome!
- * **Funeral for Susie Rudling (Ally's Mum)**, 11am on Mon, 26 Feb at Sacred Heart. Our sympathy to Ally and her family during this time.

Inspiration from the Saints

"If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendour of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men."



- St. Clare of Assisi

Need more Scripture in your life?

Laudate app—A free Catholic app that has daily readings and reflections, Liturgy of the Hours, prayers, the Rosary, chaplets and so much more!
Ascension app—Ever wanted to read the whole Bible? Listen along to Fr Mike Schmitz as he guides us through it in 365 episodes. The Catechism in a Year is also available on this free app.
Foodforfaith.org.nz with Fr John O'Connor, lively podcasts and Lectio Divina.

Today's Theme:

God our Father did not spare his own Son, but gave him up so that we would be saved. We pray to him for a deeper understanding of suffering in our lives.

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. As we transition from the feast of Christmas to the fasting of Lent, it is a time for us to reflect on the Holy Family—where Jesus spent the time between his birth and beginning his public life.

What you can do: Pray as a family for all families in the world, that they may be a source of love, comfort, peace and support.



Caritas Lenten Appeal

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. Lenten Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 are available in your church foyer. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your support.

Latest Issue of NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic is on sale in our church foyer. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue:

- St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College opens.
- Pounamu taonga for national shrine.
- Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid school workers.
- Chch Catholic women encouraged to form little communities.



Help save lives this Lent by prayer, fasting and public witness to the **sanctity of all human life** from the first moment of existence at conception.

Find out how to get involved here: www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or contact Simon – 021 400 729 or simon@fli.org.nz

Friendship Club

St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, who care for the aged, are inviting senior members of the wider community for a time of friendship and prayer on a week day basis. For more info, contact the Home (9 Tweed Street, Herne Bay), 09 361 4600



Retreats and Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr
Homecoming - A Lenten retreat reflecting on Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" | Fri 22 Mar 7pm- Sun 24 Mar 4:30pm | Earlybird \$300



Welcome to Mass please take the opportunity to introduce yourself or say hello to someone before or after Mass.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

Stations of the Cross (7pm, Fridays)

- 1 Mar OLPH, Herne Bay (**Children's version**)
- 8 Mar Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby
- 15 Mar OLPH, Herne Bay
- 22 Mar Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby

*Tongan Stations of the Cross every Friday, 6pm, Sacred Heart Church

Almsgiving

Pyjamas for Lent—The parish is collecting *new* winter pyjamas on behalf of Catholic Social Services. Each year, our parish has collected pyjamas in all sizes, along with socks, slippers and other cosy items, all of which are greatly appreciated by the recipients. Please drop off these items at the parish office or in the baskets in the church foyer.



Supermarket and petrol gift cards—There are people in our community that are in need and with your generosity, we are able to help. Please attach the receipt with the gift card, as some gift cards have been faulty in the past and need to be replaced.

Formation Course—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) uses **Montessori principles** to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to children. Children encounter God in a retreat-like atmosphere filled with sensorially-rich materials based on the Scriptures and the Liturgy appropriate to their developmental age.

We have been blessed to have Anna White run CGS in our parish, but more catechists will allow us to expand this ministry to reach more children. If you feel called to join this ministry, Anna is running a formation course for new catechists this year.

Dates: 17-20 April 2024, 30 Sep-2 Oct 2024 (7 days total)

Venue: St Mark's Catholic Mission Church, 334 Pakuranga Road

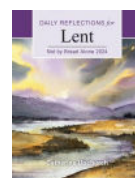
Cost: \$370

For more information, please contact the office or Anna White.

Prayers for Sacramental Programme 2024

We are blessed to have **70 candidates** in our parish Sacramental programme this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their First Holy Communion.

Daily Reflections for Lent 2024



Journey through Lent with inspiring and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just a few minutes each day, the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance.

Available from the parish office at **\$8** each.

You can pay by cash or bank transfer to 02-0108-0707673-000 and reference your name and the book title.

How You Can Help...

- * **Take** any clothing or household items to charity shops, please do not leave them in the church, outside the office or outside CSS. You can contact Vinnies Auckland Centre at 0800 680 090.
- * **Be involved** in a Ministry in the parish, see Fr Rory or May
- * **Donate** non-perishable food items to the **food box** in the foyer

Parish Finances

Last week's Gifting: **\$2300**

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

Ponsonby HB Parish
02-0108-0707673-000

If you are contributing by automatic payment please ensure that your name is on the 'payee' section of the bank form. Please 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

If you require the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or a family member please contact Fr Rory: priest@phbcatholic.org.nz or 021 0394 980.

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

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Sunday 25 February 2024

Readings at Mass

First reading **Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 115(116):10,15-19**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading **Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

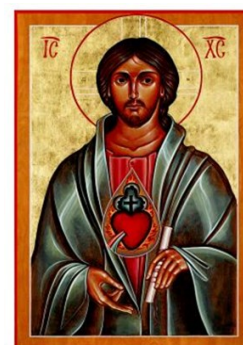
Gospel **Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

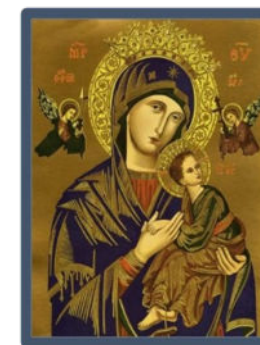
As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH



**2nd Sunday
of Lent
25 February 2024**



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 7.30pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay Perpetual Help Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am
Tuesday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Wednesday	7.00am 5.30pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am Rosary 5.00pm
Thursday	8.00am 7.30pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby Perpetual Help Herne Bay	Exposition 7.00am
Friday	7.00am 12.10pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am Exposition 11.00am
Saturday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Vigil Mass	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Perpetual Help Herne Bay Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION			ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY
Monday	7.00pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	1 st Friday 12.10pm Sacred Heart Ponsonby
Thursday	7.00pm	Perpetual Help Herne Bay	1 st Sunday 8.30am Perpetual Help Herne Bay
Friday	11.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	DIVINE MERCY
Saturday	4.15pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Sunday—Friday 3.00pm Perpetual Help Herne Bay

Sacred Heart

5pm Vigil Mass 24 February
Word: Rachel, Owen
POF: Gabrielle
Gifts: Virginia, Alison
EMOE: Michael, Nimo, Eddie
Servers: Norah, Lizzy, Mary

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8.30am Sunday 25 February
Word: Helen, Brian
POF: Lina
Gifts: Gasparini family
EMOE: Salome, Simone, Bella

Sacred Heart

10.30am Sunday 25 February
Word: Tongan
POF:
Gifts:
EMOE:
Servers:

Next Sunday: 2/3: Word: Marist HB, Gabrielle POF: James Gifts: Marist HB
EMOE: Marist HB Servers: Marist HB
3/3 8.30am Word: Mulo, Manueli POF: Agnes Gifts: Tofaeono family EMOE: Regina, James, Tangi
3/3 10.30am Word: Vivienne, Ana POF: Michael Gifts: Unasa family EMOE: Imelda, Eddie, Yvonne
Servers: Vetapilia, Lizzy, Madaleine

Cleaning:
SH 24/2 Tongan community
2/3 Dorward family
OLPH 24/2 Salome & team
2/3 Airini Turner

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