

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!
- * **Parish Working Bee**, 9am on Sat, 23 Mar in both churches.

Spotlight on the Saints

St Joseph is the husband of our Blessed Mother, foster father of our Lord Jesus. Such a blessed and honoured man would surely have some encouraging words in Scripture, yet *St Joseph does not say a single word*. His faith and trust in God is shown through his actions. The Lord spoke to St Joseph in four dreams and each time, St Joseph did what was asked.

Pope Francis has a strong devotion to this silent protector saint and even started his pontificate on the feast day of St Joseph, 19 March 2013. On the Pope's desk is a statue of a sleeping St Joseph under which he places prayer requests, problems etc... inviting St Joseph to 'sleep on it' to intercede and help with.

St Joseph, Guardian and Protector of the Universal Church, pray for us!



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 or the Catechism? Listen along to Fr Mike Schmitz as he reads and reflects in 365 episodes (each).

Foodforfaith.org.nz with Fr John O'Connor, lively podcasts and Lectio Divina.

Today's Theme:

God our Father, wants our conversion, which means a change of heart. We pray to him this Lent for all the graces necessary for our life as full Christians.

Feast Days and Memorials this Week

18 March—Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, Auckland

19 March—St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary



March is the month dedicated to St Joseph. As the head and protector of the Holy Family, the foster father of our Lord Jesus is a role model for men as father, husband and worker. St Joseph is an example of humility, holiness and trust in the Lord for all of us.

What you can do: Make a consecration to St Joseph. You can do it on your own, or there is an online group that you can join. More info here: <https://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz/consecrationstjoseph>

Caritas Lenten Appeal

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. The Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 ensures that Caritas' mission of supporting the poor and vulnerable continues. Donation envelopes are available in your church foyer. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Webinar from Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday 29 March, we will be gathering for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samuelb@cda.org.nz.



Retreats at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days: For those seeking a day retreat 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 21 Mar | Tue 16 Apr | Wed 15 May
For more info/dates and to book visit: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Job Opportunity: University Ministry Coordinator

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/



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)

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, socks, slippers and other cosy sleepwear on behalf of Catholic Social Services. 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.

Reconciliation Times

OLPH: Mondays and Thursdays: 7.00-7.25pm

Sacred Heart: Fridays: 11.30am-12pm, Saturdays: 4.15-4.45pm

PALM SUNDAY - Palms still needed!

We are in need of large palm leaves to decorate both churches for Palm Sunday (24 Mar). If you are able to contribute, please let Fr Rory know and you can leave the palms outside either church on Friday, 22 Mar. Thank you!



Seeking Accommodation

We have a parishioner in need of accommodation. If you have or know of a room/studio with a bathroom and kitchen for rent, please contact Oscar at 020 400 76737. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK! Parish Working Bee, 9am, Sat 23 March



It's Easter tidy-up time, so come along and let's clean up our churches and gardens!

Both churches need a thorough clean ahead of being decorated for Palm Sunday. Extra hands are needed at Sacred Heart to really give the garden and carpark area a good clean out. Bring any tools you've got that will weed cracks, cut vegetation and tidy tatty garden beds. As well as the gardens in front of and around the church, we will be cleaning up the main carpark behind the hall, where taggers leave their mark and other visitors like to dump stuff they don't want.

Does anyone in the parish have a contact in the gardening/landscaping industry? We could do with a trailer-load of garden mix at a friendly price, please contact Catherine (027 4761 553) if you can help with this. With thanks in anticipation from your PPC.

P.S. Bring gloves for gardening and cleaning.

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: **\$1630**

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 email 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.

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Sunday 17 March 2024

Readings at Mass

First reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Gospel John 12:20-33

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second reading Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH



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			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	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Sacred Heart
5pm Vigil Mass 16 March	8.30am Sunday 17 March	10.30am Sunday 17 March
Word: Virginia, Owen	Word: Brian, Helen	Word: Samoan
POF: Bridget	POF: Airini	POF:
Gifts: Virginia, Alison	Gifts: Gasparini family	Gifts:
EMOE: Karen, Nimo, Eddie	EMOE: Regina, Simone, Bella	EMOE:
Servers: Ranen, Hannah, Rachel		Servers:

Next Sunday: 23/3: Word: Owen, Mary-Anne, Eddie POF: Bridget	Cleaning:
Gifts: Virginia, Alison EMOE: Karen, Michael, Cecilia Servers: Finn, Ranen	SH 16/3 Samoan Community
24/3 8.30am: Word: Mulo, Airini, Kyle, Lina POF: Agnes Gifts: S-V family	23/3 Working Bee
EMOE: James, Louana, Salome	OLPH 16/3 Barbie & Rhea
24/3 10.30am: Word: Catherine, Annabelle, James, Ana POF: Sione Gifts: Tongan	23/3 Working Bee
EMOE: Servers:	

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