

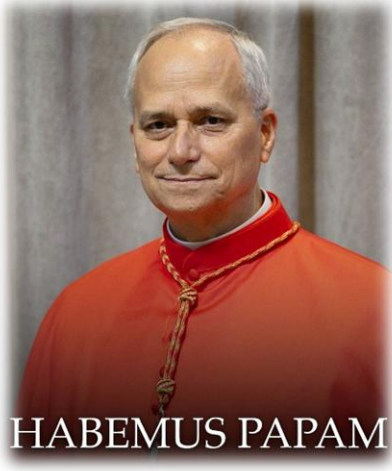
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Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Glendowie | St Ignatius Church, St Heliers

Fourth SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good Shepherd Sunday

11th May 2025



Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as the new pontiff and will be known as **Pope Leo XIV**.

First pope from America, Leo XIV, 69, brings global leadership experience to his new role, having spent much of his career as a missionary and bishop in South America.

A dual U.S.-Peruvian citizen, he recently headed the influential Vatican office overseeing bishop appointments.

Prayer for the new Pontiff

Heavenly Father, we thank You for guiding the Church through the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

We lift to you this one you have chosen to shepherd your flock.



Grant him wisdom like Solomon,
courage like Peter, and a heart like Christ.

Fill him with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that he may lead your Church in truth, unity, and love.

Bless his words, that they may inspire faith;
Bless his actions, that they may reflect
Your mercy; and bless his mission, that it may
bring your light to the world.

Keep him strong in the face of trials,
Humble in the seat of authority, and always
faithful to Your will. We make our prayer
through Christ the Good Shepherd
Amen.

Multiple Celebrations

Today we celebrate several meaningful occasions. It is the **Fourth Sunday of**

Easter, known as

Good Shepherd Sunday, a time to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd and to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

We also welcome **Seminarian Ryan Sy**, who has begun his pastoral placement with us. Originally from the Philippines, Ryan is a former teacher and chef who has returned to his priestly calling and now embraces a life of service. He asks for our prayers as he continues his journey.

In New Zealand, we also celebrate **Mother's Day**—honouring the vocation of motherhood and offering prayers for all mothers, past and present.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, you call each of us by name to follow You in a unique way.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we ask You to stir the hearts of men and women to generously respond to Your call. Inspire priests, deacons, religious, and all who serve Your Church with courage, love, and joy. Bless families, the first schools of faith, with openness to Your voice.

May all who seek their path in life listen with trust and answer with faith. Guide them to lives of meaningful purpose in Your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Mother's Day Prayer of Gratitude

"Her children rise up and call her blessed." – Proverbs 31:28

Loving God, on this Mother's Day, we thank you for the beautiful gift of mothers.

Their love reflects your own—selfless, enduring, and full of grace.

We are grateful for their sacrifices, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

Whether they are with us or in your eternal care, may their legacy continue to bless generations. Strengthen those who grieve or long to become mothers. Let every mother feel deeply honoured today.

Surround them with peace, joy, and Your endless love.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Happy Mother's Day

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 13:14.43-52

Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel firstly to the Jews, but they reject it; then they preach it to the Gentiles who receive it with joy.

Second Reading Revelations 7:9.14-17

This contains a vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven.

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the sheep the Father has given him.

Bishop's Seminary Appeal 2025

Supporting Auckland Seminarians

Auckland has 11 men seminarians discerning the call to

It is the largest intake in many years.

Please keep them in your prayers and, if you can, support their formation.

To donate online, visit

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate

Or Scan the QR code below

OR pick up one of the Bishop's envelopes which are in the foyer or use the same envelope for a cash donations.



Baptism Course - St Ignatius Parish

The next course in preparation for Baptism at St Ignatius Parish will be held on 12th and 19th June

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: St Ignatius Parish Centre

To register please contact Gina at

sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Invitation to join Bishop Steve Lowe on a Special Jubilee Pilgrimage

Bishop Steve will be on a pilgrimage from Lyon to Rome on 29th September 2025 to 19th October 2025. If you would like to join, please contact Harvest Journeys NZ Call free 0800 819 156

Jubilee Liturgy Seminars

Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music & a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song:

Conversation with Tony with drinks & nibbles Fri 30 May 6.30, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.

Register at:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/retreatworkshop-with-tony-alonso-copy/

Retreat Workshop with Tony,

Sat 31 May 1.30–4 p.m., Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria Avenue, Remuera. Koha.

Register at:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/retreatworkshop-with-tony-alonso/

Concert with Tony Alonso - Sat 31 May 6.30pm Baradene College Auditorium \$10.

Register at:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/aconcert-with-tony-alonso/

Catholic Women's League,

Orakei & Eastern Bays Catholic Parishes

Invites women and men to our event on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at St. Joseph's Church, Orakei.

Mass at 10.30am. Morning Tea followed by a talk on Motor Neuron Disease

and then a lovely autumn lunch and sweet treats.

Cost: \$20 this goes to charity. For more details and confirmation: Ring Tina Raines on 021 940 950/09-5212499 Email: tinairaines@orcon.net.nz

Join us to celebrate together as Churches during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1–8 June

2025 in these 3 ways:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer

resources are available on our diocesan website—use them with church groups, schools, or at home.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday 1 June 2025 | 5 PM | St Luke's Anglican Church, Mt Albert. All nearby Catholic parishes are encouraged to attend—bring your priest!

Refreshments follow.

ZOOM Lecture: What is Ecumenism?

With Rev Dr Ray Williamson, Pastor from Sydney Anglican Church | Tues 20 May 2025 | 7 PM NZT

Register: louisar@cda.org.nz

to receive the Zoom link.

Easter to Pentecost

a time for prayer, for pondering, for being present in the church's journey with Jesus after His Resurrection.

Here are some opportunities for you to be on The Way with a few others from your home, on Zoom.

Please contact Dianna

Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz for more details.

Jubilee Bursary

Semester 2, 2025 For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 5 June 2025 please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

Current of Grace, Auckland (CHARIS)

is having its annual Pentecost celebration on 8 June from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at St Luke's Church. 260 Chapel Rd, Flat Bush, Auckland.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now open for enrolment for Semester 2

Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply to apply or call (09) 361-1053 for more information. Enrolment closes on May 16."

Please feel free to share the post also

on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Mt. Carmel Primary School Tour

School tour on Tuesday 20th May 9 am at Mt. Carmel Place, Meadowbank, Auckland. Contact number 5215161, website: mtcarmel.school.nz

Reading Volunteers

Reading Volunteers Wanted for Glenbrae School, Glen Innes, who can read with students and chat with them about their interests and books—each session lasts around 15 minutes during the school week. If you're interested, please email office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz with the subject "Reading Volunteer" by 18th May.

Book Donations for Glenbrae School Library

We're collecting new or nearly-new books for boys in Years 3–7 (ages 7–11). A donation box is at the back of the church—please drop off any inspiring or duplicate books by June 6th.

Pentecost is Sunday, June 8th

We're seeking volunteers to translate and read a Prayer of the Faithful in their native language on Pentecost Sunday. If interested, please contact Maureen at the office or email Lucy at

lucynani@gmail.com

Items wanted

A microwave and queen or king single mattress. Please contact Mary Gray 0212305405 or email her at marygraykiwi@gmail.com if you have these household items to donate.

Anniversaries

We remember those who have died recently and whose anniversaries occur during the month of May

Veronica Chitty, Caryl Inns, Gwen Buckler, Gerard Alwood, Nora Sharkey, Joyce Sorenson, Norma Campbell, Braden Sharkey, Rexton Lamb, Margaret Marshall, Dorothy Scully, Graham Foster, Margaret Lawson, Doreen McKenna, Matile Clay, Peter Lescher, John Mason, Marie Hollies, Ron Stanaway, Reginald Cope, Harry Burton, Maurice Hall, Jay Menzies, Norah Cotterall, Catherine Nasey, Anthony Churchill, Stuart Clark, Leonard Willoughby, Moira Springford, Dorothy Finch, Sister Doreen Stringer, Sister Margaret McCarthy, Gerald Wall, Christina Pastor, Calvin Tam, Peggy Burgess, Barbara Fraser, Gerald Syder, Ljubica Talijancich, Patrick Stanaway, Eileen Corban, Michael McRae, Eleanor Wall, Patrick Moran, Tom Cate, Maurice Churchill, Sheila Skelton, Florence Taylor, Elizabeth Burke, Jean McHugh, Barbara Harris, Patricia O'Connor, Wendy, Corkill, Maureen Wills
..... *Eternal rest grant to them.*



Parish Mass Schedule

Monday & Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday

9:00am at St Ignatius
(School Mass. All welcome!)

Thursday

9:00am at Mother of Perpetual Help

Friday

9:00am at St Ignatius

Saturday

9:30am at Mother of Perpetual Help
(Rosary at 8.50am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
8.45am Saturday at MPH

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00pm at St Ignatius

Sunday Mass

9:00am St Ignatius

10:30am at Mother of Perpetual Help

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## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays following 9.00am Mass at MPH  
Rosary 8.30am and Benediction at 6.45pm

### **Rosary Group**

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Fridays at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre

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### **Weekly Rosters**

Please see Noticeboard in both Churches for the current Rosters for all Ministries. Thank you.

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### **Visit our website**

*Please see our website for current news and information*

~New Parishioner Registration

~Sacramental Programme; including for Adults (RCIA) and Children (RCIC)

E: [sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:sacraments@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

~Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

For more information please contact  
[gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) M: 021 022 47442

~ Pastoral Care, Assistance or Safeguarding  
please contact us

Email: [office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

Website: [www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz](http://www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz)

Parish Priest: Monsignor Bernard Kiely

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