

Parish of St Francis & St Therese

Reverend Father John Webb – Parish Priest

Mass Times:

Monday 10am Selwyn Chapel – Communion Service

Saturday 5:30pm; Sundays 9am

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 5pm or by appointment

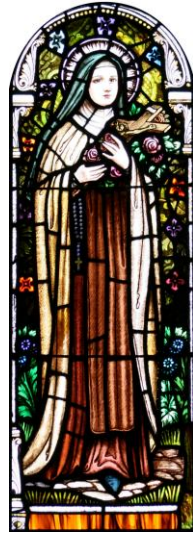
The Ascension of our Lord 21st May 2023

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 **Psalm:** 46

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



Only one verse in the entire New Testament makes chronological reference to the ascension. In Acts 1:3, Luke states that Jesus continued to appear to the disciples for forty days after his resurrection. He goes on to present his account Jesus being taken up into heaven.

In spite of this ancient witness, the first testimony to the celebration of "Ascension Thursday" in Rome does not appear until around the year 500. Originally the fifty days of the Easter season were celebrated as a single unit culminating in the feast of Pentecost. Gradually, however, this unity broke down until the season was divided between the forty days leading to Ascension, and the ten days from there to Pentecost. Pentecost itself became a separate feast with an octave.

Since Vatican II we have largely recovered the initial unity of the Easter season. But not quite, because the document governing the liturgical year still refers to the weekdays between Ascension and Pentecost as a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Australia Luke's chronology is not taken literally; the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the following Sunday.

Break Open the Word.

"Come and join other parishioners and "break bread" together as we welcome back Fr John.

Hosted by the combined Passionist Family Groups of the Parish in the Hall following the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 17th June.

All are welcome and bring your family and friends.

To help with catering, please put your details on the sheet at the back of the church."

Don't forget to join our Parish Council for morning tea this **Sunday 21st May after 9am Mass** in the Whanau Room.



Pray For The Sick : Robbie Rowe, Maureen Barbafiera, Maree van den Hurk, Grant Vaughan, Ian Campbell, John Heynen, Vivien Luis, Lloyd Jones, Lawrence Mihaljevich, Terence Kayes, Marena Rowe (Hubbers), Ivan Mihaljevich & Lucia Perera.

Pray for the Deceased: Pray for all those who are recently deceased especially Fr Thomas Gerard Keyes. Please pray also for all those whose Anniversaries occur around this time.

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 2:30pm; except Thursday Office Closed.

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St Francis School Principal: Mrs Lisa Bateman Ph: 846 4696

Upcoming Readings

Pentecost Sunday

28th May 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 103

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

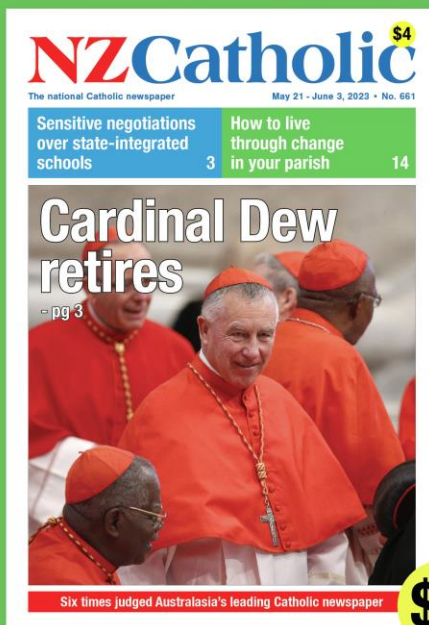
Next Baptism Preparation Class

1st July 2023 4pm – 5pm

Papal Blessings

Papal Blessings can now be ordered online which means you can order direct and not have to go through the Bishop's Office. Full instructions on how to order are on the link below, including the reasons that Papal Blessings can be granted for and are paid at time of ordering.

<https://www.emosineria.va/papal-blessing-parchments/>



The latest issue in your church Sunday May 21

\$4

Preference Forms:

As Fr John is away (*this has been advertised for some time now*) I have organised to take these forms every Friday to a local Parish Priest to sign, if you submit your form with the Childs Baptism Certificate. All other criteria will need to wait until Fr John's return on 12th June, or take it to another Priest who knows you.

Please do not take them to Mass during the weekend as Fr Ezio has kindly offered to assist us with Masses not with administration. We understand the importance of having these forms signed however, crying, pleading, swearing, threatening and or spitting at me does not give me authority to sign nor does it magically produce a Priest to sign. Be kind!

PROPOSED CHURCH RENOVATION

Planning for the Church renovation is well under way. The renovation will include new arched windows, a large window at the entrance and one behind the altar, a new ceiling, aircon, insulation, new carpet, structural strengthening, renovated Sacristy and bathroom, etc. We kindly ask for you to give generously towards this project via Tap'n'Go, Bank Transfer or Cash. We aim to have the renovation completed by the end of 2023.

The 2023 Church Life Survey NZ.

You are invited to complete a survey on the weekend of **24/25 June 2023**. Information from this provides a strategic asset for future planning and a move toward a synodal way of being Church. Your participation is important and we encourage you all to take the time to complete. More information to come.

MINISTRY ROSTER April & May 2023

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:30PM - PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH AT LEAST 10 MINS PRIOR

DATE	COMMENTATOR	1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
3th May	Annie Cass	Mike Tolich	Helen Gilligan Reid	Alicia & Anne King	Jane Finnemore	Patrick Miln-Harris Oscar Reid
0th May	Alicia King	Kat Walton	Chris Smith	Anne & Alicia King	Dom Hines	Jesse Wright & Max Smyth
7th May	Pauline Limsico	Mike Tolich	Helen Gilligan Reid	Jane Finnemore & MacLoid Rodrigues	Max Limsico	Patrick Miln-Harris Oscar Reid

MINISTRY ROSTER April & May 2023

SUNDAY MORNING MASS 9AM - PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH AT LEAST 10 MINS PRIOR

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14th May	Emma Ibbetson	Geraldine Corray	Esther Vernon	Arpana & Anthony Korshapati	Volunteer	Dominic Brown
21st May	Esther Vernon	Eleanor Smith	John Heynen	Effie Smallridge & Agnes Steffany	MDM Youth	Gia & Vinnie Perera
28th May	Eleanor Smith	Christine Smith	Geraldine Corray	Agnes Steffany & Effie Smallridge	John Robertson	Ashton Robertson, & Dominic Brown

Volunteers wanted to go on a roster to launder the Church linen. This is a small bag of linen, that is taken following the Saturday or Sunday Mass; laundered and returned the following week. From time to time this may include the washing of larger cloths and/or the altar servers garments. This is currently being done by one person only. Please help contact Jane Finnemore 0273654458

Childrens Liturgy T2 2023

30th April	Stuart King
7th May	Leisel Inglis
14th May	Max Limsico
21st May	Claire Bugg
28th May	Katy Scott
4th June	King's Birthday Wknd
11th June	Chrissy Miskimmons
18th June	Leisel Inglis
25th June	Claire Bugg

Altar Serving Training

will be held on

17th June at 2pm
in the Church

New Altar Service
Ministers are
welcome!



First Holy Communion Lessons

begin on

23rd July 2023 after
9am Mass.

Masses are 12th &
13th August.



Ministries

Thank you to all our
Ministers for serving
so generously.

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Combined prayer for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Friday 26 May, 7pm, Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0622.**

SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend, Friday 26 May – Sunday 28 May Youth ministry leaders and young adult ministry leaders, you're invited to an incredible weekend of FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually FILLED! Join us at SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend from Friday 26 May, 6pm – Sunday 28 May, 2pm at Sonshine Ranch, Clevedon. Registrations close 21 May. Find out more at [Facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)

Free Books: As a result of the cull of the library the Diocese has a number of books available for collection from Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New Street, Auckland. The books will be available for collection between 9.30am and 3.30pm **Monday to Friday until Friday 26 May.**

G.I.F.T. Pentecost Mass Wednesday 24th May at 7pm at the G.I.F.T. Centre, 28 Telford Ave, Mt Eden. Intellectually disabled people, families, and support workers **welcome.** Supper afterwards.

What's happening in the diocese? Find out what has been happening around the diocese and details about what is coming in the latest edition of the CDA Connect <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Seminar at Mary MacKillop Centre Chapel Mission Bay **Liturgy for a New Church: the Challenge of Real Participation** Facilitators: Jo Ayers and Fr Neil Darragh, **Saturday 17 June; 10am – 2pm, \$30 waged/ \$20 unwaged.** Registrations: Sr Julian Ph 09 528

The NZ Catholic Medical Association provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June 2023, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz
For general inquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee).



QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**ONE NIGHT IN EUROPE
SATURDAY 3RD JUNE**

CHRIST THE KING HALL OWAIRAKA
Doors open 5.30. Quiz starts at 6.15
Bar & Kitchen|Cheese platters
Raffles|Best dressed prizes

\$12 PER PERSON/TABLES OF 7
BUY A TICKET OR A TABLE

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

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“Do you want to grow deeper in your faith with the Lord and learn more about your Catholic faith?

Come and join our Christian Life Programme (CLP) and be renewed spiritually.

This is run by CFC Singles For Christ at 7pm on **Thursday 7 June at St Michael's Parish, Remuera.**

It is open to all young adults 18-39 years old.

Delicious dinner will be provided. To RSVP please contact Shyne 0226321475 or Joven 0275270986

KID CORNER

Seventh Sunday of Easter

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-ASCENSION-of-the-LORD.pdf>

The Brick, Boy and a Wheelchair

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/The-Brick-boy-and-a-wheelchair.pdf>