

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, Mary Nevin, Louis & Lucie Morello, Michaela Schmidt, Sinili Chan Ting, Mele Moataane, Fa'avai Vasau, Vivien, Michael Wong, Maria Fatima Tunai, Kathleen & Doreen Follas, Patrick & John Meleisea, Barbara Stacey, Colleen Wright, Shaye Stowers-Tualega, Adrien Lunai, Lesley Moore, Katrina Cole, Patea Niupopo, Sam Kenny, John Gavin, Diane Young, Nick Nestoriwsky, Pauline Senn, Matilda Low, Paull Grasby, Lisa Finucane, Anna Tan, Phyllis Petricevich, Anne Riseborough, Allie Blucher, Chris Speight, Garth Stewart, Chris & John Sinisa, Livesa, Sr Mary, Marie Nicholas, Stanley Tallon, Genevieve Low, Carlos dela Torre, Deodilyn Ticon, Salvador Romarate, Lucia Ng, Jessica Wright, Jane Cavanagh, Colin Cowie, Paul Rooney, Lester Nash, Brett Linney, Dion Pivac, Henry Chan Ting, Clare Thompson, Chris Katia

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

Feast Days and Memorials this Week

23 Sept—St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest
27 Sept—St Vincent de Paul, priest

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows



All the sorrows of Mary (the prophecy of Simeon, the three days' loss, etc.) are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord's torments and the greatness of her love for Him.

What you can do: Pray the Chaplet of Seven Sorrows, or meditate on a different sorrow each day.

ST PIO PRAYER OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in Your divine mercy, and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of Your Church.

Help us to love You with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath Your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory.

May we receive You with great faith and love in Holy Communion, and allow You to act in us, as You desire, for Your greater glory.

O Jesus, most adorable heart and eternal fountain of Divine Love, may our prayer find favour before the Divine Majesty of Your Heavenly Father. Amen.

Source: ewtn.com



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

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23 September to 22 November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations. Email admin@ctc.ac.nz to register.

St Mary's College Past Pupils Association—Sunday, 22 Sept 2024. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Peter Tipene in Old SMC Chapel, New St, Ponsonby at 2pm. Followed by afternoon tea and AGM. Please RSVP to cathieharrop@gmail.com

Pilgrimage with the Saints Tour 2025 | Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.

Building a fruitful Parish is an event not to be missed. Cathy Kennedy - Evangelisation Director of St Declan's Parish in Sydney will be sharing practical experience and knowledge on how to help your parish grow in vibrancy by understanding "what next" in parish growth. Please register at <https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-nz/thefruitfulparishintentionallybuildingacultureofev/585438> Evening includes nibbles and refreshments and has a registration of \$15 per person. Event to be held at St Francis Friary on **Monday, 14 Oct 2024 7pm-9pm**. For more info, please contact Emily on finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or Cheryl on cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org All are welcome!

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study | Bishop Steve Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the *Ruth Miller Scholarship* for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is **15 November 2024**

Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. **Applications close 15 November 2024.** For more information, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre

Time Out Days: Day retreat 9:30am–2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 15 Oct | Tue 5 Nov

Transitus of St Francis- Join us to commemorate the "passing over" of St Francis of Assisi with stories of his dying moments, hymns, music and drama. Tue 1 Oct, 6:30-8pm

St Francis Open Day- Join us to celebrate the Feast of St Francis. Come explore the grounds and learn more about St Francis. There will also be an Animal Blessing Service so please bring your pets. **Sun 6 Oct, 3-4pm**

24Hr Quietude- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | Nov 22/23 For more info/dates or to book, call 09 625 6651 or visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

PARISH NEWS



Daylight Savings Starts Sunday, 29 September

As we spring forward next Sunday, don't forget to set your clocks the night before! Especially important if you usually attend Sunday morning Mass. :)

Condolences to the Chan Ting Family

The parish extends our deepest condolences to the Chan Ting family on the death of Josep, son of the late Michael. May he rest in peace.



Our Parish Finances Need To Be Refilled!

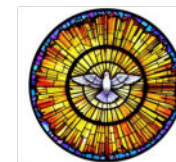
The long overdue fixing of the Parish Centre roof will make a sizeable dent in our finances and we seek your help to find ways to replenish our coffers.



Here are some ways you can help:

- **Set up an automatic bank transfer for your donation**—You won't have to remember to bring cash to Mass anymore AND you'll receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year to claim 33% of your total donation. Just email the office with your details after you set it up.
- **Make fundraising for the parish a school project**—If your child has a fundraising project to carry out for their school, Scouts/Guides unit or other group, consider making the parish the recipient of your efforts.
- **Pray**—Keep our parish in your prayers. You could ask St Matthew for his intercession in looking after the financial needs our parish. :)
- **Share your ideas**—If you have any fundraising suggestions, we would love to hear them. Please email the office or share them with Fr Rory.

Seeking | Faith Formation Team Members



We are looking for catechists, RCIA sponsors, helpers and more.... to be a part of our faith formation team. All you need to bring is a heart that is open to letting the Holy Spirit work through you. Please let Fr Rory or the parish office know if you would like to be involved.

Marist Herne Bay School Open Day, Tues, 24 Sept



Marist Herne Bay is having an Open Day on Tuesday, 24 September. If you have (or know of) a child who's starting school in the next couple of years, or if you're considering a Catholic education for your primary school-aged child, come and see what Marist Herne Bay has to offer!

Marist Herne Bay is a values-driven, integrated Catholic primary school conveniently located in the central city. It offers a well-rounded education in a warm and friendly environment with plenty of green open space.

Email principal@maristschool.co.nz to register.

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 the office
- * **Donate** non-perishable food items to the **food box** in the foyer
- * **Donate** supermarket gift cards (please attach receipt) that we can give to people in need

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Gifting: **\$2020**

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

Ponsonby HB Parish
02-0108-0707673-000

Please indicate your name on the 'payee' section and email the office with your details so we can issue a tax receipt. Thank you.

Parish Education Fund: If you require financial assistance in paying for school fees, please reach out to Fr Rory. For making a donation towards the education fund, please use the bank details above and reference 'Education' along with your name.

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

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.

Coming up in the Parish...

- * The **Agape Community**, every Wednesday 6:30- 7:30pm at Parish Centre.
- * Friday Night (1st & 3rd of each month)—**Upper Room** from 6.30-8.30pm. All young adults welcome!

Catholic School Preference Forms

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

Marist Catholic School, Herne Bay
Encouraging the pursuit & celebration of excellence.
Come and visit us; we are a values driven central city Integrated Catholic Primary School. We strive for academic excellence in our warm and friendly environment with plenty of green open space.
We are an un-zoned local school serving our surrounding areas. However, many children travel to join us. We have families that have been with us for generations.
Address: 82 Kelmarna Avenue, Herne Bay, Auckland 1011
Phone: 09 376 7173
or email Sarah Gleeson
principal@maristschool.co.nz
Website: maristhernebay.school.nz

Sunday 22 September 2024

Readings at Mass

First reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Second reading

James 3:16-4:3

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us

and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

The Lord upholds my life.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

The Lord upholds my life.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel

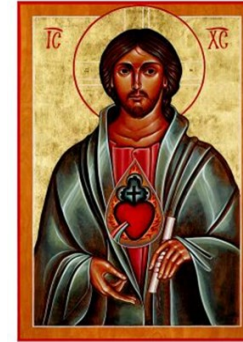
Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

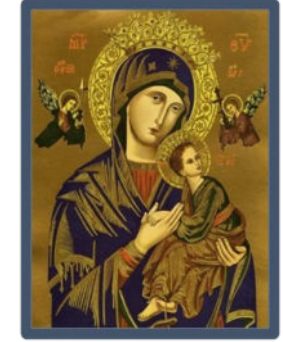
They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 September 2024



PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH MASS TIMETABLE

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

Table with columns: DAY, TIME, CHURCH, DEVOTIONS. Lists mass times for Monday through Sunday at both churches.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Table with columns: DAY, TIME, CHURCH. Lists reconciliation times for Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Table with columns: DAY, TIME, CHURCH. Lists anointing times for Friday and Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday—Friday 3.00pm OLPH Herne Bay

Sacred Heart

5pm Vigil Saturday 21 September
Word: Owen, Bridget
POF: Rachel
Gifts: TBC
EMOE: Nimo, Moira, Karen
Servers: Ranen, Sabrielle, Issy

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8.30am Sunday 22 September
Word: Philip, Airini
POF: Maria
Gifts: Gasparini family
EMOE: Lois, HB team

Sacred Heart

10.30am Sunday 22 September
Word: Tongan
POF: Tongan
Gifts: Tongan
EMOE: Tongan
Servers: Tongan

Next Weekend: 28/9 Word: Lizzy, Gabrielle | POF: Bridget | Gifts: Virginia, Alison
EMOE: Eddie, Michael, Karen | Servers: Ranen, Hannah, Rachel
29/9 8.30am: Word: Brian, Helen | POF: Mulo | Gifts: Sloan family
EMOE: James, Deane, Regina
29/9 10.30am: Word: Ana, DeAngelo | POF: Tyrone | Gifts: Unasa family
EMOE: Sesilia, Nimo, Zach | Servers: Madeleine, Alonso

Cleaning:
SH 21/9 Samoan Community
28/9 Tongan Community
OLPH 21/9 MDM
28/9 Vetenibua family

Children's Liturgy: 22/9 Katherine, Virginia

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Faith Formation: Dr Gabriel Chao Ren
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