

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, 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, Mr Passi

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

3 Dec—St Francis Xavier, priest
7 Dec—St Ambrose, bishop

December: Dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

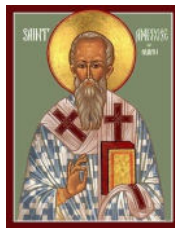


The Blessed Virgin was brought into existence without the stain of original sin; bringing restoration through her complete, continual, and selfless obedience to God.

What you can do: Meditate on Our Lady's perfect conformity to the will of God from her conception.

ST AMBROSE

Saint Ambrose, also known as Aurelius Ambrosius, is one of the four original doctors of the Church. He was the Bishop of Milan and became one of the most important theological figures of the 4th century.



As bishop, he donated all of his land and gave his money to the poor. He considered the poor not a group of outsiders, but rather those of the united people. To him, giving to the poor was just a repayment of God's resources, which were intended for everyone equally.

After meeting Ambrose, Augustine of Hippo reevaluated himself and was forever changed. In 387, Ambrose baptized Augustine, who he had a great influence on. St. Monica, Augustine's mother, loved Ambrose "as an angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions of Christ."

Source: www.catholic.org



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

Year of Jubilee Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

Break open Pope Francis' latest encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus this Advent. Wednesdays 4, 11 and 18 December, 7-7.30pm on Zoom. Contact diannaf@cda.org.nz for details.

Wake and Pray | Tuesday mornings in Advent, 3, 10, 17 and 24 December, a half hour meditation on Zoom 6.15-6.45am. Contact diannaf@cda.org.nz for details.

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels | Sunday evenings 1, 8, 15 and 22 December on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact diannaf@cda.org.nz for details.

Ellerslie Parish Advent Retreat at Our Lady Of Our Immaculate Conception from **2-6 December (Mon-Fri)** Preached by **Fr. Richard Shortall SJ** from Hamilton. (Please attend either the morning or evening sessions)
Morning: 8:00AM - Mass & Novena, 8:30-9:00 AM-Retreat Talk
Evening: 6:30PM - Mass & Novena, 7:15-7:45 PM-Retreat Talk

Local Youth Ministers Wanted! The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated leaders to become paid Local Youth Ministers, working across both a secondary school and parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Food For Faith for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz to prepare for Christmas receiving daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor's Food For Faith website.

Nga Tapuwae Jubilee Hikoi 2025 | Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae **10 to 12 January 2025**. Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For info: Deacon Steve stephenf@cda.org.nz

Theology of the Body - Registration OPEN for 2025 Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners Course - ideal for those new to Theology of the Body. It focuses on the meaning and purpose of the human person, love and the infinite fulfilment found in Christ.

Dates: 15 and 16 February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland. All adults 20+ are welcome. To register or for more information please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

Please Help Bring Christmas Cheer to Families in Need
Monte Cecilia Housing Trust is working to provide Christmas packs for the families we support, and we need your help. We are seeking donations of children's Christmas presents (unwrapped, please!) and non-perishable food items to create special packs that will bring joy to families living in our housing this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at our main office (30 Windrush Close, Māngere) during office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and on Fridays from 9am to 4pm) by **Thursday, 5 December**.

PARISH NEWS



Temporary Access to Carpark Behind Parish Centre

During the reroofing of our Parish Centre, our carpark can be accessed from the Catholic Theological College's driveway (40 Vermont St). Please ensure that you park in our carpark behind the Parish Centre and not the college carpark.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES DURING ADVENT

The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the chance to grow closer to God as we receive His mercy, forgiveness and love. Here are the Reconciliation times in our parish this Advent:

Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby
Wednesday (4, 11, 18 Dec): After 5.30pm Mass until 7pm
Fridays: 11.30 - 11.55am
Saturdays: 4.15 - 4.45pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Herne Bay

Monday (2, 9, 16, 23 Dec): 7pm
Thursday (5, 12, 19 Dec): 7pm



Parish Welcome Lunch For RCIC and RCIA Catechumens

Join us for a shared lunch after 10.30am Mass on 1 December we welcome our 15 RCIC and RCIA catechumens, and celebrate the beginning of Advent!

We warmly welcome the following catechumens to our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey to Baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church:

Olive	Leah	Oscar
Sienna	Otis	Tamarau
Aria	Lana	Hana
Celia	Remy	Blake
Freya	Kaye	Sarah



There will be a limited number of 'Food for Faith' books available for purchase at \$40 at copy, perfect for a Christmas present. Please see Catherine if you'd like to purchase a book or two.

Parish Christmas Raffle (15 December)

Raffle tickets are now on sale!
1 ticket - \$2 3 tickets - \$5
6 tickets - \$10 12 tickets - \$20
A whole book (100 tickets) - \$60



Payment is by cash or you can also bank transfer to the parish account 02-0108-0707673-000 and reference 'Raffle'.

If you would like to contribute treats and gifts for the Christmas raffle hampers, please place them in the designated boxes in the church foyer by **Thursday, 12 December**. The funds raised will go towards the roof repairs.

The raffle will be drawn at the Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass on 15 December.

SAVE THE DATE(S) | Parish Working and Garden Bees

Let's make our churches clean, tidy and sparkling before we celebrate our Lord's birth. As many hands make light work (and cleanliness is next to Godliness), any time you can offer the parish would be greatly appreciated.



- **7 Dec:** Sacred Heart exterior clean, garden/carpark tidy up, prepping for inorganic collection
- **14 Dec:** OLPH Garden and Working Bee
- **21 Dec:** Sacred Heart interior clean

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Gifting: **\$1651**

Planned Giving: If you wish to donate by Internet banking, the parish account is:

Ponsonby HB Parish
02-0108-0707673-000

Maintenance Fund: To donate towards the reroofing cost and other maintenance projects, please use the above account number and reference "MF".

Current Project Goal: \$50,000
Funds Raised To Date: \$8,600

John & Teresa Dilger Education Fund: If you require financial assistance for school fees, please reach out to Fr Rory. To make a donation, please use the bank details above and reference 'Education'.

Tax Receipt: For all donations, please email the parish office with your details if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.

Sacrament of Baptism

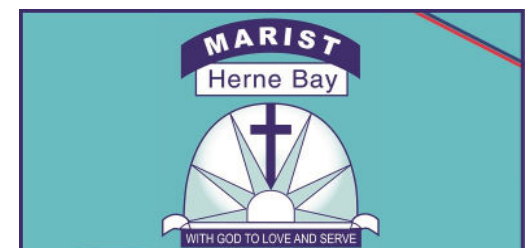
If you require the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or a family member, please contact Fr Rory: priest@phbcatholic.org.nz or 021 0394 980.

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

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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.

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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 1 December 2024

Readings at Mass

First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel

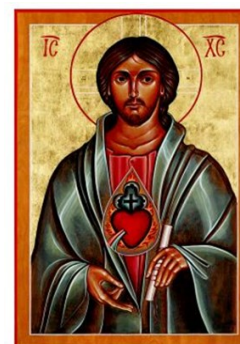
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

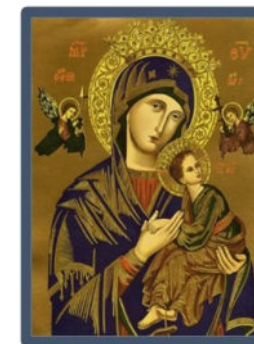
‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH



1st Sunday of Advent
1 December
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	OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am/Morning Prayer 6.20am
	7.30pm	OLPH Herne Bay	
Tuesday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Wednesday	7.00am	OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am Rosary 5.00pm
	5.30pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
Thursday	6.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
	7.30pm	OLPH Herne Bay	
Friday	7.00am	OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am/Morning Prayer 6.20am Exposition 11.00am
	12.10pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
Saturday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Vigil Mass	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
Sunday	8.30am	OLPH Herne Bay	
	10.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby (with Children’s Liturgy during term time)	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday	7.00pm	OLPH Herne Bay
Thursday	7.00pm	OLPH Herne Bay
Friday	11.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby
Saturday	4.15pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby

ANointing OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

1 st Friday	12.10pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby
1 st Sunday	8.30am	OLPH Herne Bay

DIVINE MERCY

Monday—Friday	3.00pm	OLPH Herne Bay
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Sacred Heart

5pm Vigil Saturday 30 November

Word: Christina, Bridget

POF: Rachel

Gifts: TBC

EMOE: Nimo, Michael, Karen

Servers: Ranen, Rachel, Hannah

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8.30am Sunday 1 December

Word: Brian, Helen

POF: Mulo

Gifts: Sloan family

EMOE: James, Deane, Regina

Sacred Heart

10.30am Sunday 1 December

Word: Ana, De Angelo

POF: Tyrone

Gifts: Unasa family

EMOE: Cecilia, Alofa, Nimo

Servers: Madeleine, Alonso, Vetapilia

Next Weekend: 7/12 Word: Rachel, James | POF: Gabrielle | Gifts: Elim family

EMOE: Nimo, Ranen, Cecilia | Servers: Ranen, Sabrielle, Dominique, Florence

8/12 8.30am: Word: Robert, Carleen | POF: Agnes | Gifts: Tofaeono family

EMOE: Tangi, Michael, Regina

8/12 10.30am: Word: MDM | POF: MDM | Gifts: MDM

EMOE: MDM | Servers: Imogen, Norah, Mary, Lizzy

Cleaning:

SH 30/11 Sifagrace & family

7/12 Alex, Claire & Theresa

OLPH 30/11 Vetanibua family

7/12 Barbie & Rhea

Children’s Liturgy: 8/12 Hannah, Matilde | 15/12 May, Sarah

Parish Priest: Fr Rory Morrissey Mobile: 021 0394 980

Office: 09 376-4303 (Staffed 9am-12pm, Mon/Wed/Fri)

Website: www.phbcatholic.org.nz

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Going into hospital? Call 358 0825 ext 4000 and ask for a visit from a priest

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