

### 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, Lucie Morello, Michaela Schmidt, Sinili Chan Ting, Mele Moataane, Fa'avai Vasau, Vivien, Michael Wong, Maria Fatima Tunai, Kathleen & Doreen Follas, Patrick Meleisea, Barbara Stacey, Colleen Wright, Shaye Stowers-Tualega, Adrien Lunai, Lesley Moore, Katrina Cole, John Gavin, Diane Young, Nick Nestoriwsky, Pauline Senn, Matilda Low, Paul Grasby, Lisa Finucane, Anna Tan, Anne Riseborough, 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, Paul Rooney, Brett Linney, Dion Pivac, Henry Chan Ting, Clare Thompson, Mr Passi, Chuck de la Torre, Fred Giauon, Catholic Residents of Jervois Rest Home.

We also pray for those recently deceased and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This Lent, win people over to the dignity of every person from conception, and pray for an end to abortion. Join in 40 Days for Life, offering hope to mothers in their hour of need. From Ash Wednesday (18 Feb) to Palm Sunday (24 March). Street vigil: Tu/We/Th 07:00 – midday; Dominion Rd & Prospect Tce corner, Mt Eden. Sign up for your hour via the QR code



Can't attend in person? Become a spiritually present Prayer Partner right where you are.

For more information contact Simon 021 400 729 or [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz)



### Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as members of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Auckland Prison (Paremoremo). This is a part-time position of 24 hours per week - days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close on 6 March.

### LENTEN JOURNEY

18th February, began our six weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter; to “turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness & compassion” (Joel 2:12 from Ash Wednesday). Join in these short Zoom sessions through Lent: wake and pray, daily meditation 6.15am; Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm reading Pope Leo’s “Dilexi Te” – his teaching on compassion for the poor; Saturdays 7-7.40pm reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. I look forward to sharing this Lenten journey with you. Please contact [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

### Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown

St Michael’s Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation. When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael’s Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera.

### Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention |

13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland THE BEST place to be trained, renewed and inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for the best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. In addition to practical, comprehensive training, you will experience community and personal spiritual renewal. Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent, we are ready to serve and train you this year at Life Teen Aotearoa’s 2026 Leadership Convention. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

## PARISH NEWS

### LENT IN OUR PARISH

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm OLPH, Herne Bay (Friday evenings)

(Children’s version on 4 April @ 7pm)

6pm Sacred Heart, Ponsonby: (Tongan language)

### ALMSGIVING

#### PIJAMAS FOR LENT—

On behalf of Catholic Social Services, the parish is collecting new pyjamas, socks, slippers and other cosy items for winter. Please drop off these items at the parish office or in the baskets in the church foyer.

Thank you!



### SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS—

There are people in our community who are in need. With your generosity, we are able to help them to put food on their table. Please attach the receipt with the gift card, so the gift card can be replaced if it’s faulty. Woolworths Vouchers are particularly helpful for those who do not drive.



### Receiving a chocolate egg on Easter is

something many of us took for granted during our childhoods. Being able to take part in this tradition alongside their friends is important for giving children a sense of connection and normality. But for many of the low-income families living in Monte Cecilia Housing Trust accommodation it’s a tough expense to justify during a difficult period in their lives.

Monte Cecilia wants to make sure none of the kids in our homes miss out, but with over 600 families staying in Monte Cecilia accommodation, it’s a big job. So, we’re putting out the call for Easter eggs, whether big or small, hollow or filled with marshmallow, we know our kids will love them all. Donations can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office, by Mon 23 March 2026 or you can help us with a monetary donation through our website, which we can then use to purchase eggs from local stores. Put a smile on a young face today, and help our kids take part in a wonderful tradition! <https://montececilia.org.nz/>

### WYD 2027 Webinars

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year’s webinar series, “Take Courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

**Mary MacKillop Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay**  
**Lenten Reflection Evening: 25 Feb. 7-8pm in Chapel**

Prepare for Lent and Easter with great Catholic resources at the **St Joseph’s Gift Shop**. Come see us at our new location in Albany Village (Opposite Albany Toyota) or visit us online at [www.stjosephscentre.co.nz](http://www.stjosephscentre.co.nz) to see our Lent and Easter Catalogue. *Supplying quality Christian & Catholic products for every need*

### St Josephs Gift Shop

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### PARISH FINANCES

Last week’s Gifting: TBC

**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:** Sacred Heart Church roof repairs (roof leakage, fixing gutters, waterproofing roof windows)

**Cost Estimate: \$100,000**

**Funds Raised To Date: \$94,488.00**

**Available Balance: \$30,708.00**

*Note: The cost estimate has increased as the original quote did not include the window joinery which is estimated at \$50,000.*

**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 under ‘Education’.

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

*Kindly remember the Parish in your Will.*

### Sacrament of Baptism

If you are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or a family member, please contact Fr Rory: [priest@phbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:priest@phbcatholic.org.nz) or 021 0394 980.

### Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/) For more info: [marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz) Gerry Smith: [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) / 021 0224 7442



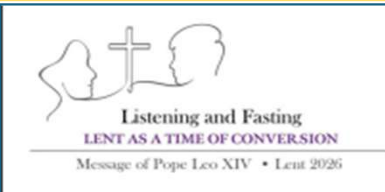
### Catholic School Preference Forms

Dear Parents, if you wish for me to sign a Preference Form for Catholic schools, please leave the form, copies of relevant documents 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

is a State-Integrated Catholic Primary School with a maximum roll of 300 students. We take students from Year 0 to 6. We aim to provide our students with a wide range of learning opportunities in core curriculum areas and various extracurricular activities. [www.maristhernebay.school.nz](http://www.maristhernebay.school.nz)



### Reflection on Today’s Gospel Reading:

Modern idolatry is not only money, but the frenzy that prevents us from being “present” to ourselves and others. We are invited to let ourselves be touched by the pain of others and to transform it into action. The true fasting that God wants is to “break unjust chains” and practice the “alms of listening” freely.

True fasting does not begin with food, but with the tongue and the ears: Fewer words, more listening; Less judgment, more attention; Less noise, more truth.

**Activity:** An informal encounter: During the week, “connect” with a neighbor or colleague, sincerely asking “how are you?” and listening without rushing, without thinking about what to do next. This proposal is part of the silence we are called to have in order to welcome the other (and the Other).

Message of Pope Leo XIV Lent 2026

### 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](http://www.holycross.org.nz)



## SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026

### READINGS AT MASS

#### First reading Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

#### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

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.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

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.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

#### Second reading Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

#### Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone*

*but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

*He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

*You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

*You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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# PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
In LENT  
22<sup>nd</sup> February  
2026**



### 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 7.30pm	OLPH Herne Bay OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am/Morning Prayer 6.20am
Tuesday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Wednesday	7.00am 5.30pm	OLPH Herne Bay Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 5.30am /Morning Prayer 6.20am Rosary 5.00pm
Thursday	6.30am 7.30pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 7.00am
Friday	7.00am 12.10pm	OLPH Herne Bay Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 5.30am/Morning Prayer 6.20am Exposition 11.00am
Saturday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Vigil Mass	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	
Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	OLPH Herne Bay 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

#### ANOIDING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	12.10pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.30am	OLPH Herne Bay
<b>DIVINE MERCY</b>		
Monday—Friday	3.00pm	OLPH Herne Bay

#### Sacred Heart

5.00pm Vigil Saturday 21<sup>ST</sup> February

Word: Christopher A, Christina L

POF: Virginia H

Gifts: Adonis family

EMOE: Moira, Bridget, Michael

Servers: Izzy N, Michael A, Benedict B

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8.30am Sunday 22nd February

Word: Helen & Brian S

POF: Lina SV

Gifts: Sloan family

EMOE: Salome S, James S, Simone S

#### Sacred Heart

10.30am Sunday 22nd February

Word: Tongan Community

POF: Tongan Community

Gifts: Tongan Community

EMOE: Tongan Community

Servers: Tongan Community

**Next Weekend:** 28/2 Rachel & Owen POF: Gabrielle Gifts: Jury family

EMOE: Ranen & Michael & Bridget | Servers: Sabrielle & Dominique

01/03 8.30am: Word: Kyle & Agnes | POF: Rhea | Gifts: Langton-Fidow family

EMOE: Chris, Lois, Salome

01/03 10.30am: Word: James VS & Catherine P | POF: Michael U | Gifts: Turnbull Family

EMOE: Eddie/ Cecilia/Katrina | Servers: Madeleine, Mary, Alonso, Florence

#### Cleaning:

21/02 Samoan Community

21/02 Sloan Family

28/02 Tongan Community

28/02 Mulo's Team

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