READINGS AT MASS: SOLEMNITY: ALL SAINTS

First reading **Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14**

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises,
carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a
powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to
devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage
on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the
seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'
Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and
forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of
people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they
were standing in front of the throne and in front of the
Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their
hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits
on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who
were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding
the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves
before the throne, and touched the ground with their
foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen.
Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honour and power and strength to our God for ever
and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you
know who these people are, dressed in white robes,
and where they have come from?' I answered him,
'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are
the people who have been through the great
persecution, and they have washed their robes
white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 23(24):1-6**

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second reading **1 John 3:1-3**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 11:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12a**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'

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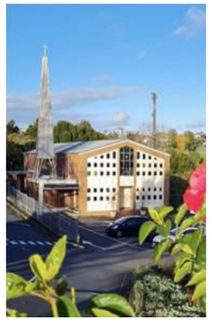
PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time
1st November 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	OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am/Morning Prayer 6.20am
Tuesday	8.00am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Wednesday	7.00am	OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am / Morning Prayer 6.20am
	5.30pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Rosary 5.00pm
Thursday	6.30am	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 7.00am
Friday	7.00am	OLPH Herne Bay	Exposition 5.30am/Morning Prayer 6.20am
	12.10pm	Sacred Heart Ponsonby	Exposition 11.00am
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	

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

DIVINE MERCY
Monday—Friday 3.00pm OLPH Herne Bay

SACRED HEART 31st OCTOBER
5pm VIGIL MASS
WORD: Katherine B , Christina L
PoF: Christopher A
GIFTS: Jonco Family
EMOE: Moira P, Eddie E, Michael D
SERVERS:

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
8.3O am MASS 1st NOVEMBER
WORD: Lina S-V, James Sh
PoF: Philip Gab
GIFTS: Tofeano Family
EMOE: Gordon S, Louana S, Kytara TF
SERVERS: HB Team

SACRED HEART
10.30am MASS 1st NOVEMBER
WORD: James vS, Ana Macd
PoF: Ruta CT
GIFTS: Van Schie Family
EMOE: Katrina G, Eddie E, Carmel T
SERVERS: Alonso E, Victoria E, Mateo F

5pm VIGIL MASS 7 NOVEMBER
WORD: Eddie E, Christina L
PoF: Virginia H
GIFTS: Elim Family
EMOE: Nimo U, Ranen R, Carmel T
SERVERS: Florence T, John R, Dominique J

8.3O am MASS 8 NOVEMBER
WORD: Carleen B, Robert B
PoF: Lina S-V
GIFTS: Schmidt Family
EMOE: Michael D, James S, Simone S
SERVERS: HB Team

10.30am MASS 8 NOVEMBER
WORD: Tongan Community
PoF: Tongan Community
GIFTS: Tongan Community
EMOE: Tongan Community
SERVERS: Tongan Community

CHURCH CLEANING 31st October **SH:** Teresa, Claire, Virginia **OLPH:** Airini's Team
7th November **SH:** Sifagrace & Family **OLPH:** Sloane Family

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Parish Pastoral Council: Ana Macdonald (Chairperson) Email: council@phbcatholic.org.nz
Going into hospital? Call **358 0825 Ext 4000** and ask for a visit from a priest

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, Paul Hitchfield, Mary Nevin, Lucie Morello, Michaela Schmidt, Sinili Chan Ting, Mele Moataane, Fa'avai Vasau, Vivien, Maria Fatima Tunai, Barbara Stacey, Colleen Wright, Shaye Stowers-Tualega, Lesley Moore, Katrina Cole, John Gavin, Diane Young, Nick Nestoriwsky, Pauline Senn, Matilda Low, Paul Grasby, Lisa Finucane, Anna Tan, Phyllis Petricevich, 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 Giacon, Veronica Matautia-Mortenson, Gerard Lucca, Mark Ford, Helen Lynch, Salome Sinisa.

Also please pray for those in the Jervois Rest Home.

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

Please remember to call the office to help keep the status of these names up to date.

We continue to pray for Pope Leo's health concerns and for his full recovery.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER –

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

This week we celebrate the lives of individuals whom the Church recognises as holy people.

Among them are –

2 Nov - All Souls' Day

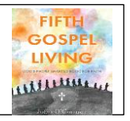
3 Nov - St Martin de Porres

4 Nov - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE
ALPHA FOR COUPLES

Whether you're married, engaged, or dating, Alpha for couples is a welcoming & practical course designed to help strengthen your faith & relationship - **Nov 5, 12, 19, 22, 26. Dec 3.**
https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha_couples/

From Fr John O'Connor: '***Fifth Gospel Living***' book: here is a Link that some of you may be interested in: **FGL online - food for faith**



MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

All parishioners from across the Diocese are warmly invited to the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy to remember & pray for those who have passed away over the past year.

Tuesday 3rd of November - 11am at St Patrick - Panmure

Following Mass is the blessing of the gravestones.

Holy Cross Seminary

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, and all those connected with the Seminary.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT WANTED!

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY is looking for a highly capable Admin Asst to contribute to a ministry that supports marriage & family life. We are looking for someone who combines excellent admin skills. Part-time - 16hrs working M/T/W/F 10am -2pm (with some evening & wkend work). **Closing** 2nd Nov. Visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff- vacancies/

OPERATIONS MANAGER
MID-NORTH PARISHES

A part-time Operations Manager (20 hrs p/w,12 mnth fixed term) to support the Mid-North Parishes & MSC Priests based in **Northland**. This varied role providing professional operational support. Visit: https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Join us for this 5th session **- "Prayer: An invitation to respond to the call of discipleship"** with Fr Michael Smith SJ. Tues, **3rd Nov**, 5:00-6:00pm. Zoom - www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

FOR RENT: CHARMING FLAT IN PARNELL Flat as part of private home. Approx 55 m/2, open living area (with gas fire) , 1 dble bedroom, kitchen (with fridge, oven, washer/dryer), bathroom, storage space. Garden. Parking (ACC resident permit needed or on-site). Near Trinity Cathedral. Close to transport. **Avail**: Feb 2027. **Rent**: negotiable. Dr M. L. Kearney - 09 37 99 076 **Email:** kearneyml@gmail.com

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT

The bishops invite people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' & parties' positions across a range of key issues &they also encourage people to pray for the country**. Access the election statement at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26**

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study

Bishop Stephen Lowe, Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the **Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study**. This scholarship will be available for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2027. Please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. ***Closes 27th NOVEMBER***

- WINGS.NGA PARIRAU - *Know your Faith; Share your Faith.*

Are you involved with Ministry of Word or Eucharist, Sacramental preparation, OCIA, Children's Liturgy. Complete Year One 'Wings' - **1 Nov** from 10am-3pm - Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby. **Contact** Dianna Fouhy: diannaf@cda.org.nz **ALSO**: Join us for monthly meetings Warkworth Parish. Contact Teresa Shaplesk teresah57@icloud.com **or** Dianna.

PARISH NEWS

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are interested in Baptism within the Catholic Church or if you are baptised and are thinking of becoming a Catholic, there is still time to contact the office to participate.
office@pbhcatholic.org.nz

OCIC AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2027

Registrations are now open for the Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) & Sacramental Programme 2027.

Baptism · Eucharist · Confirmation — Order of Catholic Initiation of Children (OCIC)

If your child is 8 years or older and is seeking Baptism and/or the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, we warmly invite you to register by scanning the QR code.

We look forward to sharing this special journey of faith with you and your family.

Our prayerful sympathies to Ana Macdonald with the passing of her sister Tully Mortenson in USA.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Retiring Collections for Food Vouchers – thank you all who so generously donated to this appeal. We received $2,550 in cash and $450 in food vouchers.

Christmas Raffle - Donations, Cash, Food Vouchers & Store-bought Readymade Hampers Cut off 15th Nov.

RAFFLE PRIZES: 3 in total. 1st, 2nd & 3rd – tickets currently on sale.

Drawing: 1st Sunday of Advent – 29 Nov. Parish Hall, with refreshments

Per ticket: $2.00 each / 3 for $5.00.

*** Fellowship over hot cuppa** Monthly, every 3rd Sunday of each month.

2027 CALENDARS AVAILABLE:

Columban Calendar - $12.00

Divine Mercy Calendar - $10 (Large); $5 (Small)

Available from Parish Office or after Sunday Masses.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

We invite & welcome all whanau with babies & children 0-5 years to a newly established **monthly Catholic Coffee Group**

Saturday 7 November - 11am – 12pm

Sacred Heart Church Hall - 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby

Come along & meet other likeminded whanau where God resides. Lots of parking avail. Further information call Gerry (Leader of Marriage & Family Life Ministries) on 021 02247442.

Please come along or spread the word of this trial initiative.

RED NOVEMBER 2026

Aid to the Church in Need

The Diocese plans to light the Pompallier Centre red in visual support of Red November throughout November. We will also celebrate Red Wednesday Mass at the Centre on Wednesday, **18 November**. This is supported by Bishop Steve's Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. **Further resources to follow in the next few weeks.**

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Gifting: $ 2,691

Planned Giving: If you wish to donate by Internet banking, the parish account is:
Sacred Heart And Our Lady Perpetual Help Ponsonby Herne Bay Ecclesiastical Goods Trust 02-0108-0707673-000
Note: Due to the long account name, you may still receive an alert that the account name does not match the account number.

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

John & Teresa Dilger Education Fund: In 2026, x2 families are being assisted with school fees. If you require financial assistance for school fees, please reach out to Fr Rory. To donate, please use the bank details above & reference 'Education'.

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

PLEDGE ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

Thanks to those who have already uplifted these. There are a few remaining ones. We hope you have received your Donation Receipts by email.

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 or 021 0394 980.

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

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