READINGS AT MASS: 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First reading **Isaiah 25:6-10**

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 22(23)**

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second reading **Philippians 4:12-14,19-20**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **cf Ephesians 1:17. 18**

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 22:1-10**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

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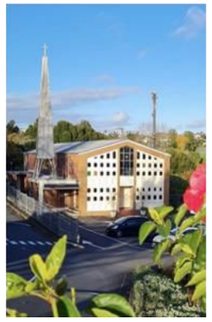
PONSONBY HERNE BAY PARISH

28th Sunday In Ordinary Time
11th October 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

5pm VIGIL MASS 10th OCTOBER
WORD: Virginia H, Christopher A
PoF: Rachel R
GIFTS: Abenoja Family
EMOE Michael D, Eddie E, Nimo U
SERVERS: Hannah N, Rachel N, Michael A

8.3O am MASS 11th OCTOBER
WORD: James Sh, Kyle S
PoF: Mulo V
GIFTS: Langton-Fidow Family
EMOE: Chris S, Lois W, Salome S
SERVERS: HB Team

10.30am MASS 11th OCTOBER
WORD: M D M
PoF: M D M
GIFTS: M D M
EMOE: M D M
SERVERS: Madaleine F, Vetapilia T, Lucy R

SACRED HEART 17th OCTOBER
5pm VIGIL MASS OCTOBER
WORD: Rachel R. Gabrielle L
PoF: Virginia H
GIFTS: Jonco Family
EMOE: Moira P, Bridget B, Karen L
SERVERS: Sabrielle E, Dominique J, John R

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
8.3O am MASS 18TH OCTOBER
WORD: Philip Gab, Mulo V
PoF: Agnes Y
GIFTS: Gasparini Family
EMOE: Regina S, Gordon S, Deane T
SERVERS: HB Team

SACRED HEART
10.30am MASS 18TH OCTOBER
WORD: Justine N, Nicola R
PoF: Carmel T
GIFTS: Turnbull Family
EMOE: Per N, Cecilia T, Alofa T
SERVERS: Florence T, Mary VS, Wen Jie L

CHURCH CLEANING
10th October **SH** Tema & Tuifua Family **OLPH**: Mother of DMC
17th October **SH** Samoan Community **OLPH**: Jodie Langton-Fidow

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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.

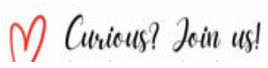
Please remember to call the office to help keep the status of these names up to date.

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

Among them are –

12th October St Carlo Acutis
13th St Edward the Confessor
14th St Callistus, Pope, Martyr
15th St Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church
16th St Gerard Majella
17th St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

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. Through engaging videos & guided conversations, you'll explore topics such as communication, resolving conflict, understanding each other's needs, building deeper connection & creating a healthier future together. Register today & invest in your relationship. J **Oct 8,15, 22, 29. Nov 5, 12, 19, 22, 26. Dec 3.**
https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha_couples/
graphics attached

SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ (SFC) Christian Life Program, beginning 25 Sept. The programme we are running invites unmarried young adults aged 18 to 40 to deepen their relationship with Christ through talks, prayer & fellowship & become part of a community where they can grow in faith, serve others & build meaningful friendships. **Registration :** https://forms.gle/ZzefENxqsaSSKUja6

Generous God, thank You for inviting us into Your love. Open our hearts to receive Your grace ,and help us to respond with gratitude. May our lives reflect the joy of being welcomed into Your kingdom. Amen.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

GENERAL MANAGER | CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

An exceptional leadership opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese of Auckland as General Manager. Reporting to the Bishop & Diocesan Administration Council, this influential role provides strategic & operational leadership across finance, property, people, IT, governance support & organisational performance. We are seeking an experienced senior leader with strong commercial & financial acumen, excellent stakeholder management skills & a genuine empathy for the Catholic faith, ethos & mission. **For more info & to apply,** https://www.sheffield.co.nz/Job-Search?Id=729

PROPERTY MANAGER – EDUCATION (SECONDARY SCHOOLS)

Join the Diocese & help shape safe, future-focused learning environments across our secondary schools. A relevant tertiary qualification & /or significant industry experience is required & experience in the education sector & knowledge of Ministry of Education property standards & funding processes would be advantageous.
https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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 administrative skills with a genuine pastoral sensitivity & a commitment to serving others. Part-time role 16hrs working M/T/W/F 10am -2pm (with some evening & wkend work) at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre. Closing 2nd November. Visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/.

MANAGER – MINISTRIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

To learn more, please visit:
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

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

Are you involved with Ministry of Word or Eucharist, Sacramental preparation, OCIA, Children's Liturgy.

This is for you! Complete Year One 'Wings' over X3 Sundays**. 4 Oct, 18 Oct, 1 Nov** from 10am-3pm, at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby, Auckland. Meet Jesus in his Word, in others & in yourself. Come and see! Contact Dianna Fouhy: diannaf@cda.org.nz

ALSO: Join us for monthly meetings at Warkworth Parish - 480 Matakana Rd Matakana 0985 – 4.00pm – 5:45pm. Coming Wings.Nga Parirau meetings on **3 Oct, 2 Nov, 12 Dec**. For more details contact Teresa Shaplesk teresah57@icloud.com and Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz

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.

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

office@pbhcatholic.org.nz

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, 18th October.
Envelopes in the church foyer.

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12 SEPT. 2026

Retiring Collections for Food Vouchers 17 & 18 Oct. and 24 & 25 Oct.
Christmas Raffle - Donations, Cash, Food Vouchers and Store-bought Readymade Hampers Cut off -15 Nov.
RAFFLE PRIZES: 3 in total. First, Second and Third
Drawing: 1st Sunday of Advent – 29 Nov. Parish Hall, with refreshments
Per ticket: 2.00 each / 3 for 5.00 Raffle book of 50/100: cost TBC
Sell Tickets: Sat. 17 Oct - Sunday 29 Nov.
Proceeds: Buy Food & Petrol vouchers for Families/Individuals in need.
Fellowship over hot cuppa Monthly, every 3rd Sunday – Sunday 18 Oct.
Parish Guardians: will meet monthly for parish upkeep. Dates/details TBC

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT

The New Zealand bishops have published their statement for the 2026 General Election. Titled Discerning our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens, the document encourages Catholics & people of good will to consider voting as a civic responsibility.

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**

TU KAHIKATEA AWARDS 2026

Nominations now OPEN! The Tu Kahikatea Awards are annual awards given out by the Diocese of Auckland to recognize young people who have made an outstanding contribution in their community. The Awards are about celebrating the gift that young people are to the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand & thanking them for the significant contributions they have made. For more information and to make a nomination go to: **https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/tu-kahikatea-awards/**
Nominations CLOSE Sunday 25th October.

SUPPORT LIFE SUNDAY 2026: LIVING PEACE

On Sunday **11 October**, Catholics across Aotearoa will celebrate Support Life Sunday. The theme, *Living Peace*, invites us to reflect on how we can promote a culture of life through prayer, compassion, & action. Resources, including liturgical suggestions & homily notes, are available online. Support Life Sunday 2026 - New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

Holy Cross Seminary

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

PARISH FINANCES

Last week's Gifting: $ 2,768

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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