

Volunteers for Sunday, 17th & 24th September 2023

	8am		10am		5pm	
	Today	Next Sunday	Today	Next Sunday	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Frances Sabas, Kay	Irene F , Nellie	TBC	TBC	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Welcome/P.O.F	Tonga	Madeiline	Collin Dena	Joe Emelio	Roger Peterson	Robert Morgan
Children's Liturgy			TBC	TBC		
Ministers of the Word	1.Maria van der Gulik 2.Noel Surrey	1.Sue 2.John	1.Annabelle Shield 2.Jenkins Rwothomio	1.Connie Bianan 2.Lesieli Seaton	1.Chris Radloff 2.Carmel O'Neil-Gregory	1.Angelina Buzeika 2.Daniel Patten
Gifts	Jovie and Jim Balle	Med and Kay	Emelio Family	McMahon Family	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	1.Jomel 2.Lisa W 3.Dominic 4.Shakey 5.Nef 6.Gerry 7.Eli	1.Nellie 2.Wayne 3.Catherine 4.Jean 5.Rosemary 6.Rachael	1.Hsiu Ying 2.Dale 3.Ismaelito 4.Allan 5.Fehi 6.Nan	1.John Gilbert 2.Eseta 3.Manase 4.Tim 5.Tonnie 6.Cathy Yates	TBC	TBC
Altar Servers	Olivia, Noah, Peni, Fatai	Marius, Robert, Kitione	Chloe, Jeminah, Therese, Pitas	Arjun, Deanna, Cedric, Klay	Youth Mass	George, Maddy
AV Operators	Lachlan	Robert	Malia	Tongan Community	Youth Mass	Haeun
Musicians	Celso/Jay	Cameron	Kids Choir	Tongan Community	Youth Mass	Silvy
Mission Shop	Mission Shop Returns 8th October after 8am & 10am Mass					

Brass Cleaning: Dan & Raffi (24 Sept) Donna Mills (1 Oct) Mid & Tishni (8 Oct) Silvy (15 Oct) Lisa Whiteman (22 Oct) Kay Whitton (29 Oct)

Flowers: Kathy Gram Irene Chang (24 Sept - 1 Oct) Debbie Jameson (8 - 15 Oct) Connie Bianan (22 - 29 Oct)

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest:

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Regular Mass Times

Sunday 8am 10am* 5pm

**Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass (during term time)*

Monday, 9am (Liturgy Only)

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am

Thursday - 7pm

Adoration

Thursdays 5pm — 10pm

Reconciliation

Thurs **6pm**, Sat **9.30am**
Sundays before each Mass
7.20am, 9.20am, 4.20pm

Healing Mass

11am - 3rd Fridays.

Baptism of Infants

Baptisms are held on the last Sunday of the month **during** 10am Mass. Parents must attend a course. To register, ring Lynette & Michael Surrey ph: 238 5690

Over 8 years Baptism & Sacramental Programme

Contact the office:
(09) 238 6641

Marriage

Please contact Father Robert as early as possible before the anticipated wedding date. Pre-marriage education is required. A pamphlet outlining the process & registration details are available in the Church foyer or Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.

Contact: Neil (021) 072 5963, Fr Robert (021) 1133 840 or Parish Office.

Reflection - Twenty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 17 September 2023

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

Baptism Mass 10am

Sunday, 17 September

Welcome to the 41 children, being baptised at the 10am Mass and welcome to their friends and families.

Please make them feel welcome and remember to keep them in your prayers as they continue on their Faith Journey.

St. Patrick's
Parish Council
AGM
8th October
following
10am Mass
All Welcome!

Next Sunday's Readings

1st	Isaiah 55:6-9
2nd	Philippians 1:20-24,27
G	Matthew 20:1-16

Hall Hire - St. Patrick's Hall is available to parishioners for booking by contacting the Parish Office. Please contact the office for an application form and to check availability.

PLEASE BOOK WELL IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Planned Giving

If you wish to receive a 33% tax deduction for your donations, please join the Planned Giving scheme by completing the form found in the foyer or contact the parish office. Every donation, helps with upkeep of our lovely church building and provides for our wonderful priests. Please consider joining the pledge. accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz

Christian Meditation
WCCM Meditation Pukekohe Group, Meet in the Chapel Wednesday 5:30pm
Any queries please contact Roanne 027 647 8000 roanneraine@gmail.com

Marriage Please contact Father Robert as early as possible before the anticipated wedding date. Pre-marriage education is required. A pamphlet outlining the process & registration details are available in the Church foyer or Parish Office or contact (09) 3603025 / marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz

Monday Night Prayer Group
Meets from 7pm to 8pm, scripture and prayer.
Ring Rita or Roger 092384667 or 0210626389.

The Catholic Faith on Demand
formed.org
Free for parishioners to Sign Up & Enjoy! Click 'Sign Up', Choose 'Sign up as parishioner', Type 'St Patrick's Church Pukekohe', Click 'Next', Enter your name & email address, Click 'Sign Up' - You're done!

Rosary Times
Daily at 8.30am (except Thursday & Sunday)
Fridays **12.15pm**. All are Welcome!

St Pat's Crafters Group
All Welcome , every **Mon,10am -12**, upper meeting room. Bring your crafts and join us for sharing and fellowship. Call **Lynette 2385690** or just turn up.


Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
If you know of someone who would like to explore the faith and become a Catholic or anyone who wants to discuss their own faith journey. Please contact Neil 0210725963 or Fr Robert (021) 1133 840 or contact the Parish Office.

St Pat's Kids Choir
Children aged 5 -13 are welcome. During the winter months, practices alternate between Thursdays and Fridays at 3pm (children attend practices when they are available). Please email Martha - mgbobias@gmail.com if you wish for your child to join.


Baptism of Infants - Last Sunday of month at 10am Mass. Parents must attend a course. To register, ring Lynette & Michael 238 5690

Communion to the Sick
Unable to attend Mass because of illness? Please contact the office so that we can organise one of our team to visit with Holy Communion.

Alpha Runs Here!
Do you want to find out more about your faith? Scan QR or Email: stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com or [Click Here](#)

Medical Emergency Dial 111

AED located in foyer

St Patrick's Parish Council
Fr Robert Steele (Parish Priest/Interfaith), Peter Fa'afiu (Chair) Cheryl Surrey (Secretary), Manase Leger (Food Bank), Ismaelito Labis & Allan Murillo (Filipino Group), Jomel Vicente & Daniel Patten (Youth Ministry), Salote Sanalio (Tongan Group), Neil Rutherford (RCIA)


Holy Cross Seminary
www.holycross.org.nz

Notices for the Bulletin
Please send notices and announcements to the Parish Office **before Thursday** for the coming Sunday bulletin.
accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz

"Working Together for a Safe Church"

St. Patrick's Pukekohe is committed to providing a safe environment by following the National Safeguarding Policy

www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz

Dates to Note

September

Sunday 17th Sept: Over 8s Baptism (Mass 10am)

Sunday 24th Sept: Daylight Savings begins!!

October

Sunday 8th October: AGM after 10am Mass

Monday 16th - Sunday 22nd October: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis on display in the church)



Our Spring session of Alpha is just around the corner and you're invited! Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith in a relaxed, friendly and non-judgmental environment. Our 10 week program will begin 12th September and will be on our new evening of TUESDAYS. At each Alpha session we share a meal, watch a video and explore life's big questions together in an open, honest and informal space. There is no cost to attend and no pressure to come back if this isn't for you.



Please sign up here!
<https://pukekohecatholic.org.nz/alpha/>

If you need more details or have any questions, please check out our website or contact the Alpha Team at stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com

+ **St Joseph's Catholic School , Onehunga.** If you are a Past Pupil, Staff member or BoT member - we would love to hear from you. We are celebrating our 175th Anniversary Fri 27, Sat 28 and Sun 29 October 2023. Contact Melanie Duarte @mduarte@sjs.school.nz to register your interest.

+ **Date Claimer 9 November** The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snacks, purchases liturgical resources and more.

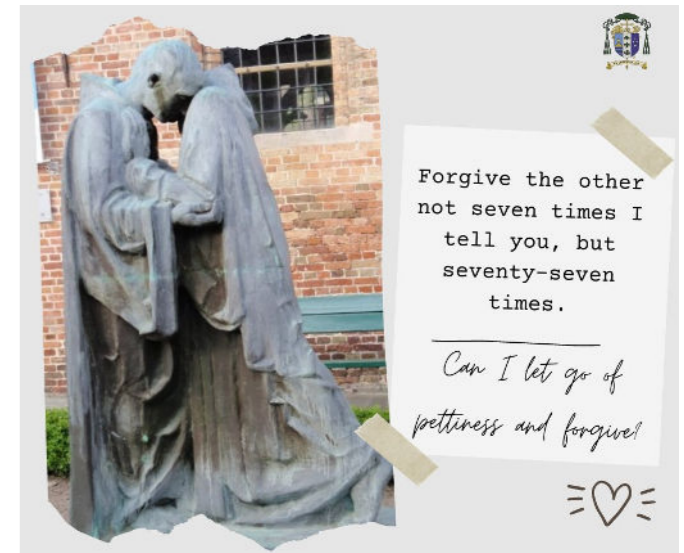
+ **Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology starts September 25.** "With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our program will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable." To learn more about the programmes, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes

+ **New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee** For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue. The New Zealand Catholic Methodist Dialogue Committee invite you to join a Liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation. Preacher | Bishop Steve Lowe. Wednesday | **25 October** 7.30 pm Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna

+ **The Instrumentum Laboris** is the official working document for the October gathering of the Synod on Synodality. All have been invited to engage with the document. The diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/> contains basic details of structure and purpose. It includes the following link to a short introductory video created by the Palmerston North diocese. <https://youtu.be/9gt3Uzgvwgo?si=345blEkXGybWkLkx>

+ **The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival** is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – **Sun 8th October 2023.** The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their "riches of nations" in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz

+ **The Season of Creation** A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: In this Season of Creation, we pray that "justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures." Pope Francis.



Church Life Survey (deadline - end of September)

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland has requested that every Auckland Parish participate in this 5 yearly survey. It is a nationwide survey of church attendees from every church, group or denomination, and the wider Church across NZ. The results will provide our leaders, both at a diocesan level as well as our own Parish Leaders, with much needed insights into the opinions and demographics of our St. Patrick's community in order to better understand and provide for the spiritual needs of our people.

- + Leaders who grow are leaders who seek out feedback on their leadership.
- + Benchmarking our church against others is a healthy practice.

+ You're contributing to establishing a national picture of NZ church life. The Church Life Survey NZ provides meaningful information about the size and structure of the church in our nation.

*** Got questions or concerns? Please contact the office (09) 238 6641**

3 Ways to participate:

Scan the QR code On your phone



Follow this link on your computer

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H24VDYK6FDK0JY1K40F20H5G/en-rc>

Paper Copies

Online is preferred but if you are not comfortable with this, please pick up a paper copy from the foyer.

St. Pat's Youth Group

17th September at 3.30pm.
All youth aged 10–18
Welcome.

St. Patrick's Parish Council

AGM

8th October
Following 10am Mass
All Welcome!

McAuley High School

60th jubilee! To all our past students. Please join us in celebrating our school's 60th jubilee on **Saturday 23 September**. For more information, please email alumni@mcauleyhigh.school.nz

St. Patrick's Pukekohe - Vision Statement

'A vibrant Catholic parish that transforms members into the People of God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the Sacramental Life of the church. We offer to all, without exclusion, the opportunity to connect with each other and grow together in Christ.'

Healing Mass

Including Anointing with Holy Oils
Every 3rd Friday of the month, 11am Mass, followed by a Cuppa & Chat. All Welcome



WCCM Meditation

Pukekohe Group, Meet in the Chapel, Wednesdays 5:30pm. Any queries please contact Roanne 027 647 8000 roanneraine@gmail.com



Support Life Sunday 7-8 October 2023 – A Consistent Ethic of Life

Each year, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ celebrates Support Life Sunday. This year, the Bishops' chosen focus is The Consistent Ethic of Life. Along with a social-media campaign and liturgical material due out later in September to assist, the bishops will be releasing a revised version of an important 1997 statement titled Te Kahu o Te Ora – the 'Garment of Life'. This statement explores the application of what is a uniquely Catholic ethical framework to contemporary moral issues. Much has changed in the quarter-century since 1997, yet much remains the same. The liturgical resources, social media slides and other material will centre on the idea that all life issues are interconnected. The framework of a Consistent Ethic of Life provides us with a lens to recognise and act on those connections. Pending the publication of the revised version of Te Kahu o Te Ora, go here to recall the 1997 original: www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/a-consistent-ethic-of-life/

St Francis Retreat Centre:

www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651
Time Out Days: For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | **Tue 3 Oct | Wed 1 Nov**
St Francis Open Day | Sun 1 Oct 2pm-4pm.
Contemplative Prayer Retreat: Sat 7 Oct 10am-4pm

COMMUNITY NETWORKS FRANKLIN & FRANKLIN LOCAL BOARD

Strengthening Our Disaster Resilience: Community Meeting

19 September 2023, 5.30pm-7pm
Pukekohe Anglican Church Complex
37 Queen St, Pukekohe

