

### Easter Special Collections

#### Good Friday

This special collection is dedicated to the up-keep of Holy Places.  
*God Bless your generosity!*

#### Easter Offering

You will see ‘Easter Offering’ envelopes in the foyer. This special collection is dedicated to our Parish Priests.  
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**The Annunciation Mass: 9am, Monday 8 April**  
The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord (normally March 25th). The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God’s will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the “Word became Flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).  
  
In 2024, because it would otherwise fall during Holy Week, the Annunciation will be observed on Monday, April 8th.

**Regular Mass Times** (resume Tuesday 2nd April)

**Sunday: 8am 10am\* 5pm**  
*\*Children’s Liturgy at 10am Mass (during term time)*

**Monday: 9am** (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)

**Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9am**

**Thursday: 7pm** (Adoration 5pm - 10pm)

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

#### In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vernon, the brother of Mary Appleby, who passed away recently.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

#### Rosary

Daily at 8.30am (except Thurs/Sun)  
Also Fridays **12.15pm**  
All are Welcome!

#### St Pat's Kids Choir:

Children aged 5 - 13 are welcome. Practices are Wednesdays at 3pm. If you wish for your child to join, please email [maireadg@stjosephs.co.nz](mailto:maireadg@stjosephs.co.nz)

#### Baptism of Infants -

Last Sunday of month at 10am Mass. Parents must attend a course. To register, call/email the office.

#### Marriage

Please contact Fr 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](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz)

#### 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**

#### St Pat’s Crafters Group

Every **Mon, 10am - 12**, upper meeting room. Bring your crafts and join us for sharing and fellowship. **Call Lynette 2385690** or just turn up.

#### 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.

#### Youth Group (10 - 18 years)

Every 3rd Sunday, 3.30pm start  
Fun / Faith / Food / Friendship  
**(Check Bulletin for updates)**

#### Young Adults Group (18 - 35 years)

Every 3rd or 4th Sunday, 6.30pm  
**(Check the Bulletin for any changes in schedule or venue)**

#### Monday Night Prayer Group

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

#### 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](mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz)

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you know of someone who would like to explore the faith and become a Catholic or who wants to discuss their own faith journey. Please contact Neil 0210725963 or Fr Robert 021 1133840 or the Parish Office.

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

#### The Catholic Faith on Demand

[formed.org](http://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!

#### Christian Meditation

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

#### Medical Emergency Dial 111

AED located in foyer

#### St Patrick’s Parish Council

- Fr Robert Steele (Parish Priest/Interfaith), Peter Fa’afiu (Chair), TBC (Secretary), Manase Leger (Food Bank), Ismaelito Labis & Allan Murillo (Filipino Group), Jomel Vicente & Daniel Patten (Youth Ministry), Salote Sanalio (Tongan Group), Neil Rutherford (RCIA), Wayne Oswald, Rangi Hawkins

#### Holy Cross Seminary

[www.holycross.org.nz](http://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](mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz)

# St Patrick’s Catholic Church

#### Parish Priest:

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Facebook: St Pats Pukekohe  
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#### Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday 7pm  
Good Friday 3pm  
Saturday Vigil 7pm  
Easter Sunday 9am ONLY

**Adoration**  
Thursdays 5pm — 10pm

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

**Caring group**  
Do you know someone in the Parish in need of a visit or a chat or something else? Please contact the office.

**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, contact the office.

**Over 8 years Baptism & Sacramental Programme**  
Contact the office.

**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 - Easter 2024

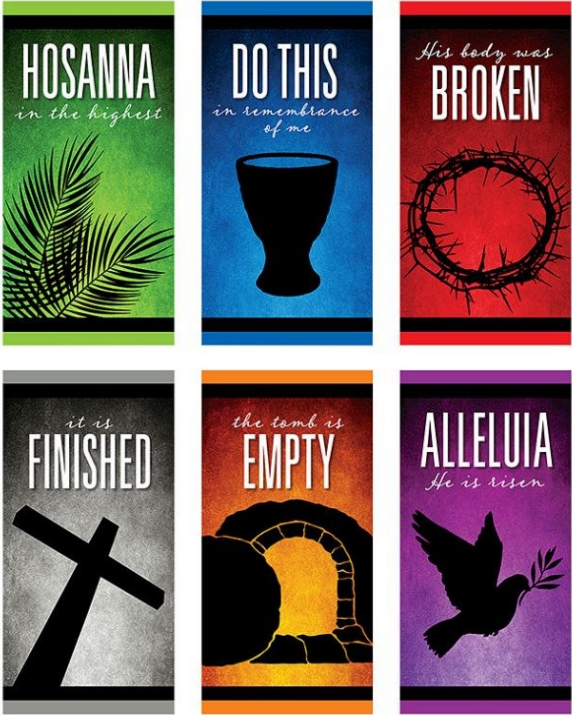
The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation. At first they didn’t understand the Scripture, today’s Gospel tells us. We don’t know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea’s prophecy of Israel’s restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9–10). Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—“tomb.” What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34). What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today’s First Reading tells us. Peter’s speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan t His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22–23), to His rising from the dead. We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now “hidden with Christ in God,” as today’s Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week —to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb. We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today’s Psalm: “I shall not die, but live.” They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, “will appear with Him in glory.”

#### “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](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz)





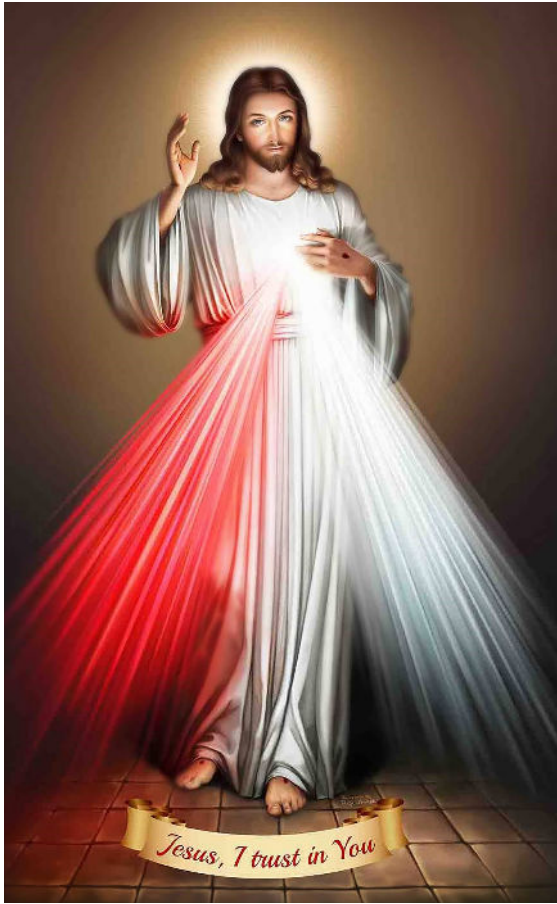
**Divine Mercy Sunday: at St. Pat’s Pukekohe**

Hour of Divine Mercy,  
**7th April 2:30 - 3:30pm**

- Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Sacrament of Confession
- Readings from St Faustina’s Diary

*“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment!”*

**Our Lord to St. Faustina (Diary 699)**



**Community Open Day** St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College. **Saturday, 6 April** 9.30am - 12.30pm. An invitation to all in the community to join a guided tour of our new college. All are welcome.



**Catholic Women's League**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Upper Room of the Parish Hall. New members welcome.

**St. Patrick’s Food Bank**

Our St. Pat’s Foodbank is experiencing an increasing demand for food parcels from those in our parish & community in need of support. We would be very grateful for any donations of the following: Cereal, Pasta, Noodles, Rice, Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Tomato Sauce, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Jam, Peanut Butter, Coffee, Tea, Milo, Canned Fruit, UHT Milk, soap and sanitary products,

**For Online Bank Donations: 02-0108-0708844-004**  
(Please include your pledge number as a reference or let the office know if you need a receipt)




**Alpha Runs Here!**

Do you want to find out more about your faith? Our next Alpha Course is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, 30th April**

Scan QR or Email:  
stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com  
or [Click Here](#)

**Auckland Catholic Diocese Archives Tour**

The archives of the Auckland Catholic Diocese will be providing a presentation, exhibition of items related to Bishop Pompallier and a tour of Bishops House for parish groups. The presentation and tour will take approximately an hour on a Saturday morning. **Bookings will be essential.** The times will be 9.30 am and 11.00 am and the dates are; **27 April 2024, 25 May 2024, 22 June 2024, 27 July 2024** We invite you to organise a group to visit and connect with our rich heritage. Once you have a group (of up to 12) contact us to set a date. You can either email [archives@cda.org.nz](mailto:archives@cda.org.nz) or phone (09) 360 3064. We look forward to seeing a group from your parish community.



**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.’

**Sacred Heart College Fair**

We warmly invite friends and families to the upcoming SHC Fair, **Sunday 7th April 9am - 2pm**. This fantastic day includes delicious food stalls of all varieties, new and preloved items, a silent auction, the best quick-fire raffle in town, cafes, cake stalls, games for the kids, and much more. A great day out for the family. All welcome.

**+ Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa**, the Apostolic Nuncio to Aotearoa New Zealand, has left for Rome as he continues his recovery from a stroke. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, the President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, asks Catholics to keep Archbishop Rugambwa in their prayers. He suffered a stroke last 27 October and has been recovering and undergoing rehabilitation in Wellington. “It is with much sadness that we farewell Archbishop Novatus,” says Bishop Lowe. “The bishops acknowledge our deep gratitude for his services to the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific. We pray for his safe travels to Rome, and we invoke the prayers of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, our New Zealand patroness, for his healing and continued wellbeing.”

**+ Towards October 2024** Local Churches are invited to contribute to the Synod on Synodality by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report. These contributions are guided by the question: “HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?” The diocese is offering sessions to provide an opportunity for the Church of Auckland to participate in this phase of the consultation. For more details and to register (which is required) <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/towards-october-2024/>

**+ Vacancy: Director, National Liturgy Office** The NZ Catholic Bishops are seeking applications for the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. This important role promotes sound liturgical practice, supports the liturgical aspects of the work of national agencies and provides resources for parishes and schools in Aotearoa. Ad hoc projects include preparing national liturgical events and providing an Aotearoa point of contact for major liturgical initiatives of the universal Church. Key to the role is good working relationships with people involved in liturgy at the diocesan level and sharing the bishops' commitment to a bicultural and inclusive approach to liturgy. If you have a passion for the liturgical life of the Church, qualifications and experience in liturgy and good relationship-building skills, please consider applying. The role is part-time (minimum 20 hours per week negotiable) and fixed term (two years). The office has space alongside the NZCBC Secretariat in Thorndon, Wellington; however the role can be based remotely. For a full role description, email NZCBC Executive Director, Damian Dempsey via [secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz). Role posting closes **Thursday 28th March**.

**+ Vacancy Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha) – Catholic Prison Chaplaincy** We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Northland Region Corrections Facility. The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 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 5 April 2024.**

**+ Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April** at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10

**+ University Ministry Coordinator** – Catholic Diocese of Auckland . Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We’re looking for someone who answers “Yes!” to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You’ll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

**+ CDA Connect The latest issue** - a roundup of happenings in the diocese and what’s coming up is now out. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

**+ Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession** On **Good Friday 29th March**, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick’s Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz).

**+ Accountant - Catholic Diocese of Auckland** The Accountant role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager and CFO with operational leadership for the financial management of the Diocese and its related entities. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and monthly management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals. 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 19 April 2024.**