


### Volunteers for 28th April & 5th May 2024

	8am		10am		5pm	
	Today	Next Sunday	Today	Next Sunday	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Patricia & Janelle	Kay & Irene	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Welcome/P.O.F	Noel Surrey	Etikeni	Connie Bianan	Irene Howell	Irene Howell	Kathy Swindell
Children's Liturgy						
Ministers of the Word	1.John Cole 2.Maria Van der Gulik	1.John Jensen 2.Sue Jensen	1.Jo Buen 2.Jenkins Rwothomio	1.Lesieli Seaton 2.Joe Emelio	1.Daniel Patten 2.Hannah Garratt	1.Thomas Baraniko 2.Erieti Ruben
Gifts	McMahon Family	Eleonor & Eva	Sacayanan Family	Bianan Family	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	1.Eli 2.Jomel 3.Nellie 4.Novi 5.Racheal 6.Gerry 7.Nef	1.Cathy 2.Annabelle 3.Alex 4.Jean 5.Wayne 6.Catherine 7.Kay	1.Amor 2.Ismaelito 3.Manase 4.Fehi 5.Mid 6.Tishni 7.John	1.Eseta 2.Tonnie 3.Tim 4.Irene 5.Jason 6.Allan 7.Hsiu Ying	TBC	TBC
Altar Servers	Taylor, Renzo, Veronika		Arjun, Pitas, Caroline, Ava		Robert, Elijah	
AV Operators	Marius		Peni		Kitione	
Musicians	Celso/Jay		Tongan Choir	Kids Choir	Silvy/Terese	
Mission Shop	Returns 19 May					

**Brass Cleaning:** Lisa Whiteman (5 May), Kay Whitton (12 May)

**Flowers:** Cathy R (28 April), Joyce & Puppe (12 May)

 <p><b>Rosary</b> Daily at 8.30am (except Thurs/Sun) Also Fridays 12.15pm All are Welcome!</p>	<p><b>St Pat's Kids Choir:</b> Children aged 5 -13 are welcome. Practices are Wednesdays at 3pm. If you wish for your child to join, please email <a href="mailto:maireadg@stjosephs.co.nz">maireadg@stjosephs.co.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Marriage</b> Please contact Fr Robert as early as possible before the anticipated wedding date. Pre-marriage education is required. A pamphlet outlining the process &amp; registration details are available in the Church foyer or Parish Office or contact 09 3603025 <a href="mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz">marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Hall Hire - St. Patrick's Hall</b> is available to parishioners for booking by contacting the Parish Office. Please contact the office for an application form and to check availability. <b>PLEASE BOOK WELL IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT</b></p>
<p><b>St Pat's Crafters Group</b> Every Mon, 10am - 12, upper meeting room. Bring your crafts and join us for sharing and fellowship. Call Lynette 2385690 or just turn up.</p>	<p><b>Communion to the Sick</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Youth Group (10 - 18 years)</b> Every 3rd Sunday, 3.30pm start Fun / Faith / Food / Friendship <i>(Check Bulletin for updates)</i></p> <p><b>Young Adults Group (18 - 35 years)</b> Every 3rd or 4th Sunday, 6.30pm <i>(Check the Bulletin for any changes in schedule or venue)</i></p>	<p><b>Monday Night Prayer Group</b> Meets from 7pm to 8pm, scripture and prayer. Ring Rita or Roger 092384667 or 0210626389.</p>

<p><b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</b> 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 Harry 021 2782785 or Fr Robert 021 1133840 or the Parish Office.</p>	<p><b>Alpha Runs Here!</b> Do you want to find out more about your faith? Scan QR or Email: <a href="mailto:stpatpukekohealpha@gmail.com">stpatpukekohealpha@gmail.com</a> or <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>	<p><b>The Catholic Faith on Demand</b> <a href="http://formed.org">formed.org</a> Free for parishioners to Sign Up &amp; Enjoy! Click 'Sign Up', Choose 'Sign up as parishioner', Type 'St Patrick's Church Pukekohe', Click 'Next', Enter your name &amp; email address, Click 'Sign Up' - You're done!</p>	<p><b>Planned Giving:</b> 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. <a href="mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz">accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz</a></p>
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<p><b>Christian Meditation</b> WCCM Meditation Pukekohe Group, Meet in the Chapel Wednesday 5:30pm Any queries please contact Roanne 027 647 8000 <a href="mailto:roanneraine@gmail.com">roanneraine@gmail.com</a></p>
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<p><b>Medical Emergency Dial 111</b> AED located in foyer</p>	<p><b>St Patrick's Parish Council</b> - Fr Robert Steele (Parish Priest/Interfaith), Peter Fa'afiu (Chair), TBC (Secretary), Manase Leger (Food Bank), Ismaelito Labis &amp; Allan Murillo (Filipino Group), Jomel Vicente &amp; Daniel Patten (Youth Ministry), Salote Sanalio (Tongan Group), Neil Rutherford (RCIA), Wayne Oswald, Rangi Hawkins</p>	<p><b>Holy Cross Seminary</b> <a href="http://www.holycross.org.nz">www.holycross.org.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Notices for the Bulletin</b> Please send notices and announcements to the Parish Office <b>before Thursday</b> for the coming Sunday bulletin. <a href="mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz">accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz</a></p>
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# 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 of the Word with Holy Communion**  
**Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9am Mass**  
**Thursday: 7pm Mass**

### 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.

Harry (021)2782785 or Fr Robert (021) 1133 840 or Parish Office (09) 238 6641.

### Reflection - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 28th April

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17–24). In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist. Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16–20). We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness. Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4–11). We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing. As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

### Parish Office Closed

Wednesday 1st May  
For Parish Secretaries Day.  
Please email any enquiries or drop items in the 'drop box' beside the office door. For urgent matters, please text (0204) 195 3491

### Next Sunday's Readings

1st	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2nd	1John 4:7-10
G	John 15:9-17*

### Seminary Appeal



If you did not get a chance to make a donation to the Seminary Appeal last Sunday, Special Collection Envelopes are still available in the foyer or use the QR code. Online donations can also be made to the Parish Account 02-0108-0708844-00 Reference Seminary. Please contact the office for a receipt. God Bless your generosity.



*"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)



**CWL Mother's Day Raffle**

Catholic Women's League's first fundraiser for the year is our Mother's Day Raffle. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on **Sunday, 28 April and 5 May.** \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. Cash is preferred. The raffle will be drawn on the 5th May in time for Mother's Day on the 12th May.

**Parish Office**

**Closed**  
Wed 1st May for Parish Secretaries Day. Please email any enquiries or drop items in the 'drop box' beside the office door. For urgent matters, please text (0204) 195 3491

**Foodbank Needs**

The St Pats Foodbank is currently short of Pasts and Weetbix. Also, clean Ice Cream containers would be of great help. If you are able to help with any of these items, please either drop them in to the office or bring them on Sunday. God bless your ongoing support of our local community in need. Further details of how you can offer support are below.

**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)

**Pledge Receipts / Envelopes**

The 2024/2025 Pledge Receipts & Envelopes are now available in the foyer, for those who use them. You will notice a difference in envelope size, which may be a little inconvenient, but this standard envelope size can be easily printed here in the office and is therefore a very cost effective method of producing them. If you do not see your name but still require envelopes, please contact the office.  
If you would like to join the pledge, please complete the available registration forms and return them to the office. [accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz](mailto:accounts@pukekohecatholic.org.nz)

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy :** Bible Stories - What do they mean? Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sunday, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles. Monday, 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm \$25/session, incl. study material. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**+ Thinking about the priesthood?** Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith. 4 May at noon – [www.aucklandvocations.org.nz](http://www.aucklandvocations.org.nz) for more details.

**+ Homestays for pre-seminary students** The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email [alisonm@cda.org.nz](mailto:alisonm@cda.org.nz) or phone 09 360 3003.

**+ Marriage and Family Life Ministry** at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) .

**+ Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Friday 3rd May 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

**+ Let's Talk About Mary 8 May 7.30pm** Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore Mary, missionary disciple. Please register [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

**+ Pilgrims of Hope** - Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

**+ 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/>

**+ The Israel Palestine Conflict** – A Perspective from Professor Mazin 18 May, 1pm, St. Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

**+ Join Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology).

**+ Relics Tour From 26 April to 5 May** there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. More details: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/)

**+ Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2024** For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

**+ 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/)

**+ Ministers of the Word** and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion . The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided). 5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa), 19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)  
Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

**+ Fr Chris Skinner Concert** Rescheduled Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May Suggested Koha \$10

**Seminary Special Collection**

2024 Bishop's Appeal. Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate). Thanks all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

If you missed this special collection, it is not too late to collect

one of the specially printed envelopes in the foyer or use the QR code.



God bless your generosity.



**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](mailto:stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com) or [Click Here](#)



**WCCM Meditation**

Pukekohe Group, Meet in the Chapel, Wednesdays 5:30pm. Contact Roanne 027 647 8000 [roanneraine@gmail.com](mailto:roanneraine@gmail.com)



**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.'