

St Patrick's Catholic Church

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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

Volunteers for 11th & 18th August 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	Dory Murillo	Etiken Helu	Peter Fa'afiu	Michael Surrey		
Ministers of the Word	1.Sue Jensen 2.John Jensen	1.Lachlan Hadley 2.Mary Jane Harvey	1.Collin Dena 2.Lizzie Farrell	1.Ursula Hall 2.Annabelle Shield		
Gifts	Kay Whitton	Lyn Wilcox	Tongan Community	Emelio Family		
Extra- Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	1.Nellie 2.Novi 3.Rachael 4.Gerry 5.Nef 6.Eli 7.Jomel	1.Alex 2.Jean 3.Wayne 4.Catherine 5.Kay 6.Cathy R 7.Annabelle	1.Ismaelito 2.Manase 3.Fehi 4.Mid 5.Tishni 6.John 7.Eseta	1.Tonnie 2.Tim 3.Irene 4.Tim 5.Allan 6.Hsiu Ying 7.Bryan	Sacrament Mass	Youth Mass
Altar Servers	Robert, Elijah, Kitione	Taylor, Olivia, Noah	Arjun, Cedric, Klay, Rafabella	Chloe, Deanna, Pitas		
AV Operators	Simon D	Annabelle	TJ G	Cedric		
Musicians	Shakey		Gary			
Mission Shop	Jenni, Rosemary, Mary Jane Harvey		Kim & Paul, Kathy, Nan			

Brass Cleaning: TBC
Flowers: 18 & 25 August (Connie & Bernice Bianan)

Reflection - Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 11 August 2024

**FOLLOW CHRIST BY LOVING AS HE
LOVED YOU.**

EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2



*If there was a court case would I
be found guilty of following Jesus
by loving all as he loves me?*

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see his flesh, that he is the “son” of Joseph and Mary. Yet if we believe, if we seek him in our distress, he will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm. At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1-2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat his Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26). This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4-5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as he fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10). Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving him as he has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

Sacrament Mass 5pm

We welcome Bishop Steve, to the 5pm Mass, to Confirm 55 young ones, who will also be receiving their First Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend and please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st	Proverbs 9:1-6
2nd	Ephesians 5:15-20
G	John 6:51-58

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.

Looking to become Catholic?

Enquire about 'Rite of Christian Initiation'

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

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**

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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

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

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

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

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

Youth Group (10 - 18 years)
Every 3rd Sunday, 3.30pm start
Fun / Faith / Food / Friendship
(Check Bulletin for changes)

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.

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.



Divine Mercy
every 1st Sunday, 3-3.30pm, here at St. Pat's



Alpha Runs Here!
Do you want to find out more about your faith? Scan QR or stpatpukekohealpha@gmail.com or Click Here

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!

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

Looking to become Catholic?
Enquire about '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 Harry 021 2782785 or Fr Robert 021 1133840 or the Parish Office.

Medical
Emergency
Dial 111



AED located in foyer

St Patrick's Parish Council - Fr Robert Steele (Parish Priest/Interfaith), Peter Fa'afiu (Chair), Daniel Patten (Secretary), Manase Leger (Food Bank), Ismaelito Labis & Allan Murillo (Filipino Group), Jomel Vicente & Daniel Patten (Youth Ministry), Salote Sanalio (Tongan Group), Harry (RCIA), Matt Grevatt (St. Ignatius), Jean Kiely (Liturgy)



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

Sunday, 11 August 2024

Sacrament Mass 11th August at 5pm

This Sunday we welcome **Bishop Steve** to the 5pm Mass for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion of 55 candidates. These young ones have been preparing over the last 10 or so weeks. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they become fully initiated members of the Catholic Family.

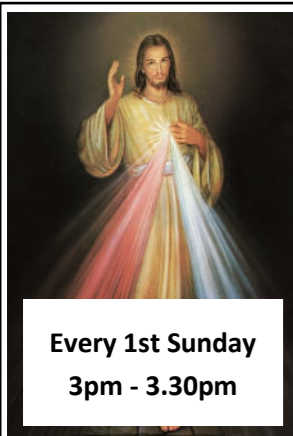


Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
9am and 7pm Thursday 15 August



Sunday 25 August |
2pm – 4pm followed by a
cuppa | St Patrick's Parish,
Pukekohe

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA) give an informative and engaging presentation about Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture. He will discuss the dignity of the human person and address the life and family issues of concern today. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz or visit fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024



Divine Mercy here at St. Pat's Pukekohe

Calling for Divine Mercy prayer warriors! You are invited to join our Divine Mercy prayer group at St Patrick's. Please contact Thomas @0220948675 if interested or any queries.

Every 1st Sunday
3pm - 3.30pm



Afternoon Alpha

Our first ever **Afternoon Tea / Café Style Alpha** begins on the **1st of September 2.45 - 4.30pm**. We are now taking registrations so if you are interested or know someone who may want to attend, please scan the QR code or email stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com



Counties Catholic Mens' Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 14th August, at St Ignatius College in Drury, beginning with mass at 7:00 pm. New members welcome, come and join in our prayers for priests, for vocations, and for each other. Contact Richard 029 5335370 or Tim 027 2436211

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League August meeting is a daytime meeting on Wednesday 14th at 1.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Come and learn how to make a junk journal. Contact Fleur on 0272286053 for further information.



St. Patrick's Foodbank Group



We are always in need of clean brown paper shopping bags. If you have any spare please drop them off to the office during the week or directly to Noel or Jean. Thank you and God Bless

JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

To all Men ... is the Lord challenging you to draw closer to him, our Model? If the answer is YES then we have an amazing opportunity for you. A One-day Retreat directed by Bishop Steve Lowe, titled 'HE EMPTIED HIMSELF' (Phil 2:7) will be held on **Sat 19 October (8am - 4pm) at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield.**

The day will be a special time of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship and will end with Mass. Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs will be appreciated. All men are welcome. Contact Greg Sullivan 021 437747 or Russell 022 0345678 to

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.'

+ Invitation to all: Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Steve Lowe will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, 02 September 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

+ The Seminary in 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby has a unit available for short-term occupancy for 6-months from 02 August 2024 to 02 February 2025. 3-bed/2-bath/Internal laundry/Double internal access garage Rent per week: Given it is a short-term occupancy, rental rate is to be determined. Please contact Rochelle Pinto Office Manager at Holy Cross Seminary (09) 360 6768 office@holycross.org.nz for further details.

+ St Patrick's Cathedral, Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph are at 7 am, 12.15 pm & a special after work time of 5.30 pm. \$4.50 MASS PARKING is available for the 5.30pm Mass only at the Wilson car park on Hobson St using the ParkMate App. Use the Promo Code STPATS.

+ Accountant – Fixed Term 1-year Parental Leave Cover We are looking for a CA qualified Accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. 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 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 under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 12 August 24

+ Special Mass for Loss of a Child A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. The Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist help facilitate healing through fully knowing God's love and mercy. St Michael's Catholic Church, Beatrice Ave, Remuera **Saturday 7th September 5.00pm** Reconciliation & Adoration from 4.30pm For more information contact: Brenda Brightwell on behalf of St Michael's Parish, 027 6415615

+ Young Adults Ball / Saturday 14th September 7pm at McHugh's of Cheltenham Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Here's your chance to put on your best formal attire and fall down the rabbit hole and into a world of whimsy, where the fantastical realm of Alice in Wonderland awaits! Throughout the evening, be enchanted by the melodies of our live band, whose music will set the tone for a night of dancing and revelry. Indulge in canapes fit for a tea party, and select some of your favourite beverages available at the bar (With one free drink included in your ticket). Capture memories that will last a lifetime with our professional photographer, who will be on hand to snap photos of you and your friends against the backdrop of this magical event. Don't be late for this very important date! - secure your tickets now: Earlybird tickets are \$100 (until the 15th July). Standard tickets \$120 (Ticket sales close 31st August or if sold out). *This is an 18+ event. Tickets: https://Young_Adults_Ball.eventbrite.com

+ Mindful that many Catholic university students in Auckland "don't know what's out there for them," University Students, Mass and **FREE lunch every Tuesday, 12:10pm, at Maclaurin Chapel, 18 Princes St**, Auckland CBD Join us every Tuesday during semester at 12:10pm for mass, followed by a delicious (free) lunch. If you'd like to find out more about what's going on for Catholic university students in Auckland, please check out instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/

+ World Youth Day Auckland, Saturday 17th August 10am – 8:30pm at Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont St Freemans Bay Get Ready for World Youth Day Auckland 2024! Calling all young people aged 13-35yrs old (and their youth leaders)! Join us and over ONE THOUSAND young Catholics for an unforgettable day at Victory Convention Centre HOPE IS HERE! Experience a full day of fun, friendship, and faith, inspired by our theme scripture for World Youth Day 2024: "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31). Get excited for inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, delicious (free kai), mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, powerful prayer experiences, and one BIG celebration of our Catholic faith. Spread the word, rally your youth group, and get registered now! Register: <https://WYDAK24.eventbrite.com> *

*Anyone from St. Patrick's Pukekohe wishing to attend World Youth Day Auckland, please see Jemel or contact the office.