

**Volunteers for 1st & 8th March 2026**

	8am		10am		5pm	
	Today	Next Sunday	Today	Next Sunday	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Irene, Nellie	Rosemary, Janelle	<b>Volunteers Please</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>
Welcome/ P.O.F	Lachlan	Dory Murillo	Peter Fa'afiu	Toni Lafaele	Fleur De Farias	Patrick Akaruru
Ministers of the Word	1.John Jensen 2.Sue Jensen	1.Maria VanderGulik 2.Mary Jane Harvey	1.Joe Emelio 2.Klay Dela Pena	1.Christine Balle 2.Connie Bianan	1.Steve Carne 2.Carlos Garcia	1.Rosalie Tan 2.Daniel Patten
Gifts	Irene Farrell	Jim & Jovie Balle	Dena Family	Sindhu Thomas & Family	Tishan & Mary	Chanson Family
Extra- Ordinary Ministers	1.Gerry 2.Nef 3.Novi 4.Shakey 5.Dominic 5.Annabelle 6.Alex	1.Jean 2.Cathy 3.Eli 4.Jomel 5.Nellie 6.Lisa 7.Kay	1.Manase 2.Fehi 3.Bridgette 4.Eseta 5.John 6.Bernie 7.Tonnie	1.Tim 2.Irene 3.Jason 4.Allan 5.Rey 6.Jenni 7.Mid	1.Mid 2.Irene 3.Jason 4.Margaret 5.Tishan 6.Jean	1. - 2.Novi 3.Annabelle 4.Alex 5.Margaret 6. - 7.Jean
Altar Servers	1.Gabrielle 2.Hana 3.Marius 4.Fatai	1.Veronica 2.Sophia H 3.Robert 4.Tapauki	1.Sofia B 2.Trixie 3.Ashlyn 4.Flynn	1.Austin 2.Anne 3.Deanna 4.Desiree	1.Sopia H 2.Elizabeth 3.Maise 4.Bryson	1.Zoe 2.Ava 3.Savannah 4.Terubeiti
AV Operators	Helen	Marius	Mele	Cedric	Robert	Kitione
Musicians	Celso / Jay	Grace/Jojo	Dahee	Gafoi Family	Therese	Gaby/Silvy
Mission Shop	Returns 15 March					

**Brass Cleaning:** Amor Labis (1 Mar) Florence Lussi & Trish V. (8 Mar) Dan & Raffy Obnial (15 Mar)  
**Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass: (during school term time ONLY)**  
**Flowers:**

<p><b>Rosary</b> Daily at 8.30am (except Thurs &amp; Sun) Also Fridays <b>12.15pm</b> All are Welcome!</p>	<p><b>St Pat's Kids Choir:</b> Children aged 5 -13 are welcome. Practices are Fridays at 3.30pm. If you wish for your child to join, please email <a href="mailto:guia.viviana@gmail.com">guia.viviana@gmail.com</a> <b>(ALL children must be accompanied by a parent / caregiver)</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Group:</b> Every 3rd Sunday of the month (unless otherwise advertised). <b>Fun / Faith / Food / Friendship</b> Little Saints 9 - 12 years LifeTeens 13 - 18 years Enquiries to: <a href="mailto:bridgettec@cda.org.nz">bridgettec@cda.org.nz</a></p>	<p><b>Mass Times &amp; Sacramental Enquiries can be found on the front page of this bulletin.</b></p>	<p><b>Hall Hire</b> St. Pat's Hall is available to parishioners for booking. Contact the Office for an application form and check availability. Please book well in advance to avoid disappointment.</p>						
<p><b>St Pat's Crafters Group</b> Every <b>Mon.10am -12</b>, upper meeting room. Bring your crafts and join us for sharing and fellowship. Call <b>Lynette 2385690</b> 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>Divine Mercy</b> 1st Sundays, 3-3.30pm here at St. Pat's</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>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>						
<p><b>Looking to become Catholic? Enquire about 'Order of Christian Initiation of Adults' (OCIA)</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 the office in the first instance.</p>	<p><b>Alpha Runs Here!</b> Do you want to find out more about your faith? Email <a href="mailto:stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com">stpatspukekohealpha@gmail.com</a> or scan the QR code.</p>	<p><b>FORMED (Movies, Docos, Teaching) 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'</p>	<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>	<p><b>Next Sunday's Readings</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1st</td> <td>Exodus 17:3-7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>Romans 5:1-2,5-8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G</td> <td>John 4:5-42</td> </tr> </table>	1st	Exodus 17:3-7	2nd	Romans 5:1-2,5-8	G	John 4:5-42
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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), Daniel Patten (Secretary), Manase Leger (Food Bank), Ismaelito Labis &amp; Allan Murillo (Filipino Group), Jomel Vicente &amp; Daniel Patten (Youth Ministry), Salote Sanalio (Tongan Group), Harry (RCIA), Matt Grevatt (St. Ignatius), Jean Kiely (Liturgy)</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

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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**



**Second Sunday of Lent - 1st March 2026**

**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**  
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'. Contact the office in the first instance. (09) 238 6641.

**Gospel Reflection:**  
Listen to Him - Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34). But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began." With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8) and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26). In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1). Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today. By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly

**Rite II Reconciliation,**  
**3rd March,**  
**7pm**

homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

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*"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) / Complaints can be directed, in confidence, to the Parish Office, Father Robert or direct to the National Office for Professional Standards 0800 114 622 [prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz)

**Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent, 7pm**

**Church AV System Upgrade**

Please note that due to work being done on our AV System, Mass / Liturgy will be held in the hall on the following days:

**Mon 2nd (NO LITURGY)  
Tues 3rd March  
Wed 4th March**

**SET FREE YOUTH CAMP - Sponsorships**

We are hoping to send some of our young people along to Set Free Catholic Youth Festival again this year in April - it was life-changing for many of us last year! We are always SO incredibly blessed and grateful to our Parish for your generosity to make these Camps possible. If you would like to fully or partially sponsor a young person to go along to this Camp, we would be immensely grateful! Each participant's fee is \$130. Account Name: St Patrick's Pukekohe Parish  
Account Number: 02-0108-0708844-00  
Reference: Set Free

**Rite II Reconciliation, 3rd March, 7pm**

**Thursday Adoration after 7pm Mass until 9.30pm**



**Welcoming of the New Principal of St. Ignatius of Loyola College**

Catherine Bamber-O'Malley will be welcomed at the 10 am Mass on **Sunday, 8th March**, followed by a 'Meet and Greet'. All Welcome.

**Reshaping in the Spirit of Synodality regional formation sessions. Local session at St Patrick's Pukekohe 4th March, 7.00-9.00pm All Welcome!**

**Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April 2.30 - 3.30pm In the church**

**CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL**

During Lent, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand call on us all to provide for the needs of the poor and vulnerable through the work of Caritas. Every donation to the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps fund Caritas' life-changing work around the world. Caritas is there in times of disaster and emergency. Your support this Lent will ensure Caritas has the funds and ability to support those in need when disaster strikes. **Envelops are available at the foyer.**

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage**

Join a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 05-18 June 2026. Experience Our Lady's presence on a 'Medjugorje In-Depth' pilgrimage and a fulfilling 10 night stay in the holy valley. Booking now. Contact Patricia at [www.mirpilgrimages.co.nz](http://www.mirpilgrimages.co.nz) | E: [info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz](mailto:info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz) | Mob: 027 3525 217.

**Mission Hub** Ephesians 4: The Five Gifts for Building the Church. Every member of the Church has a role to play in building up the Body of Christ. This March, join us at Mission Hub as we reflect on Ephesians 4 and the five gifts Christ gives His people: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, and Teacher. Together, we'll explore how to recognise these gifts in ourselves, how they strengthen the Church, and how we can respond with courage and faith. Monday 9 March, 7:00–8:30pm (NZ time), Online via Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/march9webinar>

**A free practical workshop helping beginner organists** develop stronger hymn-playing skills. Presenter: Michael Cox. Saturday, 14 March 2025, 1pm – 4pm. St. Patrick's Catholic Church Pukekohe 119-129 Seddon St Pukekohe. Registration Essential: Email [office@pukekohecatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@pukekohecatholic.org.nz)

**March For Life** – Auckland March 7th 2026 You can march for life together with thousands of others, and speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. March for life and show New Zealand that every life is precious. Enjoy a positive, family-friendly day with live music, inspiring speakers, and a community spirit. All are welcome. Gather at Te Komititanga Square 1pm More information at [marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.nz)

**Wings.Nga Parirau this Lent** – an invitation to know your faith and grow your relationship with Jesus. Are you interested but cannot make face-to-face meetings? Try Zoom! First Year Programme of 'Wings', Modules One and Two -on Zoom, 7-7.40pm, all **Thursdays in Lent**. We will be reflecting on the Catholic Faith and our personal Faith journey. Sunday Gospels of Lent provide a framework for our Scripture reflection, on Zoom, all **Saturdays in Lent** 7-7.40pm Church Teaching through the writings of Pope Leo XIV, reflect together, all **Wednesdays in Lent**, on Zoom, 7-7.40pm Come and pray silently with others, be present with Jesus each morning, on Zoom, 6.15 – 6.45am. Is Meditation new for you? 'Come and See!' Contact Dianna Fouhy: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

**Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown** St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation. When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera

**CALLING ALL TERTIARY STUDENTS!** There is a LARGE, VIBRANT and RAPIDLY growing Catholic STUDENT COMMUNITY present across University of Auckland and AUT campuses. JOIN US in 2026! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at [dans@cda.org.nz](mailto:dans@cda.org.nz) and/or check out the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"

**2026 Theology of the Body Courses and Prayer Retreats**  
Registration OPEN for 2026: Course 2: NEW Beginners TOB course – Called to Holiness - LIVE – 4-talk series. **Sat 28 March** (ONE DAY only) All adults 20 years + are welcome. To register please visit: [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz) For the Prayer Retreats and Talks at the Friary visit : [Home - St Francis Retreat Centre](http://Home-StFrancisRetreatCentre)  
**New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA) Retreat and Seminar** The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on **March 20 and 21**. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

**The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Assumption** invite you to the 2026 Aquinas Conference in Auckland held at Holy Family Parish, Te Atatu on **21st February**. It will begin with the Holy Mass at 9AM followed by four talks exploring the life and teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. It is open to all ages so please invite your family and friends. The Conference will be FREE of charge but donations (<https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicspriory>) will be greatly appreciated!

**Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention** | 13-15 March 2026 at Sacred Heart College Auckland. THE BEST place to be trained, renewed and inspired for Catholic Youth Ministry. Whether you are new to ministry, or looking for the best practices to continue your ministry, this event is designed for you. Expect incredible keynotes from the Catholic speakers, practical breakout sessions, and in addition to practical, comprehensive training, you will experience community and personal spiritual renewal. Whether you are a priest, in parish leadership, youth minister, DRS, teacher, youth leader, college chaplain, or an interested parent, we are ready to serve and train you this year at Life Teen Aotearoa's 2026 Leadership Convention. Register NOW! Earlybird prices available until 9th March: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/life-teen-aotearoa-leadership-convention>

**Mass for Life (and Adoration)**

Before the National March for Life, you are invited to attend Mass to pray for the protection of all pre-born children from conception and for the conversion and healing of all those who are wounded by, or participate in, abortion. Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass | Saturday 7 March | 9am at Holy Family Catholic Church - 94 Taikata Rd, Te Atatu Peninsula.



**St Patrick's Day Celebration**

Saturday 21 March 7pm -10pm

St Joseph's School Hall, 94 Seddon St, Pukekohe. Irish Dance performance / Supper / Music & Prizes / BYO Drinks / Adult \$20 / Child (6 -17 years) \$5, (0-5 years) FREE (Tickets on sale after Mass).

Green attire recommended!  
**Proceeds from the event will go to the youth group.**

**Young Adults**

For all those adults aged 18-39, you are more than welcome to come along for a Lunch at Su Mei Restaurant in Pukekohe at **12pm on Sunday 1st March**. We would love you to join us!

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** on Fri 6th March 7pm, 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.

**World Day of Prayer:** On **Thursday 6 March** we will celebrate The World Day of Prayer at the Anglican Church Pukekohe at 1pm. This year the featured country is Nigeria. All welcome.

**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.'