

PARISH NOTICES

We remember **Br Peter Henderson**, who left us 2 years ago on Monday 15th May. Rest in peace and love Br Peter. Please keep Bro in your prayers.

1. **Adorations** this **Sunday 21st May 2023** will be at its usual time of 5.00pm.
2. Our **AGM** next Sunday the 28th May 2023, after the 10am mass in the Parish Hall. If you have yet to submit your reports, I urge you to do it now.
3. **We continue to thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

1. **Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy Mary in the Scriptures*** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/> **Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
2. At Family Life Catholic Gifts, we have many lovely Marian gifts to honour the Blessed Mother in this the Month of May, the month of Mary. We have Rosaries, Statues, Books, etc. as well as beautiful Sacramentals for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Come and visit us at 569 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill or online at www.catholicgifts.co.nz. Phone (09)6290820. All proceeds from sales support our life-saving work with Education, Mums and Babies and St Gianna's Home.
3. If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to **train as Marriage Educators**, then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. We are looking for couples married for more than five years with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact gerrys@cda.org.nz
4. **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. For more information, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/
5. **Local Youth Ministry and Administration Support – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? The Diocese of Auckland want someone to join our in the role of Local Ministry and Administration Support. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/
6. **Volunteers needed!** The Onehunga Vinnies Op shop, run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, raised \$25,000 for flood relief in the lower North Island. We also help fund many food parcels for people in need. We need help with customer service, sorting, merchandising, pricing and picking up furniture donations. Please come and see us in our newly refurbished shop at 345 Onehunga Mall (9 to 4:30pm Mon-Sat), or contact Liz on 634-2697 or 022-467-5443 if you would like to be involved in a great cause.
7. **Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 2nd June 7:00pm** at St Mary's Church, 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.
8. **Jubilee Bursary Semester 2, 2023** For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 8th June 2023. Please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**“CALLED
TO SHARE
HIS
GLORY.”**

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A 21ST MAY 2023

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Daily Evening Eucharist:

Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm

First Friday Eucharist:

7.30am and **also at 7.00pm**

Saturday Eucharist:

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday Eucharist:

8.30am & 10.00am

Public Holidays:

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Adoration:

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

Tongan Mass:

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

Samoan Mass:

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

Youth Mass:

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

Reconciliation:

Every Sat at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm

Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:

Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm

The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:

Every Tuesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (**Pavilion**)

Reflection

(Acts 1:1-11). Luke has the Ascension happening on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and coming some forty days after the resurrection, as a solemn finale to his resurrection appearances. At the beginning of his second volume, he gives a brief recapitulation of the Gospel. Then he passes to a summary of the conversation of Jesus with the apostles after his resurrection. We then have a final appearance during which he promises to send them the Holy Spirit, a power that will enable them to be his witnesses. Through circles. The passage concludes with a description of the Ascension.

(Eph 1:17-23). Here Paul expresses the theological meaning of the Ascension: God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers, and making him head of the Church and Lord of creation. However, Paul is more interested in the consequences of all this for Christians. He talks about the hope the Ascension holds out for us: we are destined to share in the glory of Jesus.

(Mt 28: 16-20). Matthew has the Ascension happening in a mountain in Galilee. But, as in the First Reading, Jesus gives a mission and a promise to his followers. Jesus solemnly declares that the Father has given him total power over the universe. He is, therefore, in a position to launch a universal mission. So he commissions his representatives and sends them into the world to make disciples of 'all nations'. His own ministry was confined to Israel; now the good news is for all. One becomes a disciple through baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - undoubtedly the formula that was in use in the baptismal liturgy of Matthew's church. Matthew rounds off his Gospel with a word of encouragement for the disciples: the promise of the Lord to be with them always. The ascension does not represent his removal from the earth. It represents his liberation from all restrictions of time and space, so that he can be present everywhere on earth.

Readings for The Ascension of the Lord 21st May 2023

First reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven!*

Responsorial Psalm: 46

Clap your hands, all you people;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises.
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a Psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.



First reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go make disciples of all nations;
I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Alleluia!



Know that I am
with you always,
yes, until the end
of time.

MATTHEW 28:20

Jesus is with us in spirit, we are
now the hands, feet and heart of
Christ in our world.

How do I present Christ in my
everyday life?

- In my family?
- In my social group?
- In my work place?

Gospel:

A reading from the
Holy Gospel
according to
Matthew. 28:16-20
*All authority in heaven
and on earth has been
given to me!*

Readers for this week: Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Lily Ulberg	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Ane Enosi	Therese Ulberg Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Joshy Thomas Jose 2. Savelina Mahoni	Hulu Tu'inukuafe Glen Hill
10.00am	Eseta Oloa	1. Peta Sefo 2. Lisa Schaumkel	Selesitina Taamale Tatupu Vaalepu

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May 2023

6.00pm	Tonga Enosi, David Hagar
8.30am	Grace Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
10.00am	Faumuina Lio, Inoke Kata, Loselika Laumea

Readers for next week Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Pauline Calvert	1. Therese Ulberg 2. Veronica Hagar	Tatupu Vaalepu Ane Enosi
8.30am	Joshy Thomas Jose	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Hulu Tu'inukuafe	Fiesola Pifeleti Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Kiresa Mua	1. Kilika Leavasa 2. Vahe'a Falemaka	Petrina Fuga Magnolia Tomasi

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May 2023

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Lily Ulberg, Glen Hill
10.00am	Michaela Duarte, Cory Apikotoa, Soane Ahovelu Jr

Anniversaries for the coming week 22nd - 28th May

22. Alan Beale (1980)
23. Kenneth Stuart Ord (1981), Lydia Agnes Fraser (1993), Henry Mervyn Snell (1993), Gerard Stevens (2007)
24. Johanne Sophie Amelia Hills (1986), Catherine Ilene Maciver (1987)
25. Sr. Mary Gregory (Isabel Tohill) (1975), Elsie Berridge (1990), Yvonne Delgado de Campos (1992), Kathleen Mary Judson (1998), Fr Francis Leo Shannahan (2011)
26. Marie Cecilia Chapman (2007),
27. Samson Britto (2015).
28. Slavko Nola (1980), John Edward Healy (1985), Francis Desmond Long (1992), Joseph Paluki Fifita (1992)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Collections: \$1955.40

Readings for Next Week (28/05/23)

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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