

NOTICES

Young Adults Ball | Saturday 14th September 7pm – 11pm at Muhughs of Cheltenham 46 Cheltenham Road Auckland. Back by popular demand, we are excited to bring you The Young Adults Ball 2024! The theme for this year is 'Wonderland'. Early bird tickets on sale now: Go to facebook.com/AKCYM to get your ticket or email felicitym@cda.org.nz for more info.

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team are offering **refresher education sessions across the regions of the diocese for the ministries of 1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism preparation**. This is open to all educators and volunteers involved in these ministries. **Saturday 31 August 1-3pm St Pius X, Glen Innes; Northshore | 15 September 1-3pm St Joseph's, Takapuna**. Please register on <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/>. For any further information please contact Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or **021439407**

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/](https://www.instagram.com/aucklandcatholicstudents/)

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival to be held on Saturday 21 September to Sunday 22 September | at the Malaola Samoan Catholic Community Centre | 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere | A time of celebration with Food, Music, and Cultural Shows on Saturday 9am - 3pm, and Thanksgiving Mass in the various languages and culture on Sunday at 1pm. Be involved, Be there

Social Justice Week 2024 will run from 8–14 September. Resources are available on the website <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>.

14 September, the Catholic 30s & 40s singles group is meeting at Dice & Fork. Starting at 6:30pm, we will have dinner and drinks over a board game or two. From the classic, fight-inducing monopoly to the strategic challenge of Catan, Dice & Fork has a huge range of fun for everyone. All who are interested should email aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com as there is space for only so many because of the booking limit.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - **The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco**. Send an enquiry to www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au. Applications close October 31st, 2024.

Positions available St Joseph's Takapuna. Following restructuring of the parish staff, two positions have become available: (a) Executive assistant, a 25 hours per week role; and (b) Property manager, 10-15 hours per week. For position descriptions and to apply for a position, contact Fr Mark Napa frmark@stjoseph.org.nz Applications close 27 September 2024.

G.I.F.T. a very warm welcome to all intellectually disabled people, their whānau and support worker for our first session at the Pompallier Centre, 30 New St, Ponsonby on **Sat 7th Sept 1 to 4pm**. Come and see our fabulous new home! Please come to the back of the building, park near the tennis courts.

ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on **6-8 Sept at the Friary**. For further info please ph Lynda 0274898003 or Kelly evenings 0276864416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage-26-29 October 2024- This 100km walking pilgrimage(over four days) in Hokianga will visit heritage Catholic sites, involve nightly stays on Marae, and culminate at Bishop Pompallier's resting place in Motuti. Daily Mass & Confession. Visit fopp.nz

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.

Vailankanni Novena Celebrations 2024 from 30 August to 8 September. We invite all our friends and family to join the Marian Devotion to our Mother Mary at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 2134 Great North Road, Avondale. We will recite the Rosary, Novena followed by Holy Mass. Daily at 6.30pm (5.30pm on Sundays)

Divine Retreat Centre - New Zealand (DRCNZ) is organizing a Live in Retreat and Daily Mission in Auckland, led by Fr Augustine and his team. At Sunshine Ranch, 223 Creighton's Road, Clevedon Friday 4th Oct 5pm to Sunday 6th October. 12pm. Daily evening retreats from Mon 7th -Thurs 10th Oct; 6.30 - 9.00pm at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Rd Mt Roskill. Weekend retreat on Saturday 12th October, 11am to 5pm; Sunday 13th October 2pm - 8pm at same venue. Refreshments will be provided. Please email drcnz@hotmail.com for registration or call **Brian 0210309144** for more details

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology. **Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian identity, life and mission in Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church**. This will be on **Tuesday, 03 September 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom**. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register.

Cans for Christmas is a Charity that has run for 10 years now - We coordinate Catholic Primary Schools and Colleges to collect canned food items for St Vincent de Paul. During the last 9 years we have collected 160,000 cans and \$10,000 for St Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need. Please join us by donating to our page. This money goes directly to St Vincent de Paul.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time

1st September 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the parish of Our Lady of Fatima, within the Diocese of Auckland. We strive with the help of the Holy Spirit to build a Eucharistic Community and through our lives proclaim the Kingdom of God.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		Next Sunday readings	
Reading 1	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8	Reading 1	Is 35:4-7a
Psalm	Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5	Psalm	Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Reading 2	Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Reading 2	Jas 2:1-5
Gospel	Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21	Gospel	Mk 7:31-37



REFLECTION

CLINGING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS. We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties, but to put them in our debts. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed of God is planted deep within us, the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure. (St Pauls Sunday Missal, 2012, p.682).



Stay Connected- Please visit the parish website to keep up to date www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz

Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp for Weekly Notices <https://bit.ly/OLOFNotices>

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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND

Sunday Eucharist 9:30am
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

WEEK DAYS

Monday 9am
Tuesday 9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
6:30pm Rosary, Novena & Mass
Wednesday 9am
Thursday 9am
Friday 9am
Saturday 8am Adoration
8:30am Rosary
9am Mass

RECONCILIATION

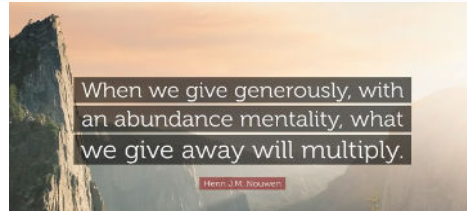
Every Saturday 9:30 – 10am

EVERY MONTH

First Friday Encounter
7pm - 8:30pm Come and encounter our Lord in adoration, worship & prayer

First Saturday Anointing of the Sick at 9am Mass

PARISH GIVING



Every gift that you make helps to advance our parish mission of building a Eucharistic Community and maintains the financial health of our parish operations and programmes. To sign up and for more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/olofgiving>

Donation Tap Point—found at the entrance of our church foyer.

Giving Envelopes—these can be placed at in the collections taken up during Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass. Email lofatimaparish@gmail.com

One-Off or Regular Giving—Do a transfer online and set up an auto-payment to support our parish regularly. The bank account details A/C Name: **R C Bishop of Auckland**

Meadowbank Parish 02-0108-0707665-000

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For your tax receipt please email the parish office lofatimaparish@gmail.com

Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support \$ 762.30

Priest Support \$ 430.00

The above amounts exclude automatic payments, direct credits and tap and go.

Our church has a food bank collection and storage facility for food donated by our parishioners. Any non-perishable goods are always welcome. Contributions to the foodbank can be placed in the basket found in the church foyer, or call the parish office or email lofatimaparish@gmail.com for any donations.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Legion of Mary



Legion of Mary OLOF meet every Monday at 6.30pm. Join us to pray Rosary Mon to Sat at 8.30 am. If you wish to become a member, please contact Nina, or Jo, email lofatimaparish@gmail.com.

What is the motto of the Legion of Mary? The organization's motto is "Ad Jesum Per Madam" or "To Jesus Through Mary." The Legion was founded in Dublin, Ireland on Sept. 7, 1921 by Frank Duff (1889-1980) with the purpose of making its members better Catholics, mobilizing the Catholic laity and raising the spiritual level of interest of the entire community.

Health and Safety

Interested to **Volunteer as Fire Warden?** We invite you to an **Induction on Saturday, 7th September** from 11.15 am to 12 30 pm in the Clery Centre.

It would be great if you could volunteer as fire wardens. Many hands make light work. Thanks. Email me if you have any questions ashapat65@gmail.com (Asha Patel—HnS and SG Coordinator). Fire wardens are rostered once or twice a month for the evening and morning Masses and special events.

RCIA—Becoming Catholic

Do you know anyone who is curious about exploring the faith and entering into the Catholic church? Our enquiry sessions have started and are held on **Tuesdays 7:30pm**. For more info check our website, or email olofrcia@gmail.com

OLOF Men

Join the men of our parish once a month at 6:30pm for dinner, short reflection and discussion. Next meeting Wednesday 18 September.

Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Please register your interest at bit.ly/olofalphacourse
Our Alpha course has just started 22 August

Children's Liturgy

Celebrating TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY of OT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Celebrating-Twenty.pdf>

NOAH'S ARK

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NOAHS-ARK.pdf>

Sacrament of Baptism

For Infant Baptism Preparation class every 3rd Saturday at 9.45 am, please register on our website.: meadowbankcatholic.org.nz

Counselling & Accompaniment

Counsellor: Dr John Evangelista. To book a time please contact the Parish Office 09 521 5244 , or email: lofatimaparish@gmail.com.

OLOF Health & Healing

A short video session on the 1st Sat of the month, after the 9 am Mass. Next Session: **Sat 7 Sept**

PARISH PROGRAMMES

The 2024 Sacramental Programme Two

Please continue to pray for children in the Sacramental Programme.

Confirmation ceremony will be on **Wednesday 11 September at 7 pm**. First Holy Communion 28 September at 2 pm.

Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre-

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Thu 12 Sep, Tues 15 Oct.

24Hr Quietude- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | Sep 6th/7th | Nov 22nd/23rd

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 6th September 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.

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre

Lyndall Brown rsj will lead a two session reflection day on Zoom entitled: **A Day with Hildegard of Bingen on Thursday 12 September**. The first session will be 10am and the second session at 4pm. The day will open participants to the richness of Hildegard's wisdom and a deepening appreciation of her writings, her music and art — all reflective of her spirituality. There will be a morning and afternoon session and an accompanying handout for reflection. Please register your interest with Lyndall - lyndallb19@gmail.com ph 021 185 6750

The popular **Card Crafting Workshop** will happen on **Saturday 28th September**. Meg Hills rsj is very skilled and gives excellent guidance on how to create your own personalised cards. The workshop is for those who have a small degree of experience in card-making. It provides an opportunity to design and create a variety of handcrafted all-occasion cards that recipients will treasure. All materials are supplied. A maximum of eight people can attend this workshop.

A live in retreat **October 4 at 7pm and finishing on Sunday 6 October at 4pm**. Details in the flyer.



MT CARMEL SCHOOL



Sunday 8 Sept 9.30 am- House Mass for St Mary & St Brigid.

Thursday 26th Sept Grandparents Mass 9am

PARISH NOTICES

Happy Father's Day!

The First Sunday of September is Father's Day.

A prayer for Fathers: Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly Father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. AMEN

Tues 3rd Sept: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor—Memorial

Thurs 5th Sept: Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta—Memorial. Read more on <https://mycatholic.life/saints/>

Fri 6th Sept is the First Friday of the month. ENCOUNTER at 7– 8.30 pm.

Sat 7th Sept—Anointing Mass at 9 am. *The anointing of the sick is a practice that comes from Jesus himself. We read the directions about this in a letter from James: "Whoever is sick, let him call the presbyters of the Church to him, and let them pray over him after anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And prayer made in faith will save the sick person: the Lord will lift him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him" (Jas. 5:14-15)*

You are invited to **The Diaconate Ordination of JOHN THE BAPTIST KINH NGUYEN-** Fri 6th Sept 2024, 6pm, Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby, Auckland. Main celebrant: The Most Reverend Paul Martin SM,DD– Archbishop of Wellington.

Celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass will be celebrated at **7pm on Monday, 02 September 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby,** Auckland. Presider: Bishop Steve Lowe. Light refreshments will be served at Holy Cross Seminary after Mass.

Special Mass for Loss of a Child

A Mass will be offered for those who have experienced loss of a child. **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 027 6415615