

## NOTICES

**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 Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students-** If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz)

**Scholarship for Theological Study-** Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: [scholarships@cda.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@cda.org.nz). The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024

**WELCOMING NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language)-**We regularly see NZSL interpreters signing during Government announcements or at performances. We know that NZSL in an official language of New Zealand. But how do we welcome users of NZSL to our parishes. In this workshop we will explore simple ways to make NZSL users welcome and comfortable, practice some basic signs and have opportunities to gain insight into deaf culture. Saturday 16 November 9.30am – 1.00pm-Mary MacKillop Chapel-56-66 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay-Cost | Koha. Please register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/welcoming-nzsl-users-at-mass-registration/>

**Nga Tapuwae. Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae 10th to 12th January 2025.** Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

**Anniversary Mass 2025. Registrations now open for Coach Trip on 12th 2025.** One-off day trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Totara Point. Leaving Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre between 6:30pm - 7pm. For more info contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz). Hydration and Lunch will be provided - Cost per person is \$15.00 All are welcome!

*40 Days for Life vigils are internally coordinated campaigns aimed at promoting awareness of the sanctity of life, and offering information and support to pregnant women, families, and abortion workers. For more pro-life information, visit the Voice for Life website at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)*



**Join the Auckland Young Catholic groups going to The Send, Saturday 23 November! Be part of an epic day with thousands of Christians from across New Zealand. The Send will feature powerful international Christian speakers like Francis Chan, as well as worship led by top Christian musicians. Find out more and register at: <https://cdathesend.eventbrite.com>**

**Auckland Catholic Single Social Group- Tuesday 12 November,** the Auckland Catholic single 30s & 40s group will meet at the Auckland Museum for their late night, Twilight Tuesdays. The Tuitui Museum Bistro & Café has been booked for tapas at 6pm - please let me know if you would like to attend as space is limited: [42bec21d-d022-43c2-b215-fd305b8525b7.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/42bec21d-d022-43c2-b215-fd305b8525b7.pdf) ([aucklandmuseum.com](http://aucklandmuseum.com)). Afterward, we will wander around the exhibits until the museum closes at 8:30pm.

**New Zealand Catholic Medical Association (NZCMA)** is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. **Retreat and Seminar 15-16 November 2024**, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Details and registration: [This link](#). Accommodation: There are limited spaces on-site (use booking ref BGRP—21024). You can email or phone the Home of Compassion directly. For updates regarding events, please email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st November 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish,** 20 Kiteuni Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from 23rd September to 22nd November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new microcredential on Managing Church Organisations

Interested in Natural Family Planning (NFP)? Find out more about NFP benefits for marriages and families. Take a look at their website [www.NaturalPlan.org](http://www.NaturalPlan.org)

**A moving video available on Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gB7tN0CfI>)** shows the raw grief of bereaved father, Tommy Kearns, who lost his unborn daughter at 20 weeks.



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

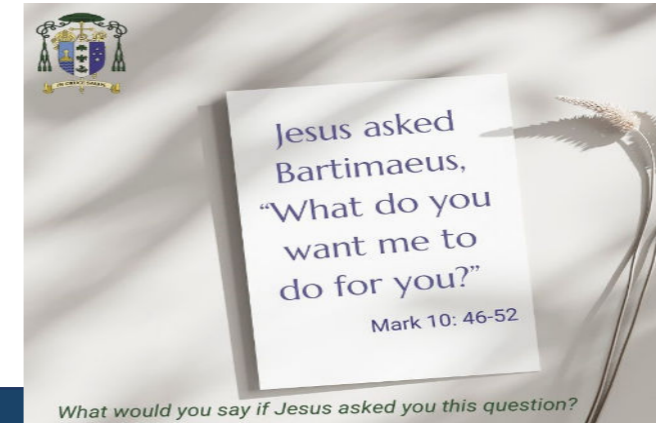
Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

27th October 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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Next Sunday readings	
Reading 1	Jer 31:7-9	Reading 1	Dt 6:2-6
Psalm	Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6	Psalm	Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Reading 2	Heb 5:1-6	Reading 2	Heb 7:23-28
Gospel	Mk 10:46-52	Gospel	Mk 12:28b-34



What would you say if Jesus asked you this question?

### REFLECTION

*Bartimaeus was a blind man, sitting by the side of the road. And all he could say was, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." It is a prayer of last resort. Bartimaeus summoned a courage that many of us lack. People around him scolded him. They tried to shut him up. But he yelled out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me!" This persistent, bold trust must have stopped Jesus, who ordered his people to call the blind man over. What if Jesus called us over? How can we be worthy to approach him? How might we be properly prepared to enter his presence? What will he ask of us? We had better wait. However, he does not ask for fear or virtue. He does not demand righteousness or rectitude. He simply asks, "What do you want me to do for you?". What do we make of this God we worship, the saviour we drink and nourish ourselves by? He loves our faith—he cherishes our trust. In every blindness we may have, may we bring it to the One before whom I have nothing to fear. ([https://liturgy.slu.edu/30OrdB102724/theword\\_kavanaugh](https://liturgy.slu.edu/30OrdB102724/theword_kavanaugh))*



**Stay Connected-** Please visit the parish website to keep up to date [www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz](http://www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz)

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

### PARISH OFFICE

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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

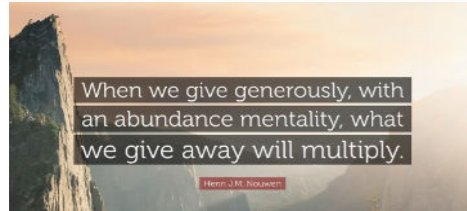
Every Saturday 9:30 – 10am

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:lofatimaparish@gmail.com)**

### Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support \$ 619.30

Priest Support \$ 332.20

*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](mailto:lofatimaparish@gmail.com) for any donations. Thank you.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Legion of Mary



**October is the month of our lady - month of the Holy Rosary.**

**Our Lady calls us to pray the Rosary daily.**

**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](mailto:lofatimaparish@gmail.com).

### Health and Safety

The fire drill is scheduled for **09/10 November**. The assembly area is NOT in front of the church, it is behind the church, at the furthest end of the car park. Please do not drive out of the car park during the fire drill as Fr Austin will give the final blessing in the car park. Thank you.

Asha Patel—Health and Safety and Safeguarding Co-ordinator- email :[olofcomplaints@gmail.com](mailto:olofcomplaints@gmail.com), phone 0212558438.

### RCIA—Becoming Catholic

RCIA means Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This programme is intended to prepare adults who want to become Catholics. It concludes with candidates receiving the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday 2025.

Our sessions have started and are held on **Tuesdays 7:30pm.**

For more info check our website, or email

[olofrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olofrcia@gmail.com)

### OLOF Men

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

#### Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Please register your interest at [bit.ly/olofalphacourse](http://bit.ly/olofalphacourse)

**Thank you for praying for all participants. Last Session in 2024 is Thursday 31 October.**

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is back.

### [Celebrating THIRTIETH SUNDAY in OT](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Celebrating-Thirtieth-SUNDAY-of-OT.pdf)

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### [Thankful for the THORNS](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Thankful-for-the-Thorns.pdf)

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Infant Baptism Preparation every 3rd Saturday at 9.45 am, please register on our website.: [meadowbankcatholic.org.nz](http://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz)

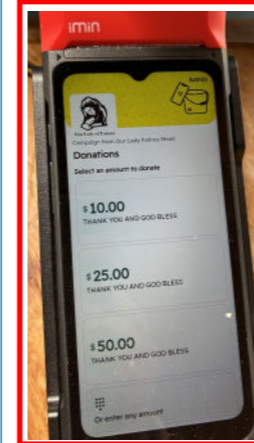
### Counselling & Accompaniment

Counsellor: Dr John Evangelista. To book a time please contact the Parish Office 09 521 5244 , or email: [lofatimaparish@gmail.com](mailto: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 2nd Nov.**

## PARISH PROGRAMMES



### New Tap and Go Machine

1. Choose the amount you want to donate.
2. Tap your Eft-post/Paywave/credit card on the red part at the top of the machine.
3. Remove your card.
4. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your donation.

### Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre-

For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://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) Tue 5 Nov | Thu 5 Dec

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

### Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn

Will you pray with us and bear witness to the precious gift of life and the dignity of every human being from its first moment of existence at conception? Sunday 3 November at 7:30 p.m. at the Potter's Park – corner of Dominion & Balmoral Roads (opposite KFC). Bring family and friends. Candles provided. The vigil is a family-friendly event. For more info, contact Simon (of Family Life International): 021 400 729 – [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz) or go to [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents).

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul** - Join our team at the Vinnies Op Shop! We need more volunteers - especially on Saturdays. If you're recently retired, new to NZ, or want work experience, we'd love to have you on board. No experience needed - just a heart for service. Donations welcome! Drop off household items at the shop or call us to arrange a collection for larger items. Open: Mon-Sat, 9:00am - 4:30pm. Location: 345 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga. Contact: Wanda at 634-2697 or 021-248-0629.



## MT CARMEL SCHOOL

**Caritas Social Justice-** At the end of Term 3, Mt Carmel participated in Social Justice Week through Caritas. In Takahe, we read stories about how different people face injustice. Takahe reflected on creating Peace within Mt. Carmel and our class. We discussed the importance of forgiveness, which may be difficult but is essential. Through Jesus's actions and teachings, we reflected on what we can do to be more peaceful, forgiving, and grateful people. To further develop our understanding of Peace, we thought about how Peace feels, sounds, tastes, touches and looks. Some moments students felt Peace: At the beach; With my family; Patting my dog; Watching a sunset. Sitting by a campfire; Sounds of birds chirping; The smell of Mum's perfume.

## PARISH NOTICES

Monday 28 Oct is Public Holiday- Labour Day. **NO Mass.** There will be LOWHC (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion) at 9 am.

Tuesdays 9 am LOWH, and Mass at 7 pm.

Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat- 9 am Mass.

**Fri 1st Nov is All Saints day- Solemnity-** a celebration honouring all men and women who have entered Heaven. By honouring them, we honour Him Who made them holy. We must also remember that, from Heaven, the saints become powerful intercessors for us on earth. Honouring the saints also becomes an invitation to each one of us on earth to strive for holiness. **Mass at 9 am.**

ENCOUNTER at 7 pm—8.30pm.

**Saturday 2nd November- ALL SOULS DAY. First Saturday of the month. NO Anointing Mass. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed- Sat 2 Nov- Mass at 9 am, and 5.30 pm (Vigil)-** We are encouraged to pray for the dead and to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." We, the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms, deeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass.

**COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2025**—These beautiful art calendars are now available from the Parish Office for \$12, same price as last year. Please bring correct cash. They are lovely additions to Christmas presents. Thank you.

**Attention to those who need attending:** Wed **30th October- St Luke's Flat Bush** at 7.00pm. Wed **6th November**—St Thomas More Glenfield at 7.00pm, and then the final face to face workshop at St Pius X Glen Innes on **Sunday 10th November** at 4.00pm. The final online workshop is **Thursday 14th November** at 7.00pm.

Next dates for **Child Baptism Sessions**: **Tues 29th Oct and Tues 5th Nov at 4.30pm.**

**AGM- REMUERA CHRISTIANS TRUST BOARD-** the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Trustees of the Remuera Christians Trust Board the Activity Room **at the rear of 55 Omahu Rd, Remuera, on Wed 6th November 2024 at 5.30pm..**

**St Michael's LIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on Saturday 16th Nov at 7 pm. Early booking recommended. Host and MC James Ioelu, with invited performers, featuring Opera, Christmas Carols and timeless music. Buy tickets on [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com).

**St Michael's Advent Retreat with Dr Robert Loretz-** St Michael's, Remuera, is hosting a Retreat to prepare us for the Incarnation of our Lord this Advent. **Sat 30 Nov 9.00am – 5.30pm** (You're welcome to join our Saturday Mass 8.00am - 8.30am & Confession 8.30am). Theme: 'Friendship & Virtue'. Light lunch provided. **Koha on entry.**