

NOTICES

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025

Join Tony Alonso, a Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. The following events are taking place to celebrate the Jubilee of Song:

Evening with Tony Alonso, Thursday 29 May 6.30pm, St Francis Xavier Church, Park Ave, Whangarei. Suggested Koha \$10.00 per person. Please visit the following link for registration: An Evening with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Conversation with Tony with drinks and nibbles, Friday 30 May 6.30pm, Pompallier Diocesan Centre \$20.00. Please visit the following link for registration: A Conversation with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Retreat Workshop with Tony, Saturday 31 May 1.30 - 4.00pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St. Koha. Please visit the following link for registration: Retreat Workshop with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

Concert with Tony Alonso, Saturday 31 May 6.30pm, Baradene College Auditorium, Victoria St., \$10.00 per person. Please visit the following link for registration: A Concert with Tony Alonso - Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

We are also called to be pilgrims of hope as local and domestic Church. Check out some ways this can be through our first Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/JubileeJottingsDEC-2024.pdf>

And if you have your own ideas about how Jubilee Year can be celebrated, please let us know through pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

Bishop Steve Speaks- tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist Bishop Steve Speaks to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW_-gsxny4e

The Diocese is seeking a talented and creative **Multimedia Journalist** (part time – 20 hrs per week) to create engaging digital multimedia content (stories, photos, videos) that shares the news of the Diocese, Bishop, Parish, Schools and Agencies. For full details, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies.

Story of the Stations of the Cross- Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23? You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross. To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link.

3-day Prayer Retreat for Women Friday 28 February 6pm to Sunday 2 March 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. All women are welcome. There will be sessions on "What is prayer?" "Why should I pray?" "How do I pray?" and "Humility & Forgiveness". Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

Young Leaders Masterclass | Sunday 23 February 2pm-6pm | 30 New Street Ponsonby- Masterclass is back in 2025! If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. Our first Masterclass for 2025 will feature two workshops focused on helping you make the best possible start to your ministry year! Keep an eye on our socials, where we will announce our workshop presenters and topics. As always, there will be fantastic (free!) food and plenty of opportunities to connect with other young leaders. Build relationships, share experiences, and be part of a support network that will help you grow in your ministry. Go to www.facebook.com/AKCYM or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more info and to register

Commissioning Mass | Sunday 23 February 7pm | St Patrick's Cathedral- Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Bishop Steve Lowe will be celebrating the mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2025. If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're an essential part of this mass! We want to pray with you and for you, as you begin your ministry year. Please invite your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community to join us as well. We invite Catholics from across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Unite with our young leaders in faith, hope and joy as we commence another incredible year of youth ministry in the Diocese of Auckland! Go to www.facebook.com/AKCYM or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more info.

Ethnic Chaplaincy Officers and Leaders Formation Day | Sat. 22 February 2025 | Pompallier Centre 9:30am - 12:00pm - *Inviting all officer bearers, leaders in ministry, pastoral associates, and all chaplains to your Formation Day as we provide you updates on the Migrant Chaplaincies Norms on Community Establishments, Finance, Safeguarding.* Registration is essential. Email us at pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz.



Our Lady of Fatima

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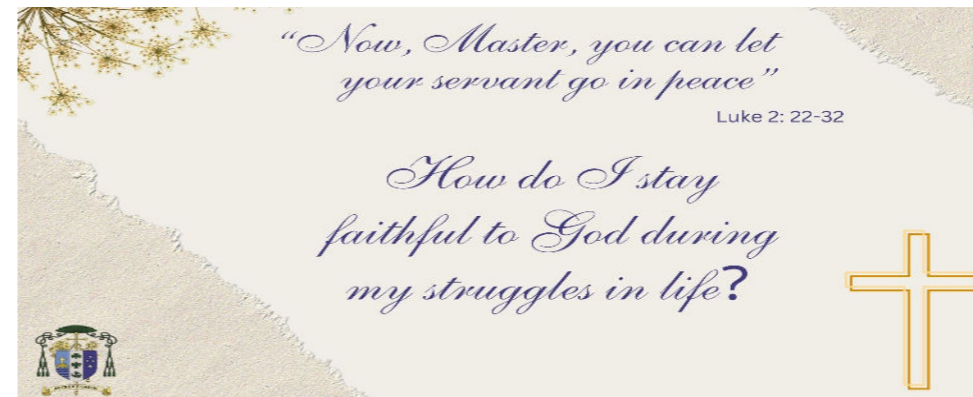
The Presentation of the Lord

02 February 2025

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.

3rd Sunday of OT		Next Sunday readings	
Reading 1	Malachi 3:1-4	Reading 1	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm	Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10	Psalm	Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
Reading 2	Hebrews 2:14-18	Reading 2	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	Gospel	Luke 5:1-11



REFLECTION

We heard the story of Simeon and Anna in the Gospel, they were not part of the formal temple personnel. How was it that they recognized Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles". Were they listening to the Holy Spirit?

According to Pope Francis in his homily for the Feast of Presentation 2024: "The newness of God presents itself as a child and we, with all our habits, fears, misgivings, envies, worries, come face to face with this child. Will we embrace the child, welcome the child, make room for the child? Will this newness really enter our lives?". These questions are for us, for each of us, for our communities and for the Church. Let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna. If, like them, we live in expectation, safeguarding our interior life and in conformity with the Gospel, if, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life. (Anne Osdieck-<https://liturgy.slu.edu>)



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

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

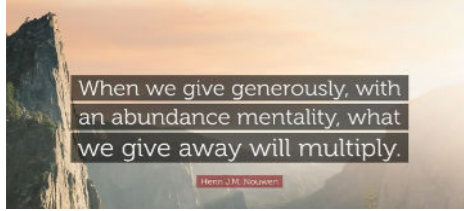
EVERY MONTH

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 \$ 584.20

Priest Support \$ 284.10

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. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Legion of Mary



Join us to pray the rosary at church Monday to Saturday at 8.30 am.

We meet every Monday evening at 6.30.

For more info on **Legion of Mary**, please contact Nina, or Jo, email lofatimaparish@gmail.com

Health and Safety

Asha Patel—Health and Safety and Safeguarding Coordinator
email olofcomplaints@gmail.com phone 0212558438.

RCIA—Becoming Catholic

Our sessions are held on **Tuesdays 7:30pm**. For more info check our website, or email olofrcia@gmail.com

Counselling & Accompaniment

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

OLOF Men

Come and let us get together in the new year on the **3rd Wednesday of February 2025**.

Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Please register your interest at bit.ly/olofalphacourse

Children's Liturgy

We are back this Sunday **2nd February**. For activities at home, please click on this link:

[Presentation of the Lord](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Celebrating-Presentation-of-the-Lord.pdf)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Celebrating-Presentation-of-the-Lord.pdf>

[You have Six weeks to Live](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/You-have-six-weeks-to-live.pdf)

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Sacrament of Baptism

For children under the age of 6 years, parents are required to attend baptism preparation course (normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month). For children 7 years and over, they have a baptism programme to be completed.

One parent must be a baptised Catholic (A copy of the parents baptism certificate is required to register). Please follow this link to register- <https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/sacraments/baptism/>

For any inquiries please email Parish office : lofatimaparish@gmail.com

PARISH PROGRAMMES

Sacramental Programme 2025

Registration is now open. Please go to <https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/sacraments/sacramental-programme/>

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform US
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.....



WELCOME Father Raphael

Join us for Morning Tea
to welcome Father Raphael Lobo

Sunday 2 February, after 9.30 Mass.

Please bring your favourite food to share.



MT CARMEL SCHOOL



30 Jan 2025 Term 1 Starts

PARISH NOTICES

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

For many, this is a transition time as we farewell priests from parishes and welcome others to their space. Change is always hard. May this season of change be full of joy, hope and hospitality.

Sun 2nd Feb 2025 : The Presentation of the Lord. Psalm: *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

Mon 3rd Feb : No Mass

Wed 5th Feb : St Agatha– 9 am Mass.

Thurs 6 Feb– Waitangi Day– 9 am Mass– Waitangi Day, also known as Te Rā o Waitangi, is the national day of New Zealand. It commemorates the initial signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on February 6, 1840. The day has been a public holiday in New Zealand since 1974.

Fri 7 Feb : First Friday—9 am Mass—St Paul Miki & Companions.

Sat 8 Feb—9 am Mass.

Infant Baptism at 11 am—Caelan Millar— Congratulations to Stuart & Mairead, and Oisín Millar on this special day, may God bless and guide you always.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-7th March at 10 am

You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, at the Clery Hall. Address: 3 Lucia Glade, Meadowbank- Auckland

Marian Conference 2025 22 February 2025

at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Te Atatu.

Theme: 'Mary, Star of Hope: Our Guide to Jesus Through Consecration.' The day begins with Adoration at 8:00am and Holy Mass at 9:00am, followed by inspiring talks, morning tea, and lunch. All are welcome to join this day of faith and renewal. For more details, please contact bml.auckland@gmail.com

Theology of the Body Courses- Human Love in the Divine Plan: Adult and Young Adult Beginners Course: Sat 15 and Sun 16 February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland.

Young Adult Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love - Wed evenings starting 12 February 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

Sale for Annual Resources from the Liturgy Centre. Cost Price Sale. Be quick as limited numbers. Order via: Annual <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/annuals> or Resource Catalogue <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/resources>