

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. Various events are taking place in different venues/times. Please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz for more info and registration.

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

Receptionist/Administrator - Catholic Social Services, Auckland. Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (20 hours - 3 days) based in Ponsonby. www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, **Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.**

Jubilee Jottings Find out more about the Year of Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope from the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/> there you can download the diocesan newsletter Jubilee Jottings.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The next Retreat will be held at Mary McKillop Centre, April 11-13. Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz

SUMMIT- Young Leaders Weekend 28-30 March 2025 Get ready for SUMMIT! Youth ministry and young adult ministry leaders, get ready for an incredible weekend of formation, fellowship and being spiritually filled! SUMMIT is a weekend specifically for YOU, featuring engaging keynote sessions, workshops equipping you with practical ministry skills, plenty of opportunities to pray and to be RENEWED, a whole community of fantastic leaders to connect with, mass, adoration, campfires and a whole lot more! SUMMIT is a highlight of young leader formation in the Diocese of Auckland each year. Don't miss it. This year, we are very excited to announce that our guest speakers are Mark Lysaght, the Director of NET Ministries in Australian and New Zealand, and Kym Keady, the Director of Ignite Youth. Earlybird registrations are \$120 until Wednesday 12 March. Standard registration is \$140. Register here: <https://SUMMIT25.eventbrite.com> Please note this is an 18+ event.

Divine Mercy Conference May 23-25 2025— Auckland - **Fr Chris Alar** - Keynote Speaker. Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers. Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year. Registrations are essential; www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz **Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 info@divinemercy.co.nz**

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.

CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS! **There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us this year! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out our socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"**

Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent! Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil

near the abortion place on Wednesdays. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast 2025 at St Benedict's Parish. **Sunday 27 April at 5.30pm.** Poster on the notice board

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet & Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on Saturday 29th March 2025. For more information kindly contact: Clytie : 021836705, Reena 0278387151.

Lenten Appeal begins Ash Wednesday 5th March. Money collected throughout Lent to be disbursed by the national Caritas Office for the development funding, educational projects and emergency aid.

Please use the provided envelopes for cash donations. Receipts will be issued at the end of Lent by Caritas.



Bank transfer can be sent to the Parish Account:

Meadowbank Parish 02-0108-0707665-000

Code: LentAppl



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

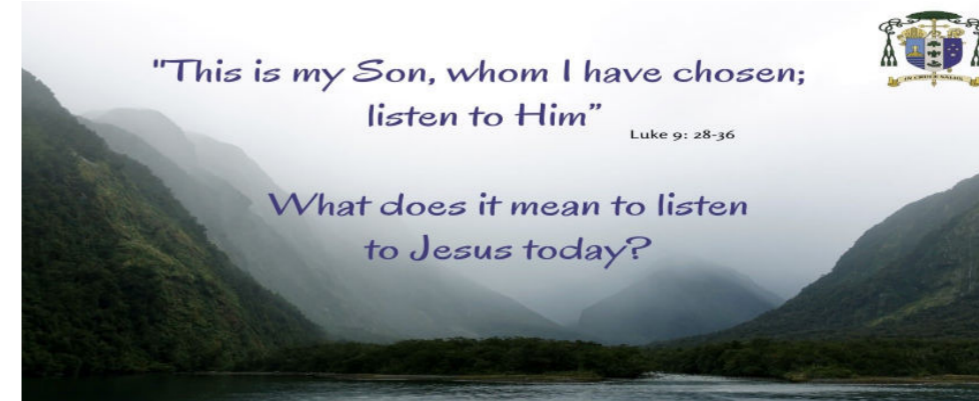
The Second Week of Lent

16 March 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.

| 2nd Sunday of Lent | | Next Sunday readings | |
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| Reading 1 | Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Reading 1 | Exodus 17:3-7 |
| Psalm | Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 | Psalm | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 |
| Reading 2 | Philippians 3:17—4:1 | Reading 2 | Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 |
| Gospel | Luke 9:28b-36 | Gospel | John 4:5-42 |



REFLECTION

God's covenant with human beings is such a great offer. It will fit into just eleven words: **"I will be your God and you will be my people."** Our first parents had this relationship with God in the Garden of Eden. However, God watched with anguish as their free will suddenly rejected his love. God worked hard to re-establish the covenant throughout history, as our First Reading shows. The transfiguration in this Sunday's Gospel represents both the promise and its fulfilment. Jesus' clothes become dazzling as fire, a terrifying darkness closed in, and within that darkness, God's voice repeated the covenant words: **This is my chosen Son; listen to him.** In the cross and resurrection, the covenant would finally be fulfilled. The result: we do not have to offer more and more sacrifices in order to achieve this fulfilment. We only have to let ourselves be joined to Jesus in his loving response to the Father. In return for God's great love we would promise to love God above all things. How do we do this? We begin in Baptism. We continue in each Mass, each communion we receive.

We say "AMEN" to the covenant, so many times broken, but now established forever as the "new and everlasting covenant" of love. (John Foley, SJ)



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

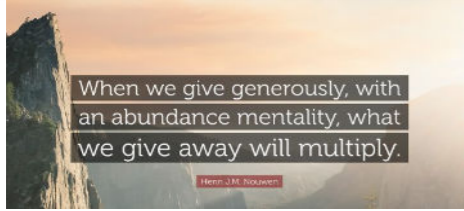
Every Saturday 9:30 – 10am

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**

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

Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support \$ 678.90

Priest Support \$ 425.00

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. 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 till 8pm.

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

Health and Safety

The fire drill will take place on 05:06 April 2025 with back up dates of 26/27 April 2025.

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

RCIA—Becoming Catholic

"Congratulations to our Elect - JJ Zhong, Mike Blank, Carol Ma & Frank Zou who were chosen to be initiated into the Catholic Church at the Rite of Election by Bishop Steve at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph on Sunday 8th March. Please keep them in your prayers as we journey together as a community through the Lenten season and prepare for the Easter Triduum."

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.

AGM

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Sunday 23rd March after the 9.30 am Mass. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy

For any enquiries please email lofatimakids@gmail.com

For activities at home, please click on this link:

[2nd SUNDAY of LENT](#)

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Celebrating-SECOND-SUNDAY-OF-LENT.pdf>

Encourage Someone for LENT

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Encourage-Someone-for-Lent.pdf>

OLOF Men

Come and join us in our next gathering on the **third Wednesday of March 2025**.

Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Please register your interest at oloffaith@gmail.com Alpha has started on Thu 13 February

PARISH PROGRAMMES

Sacramental Programme 2025

Sacramental Programme 2025 starts **Saturday 15 March at 4.30pm**. All the dates are on the website <https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/sacraments/sacramental-programme/>

LENT @ ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, REMUERA - Morning Talks with Dr Dan Stollenwerk - "Who do you say that I am?" 4x Wednesdays from 19 March 10:45 - 12:00pm. No registration required.

Evening Talks with Fr Phil Bennenbroek 5x Tuesdays from 11 March 7:00pm - 8:30pm

For registration and more info <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/lenten-programme>

Healing of the Family Tree Seminar

Conducted by **Fr Rory Morrissey**- Two talks by Fr Rory, on Zoom at 7.30pm - 9pm on Wednesdays 19th and 26th March for information and preparation, followed by a special HFT Mass on Saturday March 29th, at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby from 9.30am-11ish, followed by a cuppa. Register here for the zoom link. bit.ly/ACCPGN-HFT. More info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League Orakei - Eastern Suburbs- Celebrates their Jubilee Anniversary on **March 19**. Mass at 10.30am at St. Joseph's Church, 16 Brenton Place, Auckland. **Cost is \$30**. Ring Tina Raines to get more details on **5212499/021940950**. Payment: Transfer money to Catholic Women's League Orakei Account: ASB Bank 12-3073-0079278-00. Code: jubilee.



Sacred Heart College Fair Sunday 23 March (9am-2pm). please come along and support the SHC PTA Fair. All funds raised go back to the College in support of the students.

MT CARMEL SCHOOL



As part of their Lenten journey Tui class began exploring some of the amazing work of Caritas Aotearoa. After sharing last week's Gospel reading (Luke 4: 1-13), the students watched a video about rising sea levels, flooding, earthquakes and drought in Pacific and Southeast Asia. They learnt how Caritas Aotearoa work alongside local communities to help preparing the needs, like basic supplies, installing water tanks and supporting farmers. Through this, Tui explored the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of the Common Good; they were reminded of their Lenten call to walk with others and to ensure the well-being of all. The students are excited to learn more about the wonderful work of Caritas Aotearoa this coming week.

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Second Week of Lent

As we journey through Lent together may it be a time of grace with the threads of fasting, giving and praying strengthening us in our journey with God.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday after the 9 am Mass, or by appointment.

Stations of the Cross, every Friday at 7pm during Lent.

Other programmes:

Encounter- Every Friday 7- 8.30pm

Prayerfully- Lectio Divina, Second and Fourth Friday from 7.30pm to 8.30

Adoration- everyday during Lent at 7.30 am to 9 am, and Fridays 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Weekly Novena- Every Tuesday 6.30, Mass at 7pm.

Wings-Nga Parirau- Every First Saturday 10am to 12

Sat 19 March- Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sat 22nd March—The first part of Child Baptism with Anointing Ceremony at the 9 am Mass.

Sat 22nd March at 11 am : Baptism of Adeline Joan Sison. Congratulations to Arianne & fam.

"Lenten opportunities for prayer and pondering during Lent"

Pope Francis' Letter Wed 7 -7.30pm Zoom- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March.

Wake Up and Pray. Meditation Mornings 6.15 - 6.45am on Zoom 5th March - 20th of April.

Prepare Ponder Pray with the Gospels. Saturdays in Lent 7 - 7:30pm on Zoom.

For all the above contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation Team @ diannaf@cda.org.nz

Wings.Nga Parirau this Lent - We will be reflecting on faith, and our own faith journey; grace and spirituality, and experiences of prayer; and introduced to the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures. **Saturdays in Lent: 2-4pm 8th; 15th; 22nd; 29th March 5th; 12th April 2025** At Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby. Contact **Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz**

"Jesus My Light Ministries invites you to a **Lenten Inner Healing retreat 4th April 6.30-9pm, 5th April 9.30am - 5pm and 12th April 9.30am - 5pm (all days inclusive) at St. Dominic Church, 34, Bolton Street, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland.** A journey with Christ to release the effects of past hurts/wounds that go back to childhood which can affect us and be stumbling blocks in our journey towards God. Jesus our Healer can uncover and heal these wounds. Come and experience His healing love and be affirmed in your true identity as a beloved child of God. Contact Betsy/Reggis and team 0211653856/0274040129."