

NOTICES

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. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

Join **Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** for its new webinar series, A Taste of Theology from April-December 2024 every first Tuesday of the month. These are one-hour sessions with topics on Philosophy, Canon Law, Spirituality, Scripture, Moral Theology, etc. Four sessions revisit the documents of Vatican II. Cost of \$60 one-off. For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology.

NZ Services and Property Manager- The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart have a new executive management position available. Close 6 May <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74987075?ref=searchstandalone&type=standout#sol=278caafac6b24e378a06a5f58605aab0724dc792>

Ignatian Spirituality NZ is offering three individually guided retreats in Auckland this year. 8-days 21st – 29th July, \$950; 6-days 18th – 24th August, \$720 and 6-days 22nd – 28th September \$720. For bookings email info@ignatianspirituality.nz

Female flatmate wanted- A single room in our spacious, warm flat in Epsom will be available in late May. Flat with 2 Catholic women, close to St Michael's, Remuera, near train and bus, secure carpark. Please contact Theresa for more information: **0273891941, pattys-place77@gmail.com**

The Israel Palestine Conflict – A Perspective from Professor Mazin 18 May, 1pm, St. Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries **Gerry on 021 02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz**

CDA Connect Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/service/cda-connect/>

Workshops for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion . The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend ONE of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided). **5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa). 19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)** Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation>

Men's Health. By Dr Ethan Breinhorst. Monday 13th May at 7.30pm. St Mark's Catholic Church, 334 Pakuranga Rd. Praise and Worship by Jeffrey Nathan.

Bible Stories - What do they mean? With Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms. Sunday 05 May 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha . <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

Let's Talk About Mary—8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore Mary, missionary disciple. **Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz**

Auckland Catholic Singles Social Group- Dinner & Karaoke- Sat 11 May at 7.30pm. we will meet at Pasta & Cuore in Mt Eden for dinner, and then, for those who feel brave, go on to karaoke! Please book quickly by email : Akicatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com. Next event : 15 June: Silo Park Night Market- 11 July : Salsa- 8 August: Ten Pin Bowling

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/59667795-59f2-4110-a7b6-fa37588e9730> FREE ONLINE NZ CATHOLIC



The latest issue in your church Sunday May 5



5th April 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter		Next Sunday's readings Ascension of the Lord	
Reading 1	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	Reading 1	Acts 1:1-11
Psalm	Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4	Psalm:	Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Reading 2	1 Jn 4:7-10	Reading 2	Eph 1:17-23
Gospel	Jn 15:9-17	Gospel	Mk 16:15-20

PARISH OFFICE

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Austin Fernandes

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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



REFLECTION

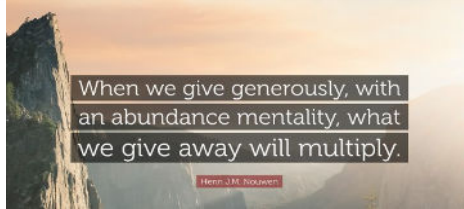
"I CALL YOU FRIENDS" We often refer to Jesus by honorific titles, such as Lord, but do we also think of him as he thinks of us, as a friend? The Talmud suggests that we should do two things : acquire a teacher and choose a friend. In Jesus, we have both the best teacher and the best friend we could ever hope to have. (St Pauls Sunday Missal, 2012, p.572).



Stay Connected

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

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

Meadowbank House 02-0108-0707665-001

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

Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support \$ 525.50

Priest Support \$ 337.80

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

Thanks to all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations **Ac Name: RC Bishop of Auckland Chancery—Ac No: 02 0100 0746838 004**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Legion of Mary

Join us to pray Rosary Mon to Sat at 8.30 am. If you wish to become a member of the Legion of Mary, please contact Nina, or Joe, email lofatimaparish@gmail.com.

The word Rosary comes from the Latin word rosarium, meaning rose garden. When we pray Rosary, we are offering a bouquet of prayers to our Lady.



Let us reflect on the life and holiness of Mama Mary as a faithful servant of GOD and a caring Mother to the Savior.

Health and Safety

Core Safeguarding Practice: **Behaviour Management:** Managing behaviour of children and vulnerable adults should always take the form of positive reinforcement wherever possible, ie affirming the for positive actions. At all times, adults must ensure that behaviour management is at no time punitive, humiliating or aggressive. Bullying is unacceptable and must be addressed appropriately and without delay (Parish Health and Safety Coordinator: Asha Patel).

RCIA—Becoming Catholic

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is a journey of faith. As part of the RCIA process at Our Lady of Fatima, all participants and enquirers are required to participate and complete the Alpha course. We believe the Alpha Course will enrich the RCIA journey. For more information please email olofrcia@gmail.com

Holy Communion for the Sick

If you, or your family is very sick and wish to receive Holy Communion, please email parish office : lofatimaparish@gmail.com.

OLOF Men

Join the men of our parish once a month at 6:30pm for dinner, short reflection and discussion.
Next Session : Wed 15 May

Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Please register your interest at bit.ly/olofalphacourse

Children's Liturgy

Children Liturgy is back this **Sunday 5th May**.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

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 Saturday of the month, after 9 am Mass. All welcome for cup of tea and some discussion on the topic.

Volunteering & Serving at OLOF

Please email oloffaith@gmail.com to explore & find out some of the ways to serve at OLOF.

We also welcome everyone that has completed the Sacramental Programme to sign up to be an **Altar Server**.

Training is provided. Please click on our website to sign up, and to watch a Training Video

<https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/altarservers/>

PARISH PROGRAMMES

The 2024 Sacramental Programme

Starts again on **Saturday May 18th at 4.30 pm** with the sessions on the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Please continue to pray for the children as they are completing their Sacramental programme.

REGISTRATION OPEN TO Non- Mt CARMEL-Please register on our website

<https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/>

Sacramental Programme Two starts 22 June 2024

Jubilee Bursary

Semester 2, 2024 For **Theology and RE courses at tertiary level**. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact michellej@cda.org.nz

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) | Wed 15 May | Thu 27 Jun | Tue 9 Jul

Behold the Man- A retreat for men with Fr Michael Therese CSJ | Fri 7 Jun 7pm-Sun 9 Jun 4:30pm | Email retreats@sfrcc.org.nz to register your interest and receive more info

24Hr Quietude- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | July 12th/13th

Women's Prayer Retreat- A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | 3 nights, 4 days starting Thu 1 Aug 7pm - Sun 4 Aug 3pm | Earlybird (before 2/7) \$350 | Standard \$400

Living as the Beloved- Silent Retreat based on the book 'Life of the Beloved' by Henri Nouwen | \$599 all meals and accommodation | Fri 25 Oct 5:30pm - Mon 28 Oct 5pm | Email jmartin.blaker@gmail.com to register



MT CARMEL SCHOOL



Art Work

By Kea Class

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NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA. Fri 3rd May—Sat 11th May. Each day we will have the Novena Prayer, Holy Rosary, Mass and Procession.

3rd May at 6.30pm,

4th May at 5pm,

5th May at 9 am,

6th May to 10th May at 6.30pm,

11th May -Conclusion: 5 pm Novena day 9, 5.30 Mass, 7 pm Celebration for the Feast day.

NO MORNING MASS on the 6th,7th,8th,9th,10th May, and 13th and 14th May.

Saturday 11 May: 9 am Mass

Mon 13th and Tues 14th at 9 am-**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (LOWHC)**

Journey with Lectio Divina- Every 2nd and 4th Friday. 7– 8.30 pm at the Clery Centre, Our Lady of Fatima, Meadowbank. 24/05, 14/06,28/06, 12/07, 26/07, 09/08. Please bring your Bible

INVITATION: Bishop Steve and the Auckland Catholic Community invite you to a **Mass of Welcome**. It is time to celebrate with the neophytes, those newly planted in the faith, the pilgrimage they have been on and their gift of faith. The Mass of Welcome formally called the **Mass of the Neophytes** will be held **19 May at 4.30pm in the Cathedral**. Bishop Steve will preside. Please invite all those baptised at Easter or received into full communion in the last 12 months to attend with their godparents and other supporters.



Sunday 12 May- Mother's Day

Pentecost Sunday- 18/19 May 2024- Looking for volunteers to read the Prayer of Faithful a language other than English. Please email [Asha\(ashapat65@gmail.com\)](mailto:Ashapat65@gmail.com)

Homestays for pre-seminary students to find out more, email alisonm@cda.org.nz or phone 09 360 3003.