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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B 28 April 2024

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Psalm Response: I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

An accurate chronology of the apostle Paul's life and mission remains frustratingly elusive. In Luke's account, no sooner has the zealous Pharisee named Saul undergone his conversion than he's preaching boldly and impressively in Damascus, as he does soon after in Jerusalem. Then he disappears for a time until Baranbus brings him to Antioch (11:25). In later Sundays of Easter (Year C) we hear something of their shared mission. But surprisingly, on no Sunday in the three-year cycle do we ever hear a word about Paul's subsequent missionary journeys, in spite of the fact that Luke devotes over thirteen chapters to them (15:36-28:31). This huge gap is left for individual readers or groups to fill for themselves. It's well worth doing.

(Break Open the Word p 78)

CONGRATULATIONS! First grandchild born to Marian and Fons Joosten of St Joseph's Helensville. Son of their son Robert. Welcome to the new baby boy and congratulations to the Joosten family.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 (Confirmation and First Eucharist) - Lessons will begin in the new school term. Last chance to enrol your child. Please give Gillian 027 4163383 your child's full name and age, and send a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the office: office@helensvillecatholic.org.nz.

BARBARA HONEYCOMBE RIP - The Honeycombe family would like to thank all those who supported our mother Barbara with their prayers over these last few months. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Rest In Peace.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - If you have a baby or children below seven years old that you wish to be baptised - please come to Mass and introduce yourselves to Fadzie and Fr Carlos. For further info, please feel free to contact Fadzie on 0277070984.

PARISH NOTICES:

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED - Victoria Mary Theresa (Terri) Smith and Barbara Lee Honeycombe. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES WILL OCCUR THIS WEEK:
27/2005 Mary Pikett, 29/2023 Willow Martens, 30/1981 Patricia Fergusson, 30/1981 Yvonne Reynolds 1/1983 Christine Hassan, 2/2003 Joan Sheddon, 2/1983 Thomas Herlihy, 3/1999 Jack Hodgson, 3/1985 Jeannetta Ford, 3/1997 Veronica Downey.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING & RECOVERY for all those who are sick in our Parish, those previously mentioned and also: Mary Evans, Michael Davis, Caroline Francis, Ross Kerr -Taylor, Bev Walsh, baby Finn Preston, Kath Butcher, Kath Ashby, Colleen Keliher, Doris Escandor, Josephine Clough, Peter Tohill, Monica Foster, Michael McSheffrey and those who have undergone surgery in recent weeks.

Let Fr Carlos **know if you have relatives in hospital or at home** to visit.



ANZAC DAY

The parish had two wonderful and memorable celebrations of ANZAC on Thursday morning, 25 April.

We remember all those that contribute to making the world a better place.

To those who fought in battles for freedom, their families particularly those who mourn the death of loved ones, for those who fight that systems might be just.

Overall, at this ANZAC time of memorial we pray for peace across the world that all might have fullness of life.

LEST WE FORGET

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND - \$602.90 and Vocation Sunday \$289.80. Thank you for your generosity. If you are donating online, please put in the reference number on your tax receipt.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME Please support our Parish by joining the Planned Giving Programme. Copies of Pledge Forms are in both foyers.

For Automatic Payments - the Parish Account is 02-0108-0706929-000. If you can, please sign in for the Automatic Payment of your weekly donations.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOPS - The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training and 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. Please consider attending our closest one on **19 May North Shore** (St Joseph's Takapuna) 1-3pm, light lunch.

JBL PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER - Suzi Smith has donated a JBL Portable Bluetooth Speaker to the parish on behalf of Terri and John Smith in thanksgiving for the beautiful and memorable send-off, the Requiem Mass for our beloved Terri Smith on 21 March.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY IN APRIL - Last week was Vocations Sunday. The Bishop's Appeal. Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations. Thanks all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate.

NOTE: There will be a Second Collection: TODAY at St Patrick's Huapai - 9:00am Mass, Sunday 28 April

DIOCESAN NOTICES

NZ CATHOLIC - The latest issue 21 April - 4 May is out now. NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyers. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MARY - 8 May 7:30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. May is traditionally the month of Mary, so join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

RELICS TOUR - Still on until 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/.

HOMESTAYS FOR PRE-SEMINARY STUDENTS - The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email alisonm@cda.org.nz phone 09 360 3003.

FATHER CHRIS SKINNER CONCERT - Rescheduled Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May Suggested Koha \$10

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE ARCHIVES - The archives of the Auckland Catholic Diocese will be providing a presentation, exhibition of items related to Bishop Pompallier and a tour of Bishops House for parish groups. The presentation and tour will take approximately an hour on a Saturday morning. Bookings will be essential. The times will be 9.30 am and 11.00 am and the dates are; 25 May, 22 June, 27 July. If you are interested in visiting and connecting with our rich heritage please email the parish office.

PRO-LIFE FACTS - A Christian doctor, Dermot Keaney, has been given the Anton Neuwirth Prize, a prestigious award, for his work reversing the lethal effect of abortion pills. Abortion reversal halts the medical abortion process, enabling women who have taken only the first abortion medication to continue their pregnancy and have their babies. www.voiceforlife.org.nz

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 NZer 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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE - The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025 -Pilgrims of Hope: check the website: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025>

CDA CONNECT Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events; see the latest edition <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Daily Readings for Next Week

22 Monday <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 96; John 15:12-17
23 Tuesday <i>St Pius V</i>	Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145; John 14:27-31
24 Wed <i>St Joseph</i>	Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122; John 15:1-8
25 Thur <i>St Athanasius</i>	Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96; John 15:9-11
26 Friday <i>Sts Philip & James</i>	1Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19; John 14:6-9
27 Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100; John 15:18-21

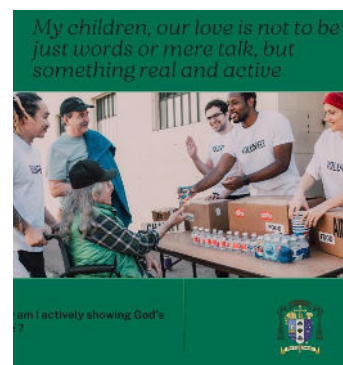
COMING SUNDAY READINGS: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B 4/5 May
Readings: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 97; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Coming Rosters 4/5 May	Huapai Vigil 6pm Sat	Helensville 9am Sun
Leader	Chantelle	Doreen
Readers (Lectors)	Fiona	Raquel / Dolly
Extra-ordinary MOE	TBA	TBA
Altar Servers	TBA	Fons

Haere Mai (Come)
Nau Mai (Welcome)
Whakarongo Mai (Listen)

Weekly Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00 pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	6:00 pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00 am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00 am
Weekday	Mon, Wed & Thu	9:00 am	Tue & Fri	10:00 am
Adoration	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	Friday	10:30-11:00 am
Devotions	1 st Saturday Hour of Adoration Mass	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:00 am	1 st Friday	10:00-11:00 am
Adoration, Holy Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45 pm



RECONCILIATION - During Adoration Time and Devotions or at other times - feel free to contact Fr. Carlos on (09) 420 8110.