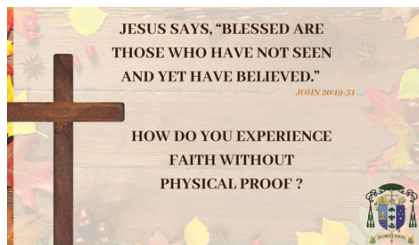




**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR C
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
27 APRIL 2025**

Readings: Acts 5:12-17; Psalm 118;
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.



PRESBYTERY RENOVATION

DONATIONS - Please deposit in the Parish Account 02-0108-0706929-000 using reference code: PRESRENO2024 and your full name for tax receipt purpose. The Account name is St Joseph's Helensville/St Patrick's Huapai Ecclesiastical Goods Trust.

For those wishing to make a cash donation - an envelope is available in the foyer of both churches.

Security Patrols of the Presbytery. The services of North West Security are extended until the presbytery is re-occupied this month.

Remaining work - painting around the replacement glass on the guest room.

You are strongly encouraged to visit the site to appreciate the renovation project and see where your donations went.

Thank you very much to the many people who have worked hard on this project for the past fifteen years.

Together As One, as the Parish of St Joseph's Helensville & St Patrick's Huapai continues to work together - with the grace of God, we can raise the money needed to complete this project and pay our loan from CDF.

COMPULSORY SAFEGUARDING COURSE FOR PRIEST - Fr Carlos will be at the whole day Safeguarding Course on Wednesdays, 30 April and 14 May.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The liturgical season of Easter is structured after the pattern of the two-volume work comprising the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles in which Luke lets forty days elapse between Jesus' death and resurrection and ascension, with a further ten days before the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. However this should not be taken as an historical timeline.

The Gospel of John from which today's reading is taken dismantles Luke's sequence of events. On the very first Sunday of the Resurrection, in the evening of the empty tomb, the risen Christ stands among the gathered apostles. He greets them with peace and sends them on a mission. He breathes on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit". All of this occurs on the same day.

The Paschal Mystery encompasses the whole event of the passion, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. The presence of both the risen Lord and the Holy Spirit are dimensions of the same reality. Fortunately, the liturgical seasons give us a time of grace to embrace our baptism and enter into the fullness of this revelation.

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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Alex Binnie, Robert Philip (Bob) Clarke, Sevelina Estrada and Theodore David Holly. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK:

26/1993 Kathleen Murray, 27/2005 Mary Pikett, 29/2023 Willow Martens, 30/1981 Patricia Fergusson, 30/1981 Yvonne Reynolds, 1/1983 Christine Hassan, 2/2003 Joan Sheddon and 2/1983 Thomas Herlihy.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

for all those who are sick in our Parish community including: Michael Davis, Caroline Francis, Peter Tohill, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Papa, Tom and Bev Walsh, Len Dawson, Rosie Ko, Allan and Ross Kerr-Taylor, Christine Grace and Dean Cook. We also pray for those who are preparing to meet the Lord face to face, that the Lord gives them peace.

Please let Fr Carlos know if you have relatives in hospital or at home to visit.

PARISH SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRESRENO2024

- The parish has begun paying the \$1,772.10 monthly payment for the loan at CDF. With this, the PPC and PFC Leadership Team have decided to have a Second Collection starting in Holy Week and the Easter Celebrations and it will continue every weekend until further notice.

EASTER MESSAGE - With a prayer that the promises of the Resurrection will brighten your life with faith, hope and love. May God bless all your days with joy and peace as you serve Him and serve your brothers and sisters. A Blessed and Happy Easter! Keep safe on the road. Fr Carlos

COLLECTIONS OVER EASTER - Church - \$2,184.60, Caritas - \$40.00 & PRESRENO2024 - \$696.90 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 up for the Automatic Payment of your weekly donations.

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES please collect your envelopes from the church foyers.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

- Parents with children over the age of seven, who wish to join their children for the 2025 Sacramental Programme please contact Gillian (for Huapai) on her email - gillian.schloss@gmail.com or phone 027 4163383 and Geraldine (for Helensville) on 021 1608193.

2025-2026 RCIA And RCIC PROGRAMME

- Please see the Notice Boards in the foyer of both Churches of the parish for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to our RCIA and RCIC candidates, who are now received fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass - Iris, Jenna, Sadie, Ashton, Daniel, Sophie, Judy and Kerstin. May we be a welcoming and supportive parish family, ready to help these new members grow in faith and love.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - There will be a Prayer of Consecration to the Divine Mercy and Blessing of Images. Bring your Divine Mercy images and artefacts to be blessed.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS RIP - Please join in praying the Luminous Mystery of the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Mon 28 Apr <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 96; John 15:12-17
Tue 29 Apr <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93; John 3:7-15
Wed 30 Apr	Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34; John 3:16-21
Thu 1 May	Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34; John 3:31-36
Fri 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27; John 6:1-15
Sat 3 May <i>Sts Philip & James</i>	1Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19; John 14:6,9

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter Year C

Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Psalm 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

ROSTERS 3 /4 May	HUAPAI Sat 6pm	HELENSVILLE Sun 9am
Leader	Frank	Doreen
Lector	Poyer	Raquel / Dolly
MOE	Monica	Nick
Altar Server	Mazvita & Nakiso	Fons



DIOCESAN NOTICES

ARE YOU A CATECHIST OR VOLUNTEER IN THE PARISH? All who serve in their parish are welcome to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser. 7 Jun 10:00 - 3:30pm. Details & registration. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/>

RECRUITING FOR ST PATRICK'S HUAPAI - More Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans are needed for St Patrick's. Training will be given, so if you feel called, please contact the office.

DIVINE MERCY FEASTDAY - Sun 27 Apr 5:30pm at St Benedict's, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass.

The next **Catholic singles 30s & 40s** meetup for the year will be held on 10 May. At 7:15pm, we will meet at the Stardome Observatory. For more details contact: aklcatholicssinglesocialgroup@gmail.com

VACANCY - The Cathedral Parish of St Patricks and St Josephs is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary for 36 hours per week. They are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of the Cathedral office and to support the Dean of the Cathedral. More details www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

Invitation to join with Bishop Steve on a **Special Jubilee Pilgrimage** 29 Sep to 19 Oct from Lyon to Rome as we celebrate Jubilee 2025. On the way we will meet pilgrims of the past, who have influenced our local and the universal Church and who will inspire us in hope as journey to the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. For further information and bookings please contact Harvest Journeys NZ Call free 0800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com

POPE FRANCIS 1936 -2025 RIP - Auckland Bishop Steve Lowe said Catholics across New Zealand are praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and in thanksgiving for his servant leadership. Pope Francis, who was elected Pope in March 2013, died on Monday evening NZ time. He became the first Pope from outside Europe in 1,200 years and the first Pope from the Southern Hemisphere.

"While he didn't set foot on our shores, we know the deep love that Pope Francis had for the Catholic faithful scattered across the world," said Bishop Lowe, who is president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference.

Bishop Lowe said one of Pope Francis' lasting legacies will be his encouragement for the Church to be a place of listening, of dialogue and of discernment.

A condolence book is in the foyer of the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and you are encouraged to make a pilgrimage of prayer if you can.

Cardinal John Dew, whom Pope Francis elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2015, flew out of NZ to attend the papal funeral on Saturday morning, Rome time. He will become the third New Zealand Cardinal to vote in a papal election, following in the footsteps of Cardinal Reginald Delargey, who participated in the two conclaves in 1978, and Cardinal Thomas Williams, who was among the cardinals to elect Pope Benedict XVI in 2005.

Cardinal Dew asked Catholics to keep him and the College of Cardinals in their prayers – during the Pope's funeral on Saturday, and also as they prepare for and undertake the task of electing a new Pope.

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	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