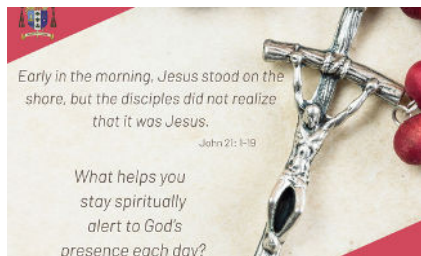




### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C 4 MAY 2025

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

**Psalm Response:** I will praise you  
Lord for you have rescued me.



#### 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.

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

For those who haven't been to Mass in St Joseph's Helensville, you are strongly encouraged to visit - for you to appreciate our 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.

#### NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

- There will be a Second Collection at the 9:00am Sunday Mass on 11 May at St Patrick's Huapai, and at the 9:00am Sunday Mass on 18 May at St Joseph's Helensville.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

There is no question, the gospels can be confusing. John 21 seems to be an appendix (the previous chapter had a concluding paragraph). In this chapter, the risen Lord feeds his disciples with bread and fish by the Sea of Tiberius - on the only other occasion when this place is mentioned, Jesus feeds a crowd with bread and fish (John 6). Luke 24 has a short version of last week's gospel (John 20) but then adds that Jesus eats a piece of grilled fish. John 21 incorporates the story of a great haul of fish; there are many similarities with the story of the miraculous haul of fish found in Luke 5, but this one happens at the beginning of Jesus' ministry when he first calls Peter, James and John to follow him. The same figures are present in John 21 which ends with the injunction: 'follow me'. The commissioning of Peter here reminds us of the commissioning given in Matthew 16. How are all these elements related? There is plenty of work for Biblical scholars to make the connections & enlighten us! Peter is a key figure in today's readings. In the first reading, we hear his fearless witness. In the gospel he is the one who gets the fishing trip and is at the centre of the encounter with the risen Lord. Then he is commissioned by the Lord to care for the flock of Christ. With Peter, and the disciples, we are drawn to understand the reality of the resurrection and to encounter the risen Christ.

*Break Open the Word p80*

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

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:

3/1999 Jack Hodgson, 3/1985 Jeannetta Ford, 3/1997 Veronica Downey, 6/1969 Mary Moore, 6/1975 Hubert Hafford, 7/2012 Jim Carson, 8/2019 Shona Mary Jurlina, 9/2019 Rosemary Collins, 9/2022 Annette Carson

#### 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 our loan at CDF. With this, the PPC and PFC Leadership Team have decided to have a Second Collection every weekend until further notice.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF PRIESTHOOD

- my grateful thanks to the Lord who have chosen me ten years ago in spite of my unworthiness. Thanks to our Blessed Mother Mary for guiding me in everything I do for her Son Jesus and his Church - the people of God. Thank you everyone for your friendship, prayers and support. And thanks to all those who have supported me and continue to support me in my priestly ministry. *Fr Carlos*

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND** Church - \$457.00, PRESRENO2024 - \$276.60. 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.

**DONATION ENVELOPES** - Please collect your 2025 envelopes from the church foyers.

**Tax Receipts** will be available in mid-June.

**FOOD BANK HUAPAI** - There is no collection for the Food Bank in Huapai at present.

#### 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.


Mon 5 May	Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29
Tue 6 May	Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 31; John 6:30-35
Wed 7 May	Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 66; John 6:35-40
Thu 8 May	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66; John 6:44-51
Fri 9 May	Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59
Sat 10 May	Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116; John 6:60-69

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS**

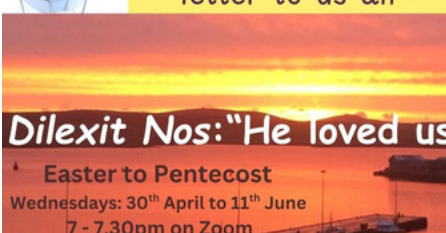
**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C**

Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52; Psalm 99;  
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17, John 10:27-30

<b>ROSTERS 10 /11 May</b>	<b>HELENSVILLE Sat 6pm</b>	<b>HUAPAI Sun 9am</b>
Leader	John	Rob
Lector	Abbie / Kate	Clare
MOE	Denis	Rob / Esmie
Altar Server	Nick	Elai / Margaux



Read Pope Francis' letter to us all -



**Dilexit Nos: "He loved us"**  
Easter to Pentecost  
Wednesdays: 30<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> June  
7 - 7.30pm on Zoom

**MAY IS THE MONTH FOR MARY** - It is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. As you gather as a family in your own homes - please pray together the Holy Rosary.

**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.

**National Solemn Requiem Mass for Pope Francis** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Palmerston North. Join New Zealand's six Catholic bishops and Vatican's ambassador to New Zealand for the nation's formal Memorial Mass for Pope Francis. Sunday, 4 May 6:00pm livestreamed, open 15min prior. [https://youtube.com/live/DI-RNOA\\_hQQ?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/DI-RNOA_hQQ?feature=share)

**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 & Deacon Steve Fraser. 7 Jun 10:00am - 3:30pm. Details & registration. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/>

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](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

**PRO-LIFE FACTS** - On many occasions, Pope Francis spoke up for vulnerable pre-born children. Pope Francis encouraged organisations to: "help families and individuals to welcome and responsibly safeguard the gift of life, especially in the case of difficult pregnancies, and prevent recourse to abortion." [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

**POPE FRANCIS 1936 -2025 RIP** - Before 200,000 faithful in St Peter's Square and with millions more watching around the world, Pope Francis was laid to rest last Saturday. Dignitaries and leaders from Europe, the Americas, Oceania, Asia and Africa were also in attendance. It was a farewell befitting a much-loved pope whose mercy and compassion became hallmarks of his pontificate. In keeping with Pope Francis's wishes, his funeral was low-key, and he was buried in a simple wooden casket.

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.

New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is in Rome for the conclave to begin next Wednesday, 7 May. 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.

**PRAYING FOR THE CONCLAVE** - Cardinal Dew has invited the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the Litany of the Saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal Dew is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a Litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz) has recorded a short video has been posted to the NZCBC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ/>)

**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 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Hour of Adoration Mass	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	10:00-11:00 am
Adoration, Holy Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45 pm