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St. Joseph's, Helensville & St. Patrick's, Huapai

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 12 APRIL 2026

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117;
Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20: 19-31

What helps me trust God in moments when He feels unseen?



PLEASE help to contribute to the running of our parish and diocese.

Direct Deposit

St Joseph/St Patrick Ecclesiastical Goods trust Account : 02-0108-0706929-000

Please use your full name for tax receipt purpose.

Presbyterian Renovation - to make a special donation use reference code: **PRESRENO2024**



Tap & Go Device

Available at St Patrick's Huapai.

Simply select the amount you wish to donate, and tap your card. Online receipts available



Cash Donation

For those wishing to use cash donation there are collection baskets during Mass. Envelopes are also available to use in both foyers.



Parish Planned Giving Programme

Pledge forms are in both foyers

PARISH SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRESRENO2024

- There is a second collection every weekend to help towards the repayment of \$1,772.10 monthly payment for the presbytery renovation.

The mission to which God calls us as his people is the Christian mission, the very same as Jesus', not another. Each of us takes part in it according to our own vocation in a deeply personal obedience to the voice of the Spirit, yet never without others, never neglecting or breaking communion! Bishops and priests, as we renew our promises, we are at the service of a missionary people. Together with all the baptized, we are the Body of Christ, anointed by his Spirit of freedom and consolation, the Spirit of prophecy and unity.

(Pope Leo XIV Easter 2026)

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: Luke lets forty days elapse between Jesus' death-resurrection and his ascension, with a further ten days before the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But this should not be taken as an historical timeline.

The Gospel of John from which today's reading is taken dismantles Luke's series of events. On the very first Sunday of the Resurrection, on 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*. And all of this occurs on the same first 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.

Break Open the Word p80

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

Julie Colville and Dolly den Haan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace!

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK:

12/1980 Joseph Samson, 12/2014 Anthony John Martin, 13/2024 Barbara Honeycombe, 14/2023 Father Mario Dorado, 14/2023 Terrance Mischevski, 14/2017 Lamberto Avanzado, 14/1967 Ellen Hughes, 14/2015 Maurice John Kettle, 14/2016 Don Kiddie 15/2007 Easton Kiddie, 16/2019 Margot Robertson, and 17/1982 Zvonko Mucalo.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

for all those who are sick in our Parish community including: Mary Papa, Caroline Francis, Tom and Bev Walsh, Dean Cook, Marta Sturt, Janet Kerr-Taylor, Edith Bubb, Corazon Villanueva, Janimar Marzuki, Vera Holly, Ivan Zaknich, Grahame Edmonds, Francis Casey, Carmel Wilson, Rosa Soriano, Leah Ituralde, Pearl Parkinson, Cynthia Linderboom, Rosie Ko, and Ryan Scott.

We also pray for those who are preparing to meet the Lord face to face, that He gives them peace.

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to everyone in the parish - Coordinators of the liturgies, our wonderful choirs and musicians, our liturgical extra-ordinary ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, sacristans, altar servers, all the many volunteers who helped, and to all of you who attended and make this year's Holy Week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations such a wonderful & inspirational experience of faith. Thank You!!!

A Blessed Happy Easter Week and Happy Divine Mercy Feast Day! God bless, Fr Carlos

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND - CHURCH - \$1,413.20, PRESRENO - \$406.10, TAP&GO - \$270.00 HOLY PLACES - \$733.90, CARITAS \$130.00, MISSIONS \$20.00. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are donating online, please put the reference number on your tax receipt.

2026 Planned Giving envelopes are in both church foyers for collection.

YOUTH GROUP - The Youth Group is taking a break for the school holidays. See you next term!

2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME -

Parents with children over the age of seven who believe their child is ready to begin the Sacramental Programme in 2026. Please contact Gillian (for Huapai) email gillian.schloss@gmail.com or phone 027 4163383. For Helensville please contact Geraldine on 021 1608193.

2026-2027 RCIA And RCIC PROGRAMME -

If you know people who are interested in learning about the faith or who have children over 7 years old in need of baptism please see the Notice Boards in the foyers for more information about the upcoming programmes.

CONGRATULATIONS - to these adults and children who were received into fullness of life in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass - Oisin, Megan, Coralee, James and Andrew; Riley, Cassie and Layla.

POPE LEO'S PEACE PRAYER VIGIL - During his Easter message, Pope Leo invites all this weekend to join him in praying for peace in the world. In response, we will have a short prayer for peace after Mass today, asking for Our Lady's intercession for peace, praying with Pope Leo and invoking peace in our own lives."

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 13 Apr	Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2; John 3:1-8
Tue 14 Apr	Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93; John 3:7-15
Wed 15 Apr	Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34; John 3:16-21
Thu 16 Apr	Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34; John 3:31-36
Fri 17 Apr	Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27; John 6:1-15
Sat 18 Apr	Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; John 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-23; Psalm 15;
Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

18 / 19 APR	HUAPAI 5 PM	HELENSVILLE 9 AM
Leader	YOUTH	Danny
Lector	YOUTH	Michelle / June
MOE	Gillian / Fadzie / Julena	Pat
Altar server	YOUTH	Lily



CELEBRATION WEEKEND
14 - 16 AUGUST 2026
KESWICK CHRISTIAN CAMP
5 COOPER AVE, HOLDENS BAY, ROTORUA



Last Sunday of each month
4:30pm February - November
St Patrick's Cathedral
\$4.50 parking available at Wilson Carpark, Hobson Street, via the Parkmate app.

For more info contact the Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry Team:
✉ youthmin@cda.org.nz
📱 @acym2
📱 @akeym

DIOCESAN NOTICES

PARISH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at St Joseph's Helensville and St Patrick's Huapai. Volunteers are needed to be Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and accompany in prayer our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. Please sign up on the Roster at the foyers of the Church.

MISSION HUB - In this special session, Bishop John Adams will reflect on "The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission," inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today. Together, we will explore how we can grow in openness to the Spirit's movement in our own lives and be renewed in our call to share the Gospel. Mission Hub is a monthly online gathering that brings people together from across the country to learn, pray, reflect, and be encouraged in mission. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by others seeking to follow Christ. Mon 13 April 7.00-8.30pm Register: <https://bit.ly/apr13zoom>

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS - Sun 26 Apr 4:30pm Feb - Nov at St Patrick's Cathedral For more info - youthmin@cda.org.nz

PRAYER RETREAT FOR WOMEN Prayer and the Interior Life' Fri 17 Apr 6pm to Sun 19 Apr 3pm with time for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. The Friary, Hillsborough. Register and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Everyone is invited to a 7 week Seminar, The Holy Spirit-our Helper. Tue evenings, Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby, 7.30pm, with cuppa from 7.15pm. Starts April 21. No charge. For more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com

FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION - The Flame of Love devotion is in our parish - a beautiful movement calling us to blind Satan, assist in freeing souls in purgatory and help spread the flame of love which is Christ and the Holy Spirit in our community. Flame of Love Rosary at St Patrick Huapai at 6:30pm on Thursdays, all welcome. Flyers are available in the foyers, please join this grace-filled devotion as we journey together in faith. www.flameoflove.info/contact-new-zealand/

PRO-LIFE FACTS - Twenty-six countries joined the 40 Days for Life campaign in Lent 2026. Rooted in peaceful prayer and compassionate presence near abortion clinics, the movement offers life-affirming support and alternatives to abortion. Since 2007, 26,214 babies' lives have been saved, 184 abortion centers have closed down, and 275 workers have left the abortion industry. For more information www.voiceforlife.org.nz

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY Parrhësia - with Prof Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus is the model of someone speaking truth boldly and taking risks. What can we learn from his example? <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/03/28/parrhesia-muffin-talk-with-prof-amy-jill-levine/>

DIOCESAN VACANCIES Vacancies Head of Pastoral Services a committed, faith-filled leader to support the Bishop's pastoral mission and provide strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral ministries.

Reshaping Facilitator a mission-focused facilitator to support parishes on the reshaping journey. For details and position descriptions, see www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

Weekly Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	5:00pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00am
Weekday	Wed & Thu	9:00am	Tue & Fri	10:00am
Adoration	Wednesday	9:00-10:30am	Friday	10:00am-3:00pm
Devotions	1 st Saturday Details - See Noticeboard	9:00am	1 st Friday	10:00am-3:00pm
			1 st Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm
Adoration, Holy Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45pm
Reconciliation		During Adoration Time, and after Morning Mass. Other Times - Please feel free to approach or contact Fr Carlos on (09) 420 8110.		