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Together As One
St. Joseph's, Helensville & St. Patrick's, Huapai

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A 25 OCT 2026

Readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40
Psalm Response: I love you Lord, my strength

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 - We will continue the second collection to help finish the remaining work - construction of the garage and storage.

Pope Francis is quite clear that we are living through a change of era. His point is that this is a moment of great opportunity and he uses beautiful images to describe what a missionary church should look like. He says the Church is the House of the Father where the doors are open and all are welcome. We can not do this if things just stay the same, if we just keep on doing the same things the same way. Divine Renovation is a way of being Church, of looking at things in new ways that provides ideas, guides and tools for Parish Transformation.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

"**The Lion In Love**" is one of Aesop's Fables; it is a cautionary tale of Greek origin. It is ambiguous in its meaning which, over the centuries, has led to multiple interpretations in both literature and art.

'A lion falls in love with the farmer's daughter and asks her father's permission to marry her. Afraid to refuse outright, the man sets the condition that the beast should first have its claws clipped and its teeth filed. The lion agrees. But once this is done, the father attacks the lion and drives it away, since it could now no longer defend itself!'

The love commanded by the gospel is total: all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. It is a self-sacrificing love - after the model of Christ himself. *(Open the Word p142)*

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Janet Kerr-Taylor, and Nina "Bib" Grbic. 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: 24/1975 Lancelot Grey, 25/2004 Kathleen Junge, 25/2023 Michael Ashby, 25/2023 Colin Andrew Harris, 26/1972 Christina Robinson, 27/1990 Gordon (Tug) Wilson, 27/1966 Joseph Curreen, 28/2017 Marie Therese Vink, and 29/1996 Svanko Piskulich.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY for all those who are sick in our Parish community including: Caroline Francis, Tom and Bev Walsh, Dean Cook, Ivan Zaknich, Corazon Villanueva, Janimar Marzuki, Francis Casey, Carmel Wilson, Rosa Soriano, Ryan Scott, Grahame Edmonds, Leah Ituralde, Pearl Parkinson, Peter, Xiomara and Maria Light, Emory Mdwara, Gilbert and Odessey Palis, Kain, Karen and Levi, Shantelle Lipana, Marlita Romero, Roland McCarthy, Andy Jelas, Alan Holmes, Katie Orbell, Jan Mawhinney, Herminio & Gloria Taruc, and Judy Goodsir.

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.

VERY SINCERE THANKS AND GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO OUR BELOVED PETER and KATHLEEN ASHBY - With their generous bequest, the 15 year Parish Loan from the CDF for the renovation of the presbytery is now paid in full. We are in a position now to finish the remaining work -the building of a garage and storage. Many thanks to the members of their family for their generous support in fulfilling the wills of Peter and Kathleen.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND - CHURCH - $343.10, PRESRENO - $37.00, MISSIONS - $134.20, TAP&GO - $285.00. Thank you for your generosity. If you are donating online, please put the reference number for your tax receipt.

ANNUAL SENIORS ANNOINTING MASS & CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON to be held on Wednesday, **25 November** at 11:00am at St Joseph's Helensville. After the Mass, there will a special lunch and entertainment to follow. This is a personal invitation to the senior members in our parish. Please RSVP by 11 Nov to Monica (St Patrick's) 021 1422940 or John (St Joseph's) 027 3574921 or by email to the parish office.

PARISH CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL MASS - November is the month of the year that we remember in a special way our departed loved ones. During this Mass, you have the opportunity to pray and light a candle for them.
St Patrick's Huapai - **9:00am Sunday Mass, 8 November**
St Joseph's Helensville - **9:00am Sunday Mass, 15 November**

CONGRATULATIONS - to these young people in our parish who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at St Patrick's Huapai at the 9:00am Mass, Sunday, 25 October: Ethan, Lily, Kristen, George, Caden, Abigail, Bianca, Enea, Nathan, Tommy, Grace, Everlea, Lazarus, Audrey, Imeta, Lucas and Megan.

Please continue to pray for these young people to continue to be active members of our parish community.

Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated this happy event with these candidates and their whanau.

And to our faithful catechists who have walked the journey with them this year - Gillian, Geraldine, and Anna Maria.

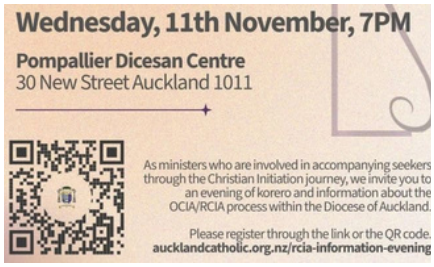
WEEKLY READINGS

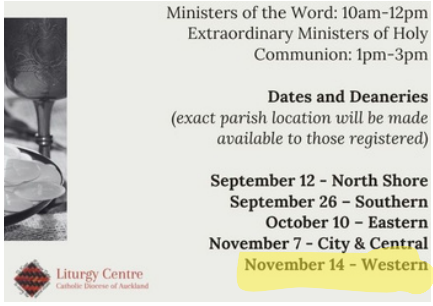
Mon 26 Oct	Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Psalm 1; Luke 13:10-17
Tue 27 Oct	Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128; Luke 13:18-21
Wed 28 Oct *Sts Simon & Jude*	Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19; Luke 6:12-16
Thu 29 Oct	Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144; Luke 13:31-35
Fri 30 Oct	Phillippians 1:1-11; Psalm 11; Luke 14:1-6
Sat 31 Oct	Phillippians 1:18-26; Psalm 42; Luke 14:1,7-11

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:
Feast of All Saints - Year A

Readings: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; Psalm 23; John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

31 OCT / 1 NOV	HUAPAI 5 PM	HELENSVILLE 9 AM
Leader	Jim	Doreen
Lector	Robyn / Nelia	Raquel / Martin
MOE	Dallas / Gillian / Rob	Raquel
Altar server	Elai / Margaux	Fons





DIOCESAN NOTICES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES LECTURES - As we approach the beginning of the new liturgical year, the Liturgy Centre is hosting its next series. These will cover basic theological foundations for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To register, please get in touch with the parish office who will then complete a group registration on your behalf. Registration is mandatory for all participants. Western Deanery **Nov 14:** Ministers of the Word: 10am-12pm Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 1pm-3pm (poster in foyers)

RED NOVEMBER 2026 - Light the night. Remember the forgotten. This November, stand with persecuted Christians around the world. Pray. Support. Act. Red November is proudly supported and endorsed by Bishop Steve's Justice & Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Resources, registration and donations open now. rednovember.org

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE - Remembering pre-born children lost to abortion, and praying for those who have died by euthanasia. All Saints Day evening - Sun 1 Nov 7:30pm Potter's Park – corner of Dominion & Balmoral Roads Bring family and friends. Candles provided. The vigil is a family-friendly event. For more information go to www.fli.org.nz/vigil-for-life/

G.I.F.T - Special Needs Ministry Growth in Faith Together - Spring Retreat! Everyone is most welcome. Come and sing, pray and create with friends. Sat 31 Oct- 1pm to 4pm. Pompallier Centre 30 New St, Ponsonby. (poster in the foyers)

ELECTION WEBINAR - NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference is hosting a webinar to unpack the bishops' 2026 election statement, Discerning Our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens. Join Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Catholic Family Support Services Hamilton manager Renee Rewi and Trinity Catholic College principal Kate Nicholson live at 7pm on Wed, Oct 28. The conversation will examine how faith can inform participation in public life and help shape a society that upholds human dignity, promotes justice and serves the common good. Learn more and register at: As the General Election near, the bishops urge people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country. Access the election statement at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: Tue 3 Nov 11:00am at St Patrick's Catholic Church and Cemetery Panmure. All parishioners from every parish are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy, as we gather to remember and pray for those clergy who have passed away in the past year.

GETTING MARRIED IN EARLY 2027? - Don't leave your marriage preparation too late! Our final Marriage Preparation Courses for 2026 are filling quickly. If you're planning to marry in the first part of 2027, you'll need to complete your marriage preparation this year, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible to secure your place.
(poster in the foyers)

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	1st Saturday Details - See Noticeboard	9:00am	1st Friday	10:00am-3:00pm
			1st 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.			