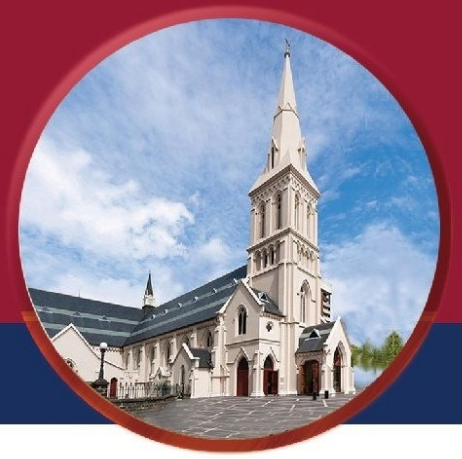


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Bienvenido - Willkommen -bula Vinaka - Dobro došli - Hola! - Witajcie*

Tēnā Koutou Katoa, Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, situated in downtown Auckland, at the heart of New Zealand's largest city. As the Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, we are blessed to welcome thousands of people each week—coming to pray, light a candle, or enjoy a moment's peace in the presence of our Lord. Whether you're visiting from another parish, joining us from overseas, or call this Cathedral your spiritual home, we are truly delighted to have you here with us.

We encourage all parishioners to participate in the life of the Church as much as possible. If you're looking for ways to get involved, please feel free to enquire with our friendly volunteers or parish office staff. We'd love to help you find a place to serve and grow in faith.

Thank you for being part of our community today, may your time in this sacred space be filled with peace and blessings.

God Bless - Fr Craig

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SATURDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 8.30 am

RECONCILIATION Monday to Friday 11 am to 12 pm
in the St Peter Chanel Chapel.

ADORATION Monday to Friday 11 am to 12 pm

REGULAR PRAYER GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

**WCCM Christian Meditation
Group (Monday)**

5.30-6.30 pm, St Peter Chanel Chapel.

Daily Rosary

after 7 am Mass in the Cathedral,
Saturdays & Public Holidays

Fathers' Prayer Group (Wednesday)

5.30-6.30 pm Contact Ken Fairgray
021-494-770 or kenfairgray@mac.com

Friday Rosary all four Mysteries 5-6 pm,
St Peter Chanel Chapel.

**Marian Movement of Priests
Cenacle (Saturday)**

9 am-9.45 am, St Peter Chanel Chapel.
Contact Tina - ckoon89@gmail.com

Young Adults Group (Sunday)

For young adults between the ages of
16 and 35 years. 5.45 pm-6.45 pm.
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The ASCENSION of the LORD
17th May 2026

This week's readings:

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Matthews 28: 16-20

Next Sunday 17th May 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

LITURGICAL REFLECTION

As the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord, we rejoice in Christ's return to the Father in glory and the completion of His earthly ministry. The Ascension is not a moment of absence, but a sign of hope, reminding us that Christ remains with His Church and continues to guide us through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the Ascension, the disciples are sent forth to become witnesses to the Gospel. In the same way, we too are called to live our faith with courage, hope, and charity in our daily lives. May this feast renew in us a deeper trust in the presence of the Risen Lord and in the mission entrusted to His Church.

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" (Acts 1:11)

RISE UP & SHINE FESTIVAL

Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture!

30 May 2026 for the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival.

Malaeola Community Centre,
16 Waokauri Pl, Mangere.

The day begins with a **Thanksgiving Mass at 10am**, followed by social entertainment until **3pm** - featuring music, Zumba, food stalls, and a vibrant cultural show.

INFANT BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held in **June** and is required for parents presenting your **first-born child in NZ** for baptism. For further details, including required documentation and baptism dates for the remainder of the year.

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Newsletter

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We invite you to explore the Cathedral's new website and follow us on Instagram. It's a wonderful way to stay connected with Mass times, events, and the life of our Cathedral community.

Scan the QR Codes for our new social media pages!

Website



YouTube



**WORLD YOUTH DAY
AUCKLAND 2026**

10:00am-8:30pm Saturday 1st August at Victory Convention Centre.

Join over 1,800 young Catholics for a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community and WITNESS. Inspired by the Scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world.

For more info and to register, scan the QR code:



MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES

Were you baptised at Easter? or have come into full communion in the last 12 Months? Consider this an invitation to the Mass of Welcome On **Pentecost Sunday 24th May at 4.30pm** in the Cathedral. Bishop Steve and the diocesan community invites you to the Mass of the Neophytes (newly planted in the faith) to give thanks for the gift of faith. All are welcome to support these 'new Catholics' and

Bishop Steve
and the
Auckland Catholic Community
Invite you to a Mass of Welcome for New Catholics
May 24 | St Patrick's Cathedral Auckland | 4:30pm
Come celebrate the gift of faith

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

(you are invited to spend some personal reflective time with this prayer)

Lord of creation, you gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread, as a sign of Your love and providence.

Today we recognize with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger, while so many goods are wasted at our tables.

Awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to thank for every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few.

Good Father, make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish consumption into a culture of solidarity.

May our communities promote concrete gestures: awareness campaigns, food banks, and a sober and responsible lifestyle.

You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus, broken bread for the life of the world, give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity.

May no one be excluded from the common table, and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread not as an object of consumption, but as a sign of communion and care. Amen.

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DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

Are you getting married? Book your Marriage Prep course **at least 6 months before your wedding date.**

Get in touch -
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marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz



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WE WALK BY FAITH

Henry Alfred

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear,
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
no gracious words we hear,
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

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LORD HAVE MERCY

Douglas Mews

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Douglas Mews

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone
are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM 46

Jo Boyce

Response (all):

God goes up with shouts of joy,
Sing praise for God, sing praise.
The Lord ascends with trumpet blasts,
sing praise for God, sing praise.

*Cantor: All the people clap your hands. Cry to
God with shouts of joy. For the Lord, the most
high we fear. Great king over all the earth.*

Response (all):

God goes up with shouts of joy,
Sing praise for God, sing praise.
The Lord ascends with trumpet blasts,
sing praise for God, sing praise.

*Cantor: God goes up with shouts of joy.
The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God sing praise. Sing praise
to our King sing praise.*

Response (all):

God goes up with shouts of joy,
Sing praise for God, sing praise.
The Lord ascends with trumpet blasts,
sing praise for God, sing praise.

*Cantor: God is king of all the earth. Sing praise
with all your skill. Over every nation God is
King. God reigns on his holy throne.*

Response (all):

God goes up with shouts of joy,
Sing praise for God, sing praise.
The Lord ascends with trumpet blasts,
sing praise for God, sing praise.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Donald Fischel

Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.

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HOLY HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup;
we proclaim your death O Lord,
until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen!

LAMB OF GOD

Douglas Mews

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, grant us peace.

TAKE AND EAT

Michael Joncas

R. Take and eat, take and eat;
This is my body, given up for you.
Take and drink, take and drink;
This is my blood, given up for you.

I am the word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. R
I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. R
I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
You are my own: your ransom is my blood. R

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LORD YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

Jeffrey Rowthorn

Lord you give the great commission: Heal the sick
and preach the Word. Lest, the church neglect its
mission and the gospel go unheard. Help us
witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: In my name
baptize and teach. That, the world may trust your
promise, life abundant meant for each. Give us all
new fervour; draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work
of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: This my body,
this my blood. Let your priests for earth's true
glory, daily lift life heaven-ward. Asking that the
around us share your children's liberty; With the
Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Words: Jeffrey Rowthorn.
Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).



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