

We encourage parents to enrol children well before their fifth birthday. You are welcome to visit the classroom before your child starts so you can meet the teacher and observe classroom routines.

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Daily Mass Times

Monday Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 9.00 am **Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday** 9.00 am Friday 10.00 am Mass of Anointing Every First Friday of the Month 10.00 am **Exposition/Benediction**

Thursday 9.30 am



morning Mass or by appointment Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to anyone in danger of death. Please call the parish office. If you are sick

or undergoing surgery you are welcome to seek the Sacrament of Anointing any time after Mass or by appointment.

Planned Giving Scheme

If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Scheme please fill in the Parish Registration Form available from the table in the foyer. For every dollar you donate, you get 33 percentage back a tax credit.





260 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1041 "To live by faith, to be known by love and to be a voice of hope" 1 June 2025

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION **OF THE LORD**

The Ascension of the Lord.

In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice. While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from

heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine Son who is one of us. The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus. Who makes his home in us.

This is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila: his life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus. Who makes his home in us. (Donal Neary S.J.)





World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of Hope Saturday 2nd August 10am – 8:30pm

Calling all young people aged 13–35 (and their awesome youth leaders)! Join over 1,500 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community, and HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise and worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai, Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and a huge celebration of our Catholic faith. Follow the link for more details and to register:

https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25

CATHOLIC NEWS IN YOUR INBOX:

What's happening in the Catholic Church in New Zealand? What is Pope Leo doing and saying? What are the big stories affecting people of faith in our country? Get Catholic headlines delivered to your inbox each Tuesday and Friday. Sign up today at: https://cathnewsnz.com/

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Aotearoa NZ

is celebrated on 1– 8 June 2025. Join us to celebrate together with the other Christian Churches at the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 1June2025|7:00PM at the Anglican St Lukes Church, 704 New North Rd, Mt Albert. Refreshments afterwards enables time for conversation. Pope Leo XIV calls us to be open to new dialogue. Nearby parishes urged to participate bring your priest, families and friends.

A New Lesson

The disciples have a new lesson to learn: they will not now find Jesus in the sky, in "heaven". The Jesus they knew before the Crucifixion has left them for good. They have to go back to Jerusalem. There, through the outpouring of the Spirit of the Father and Jesus on them, they will begin to understand and grow in understanding. If they want to find Jesus, they will find him in the Christian community—in those they mix with every day of their lives.

Every time they receive the love of a brother or sister, it is the presence of Jesus. Every time they share their love with a brother or sister, they are making Jesus present to that person. They—and we—are to be Jesus in this world. We are to be the visible presence of Jesus. It is really a great challenge and a rather scary responsibility.

When people see me, do they see Jesus? When people see me, do they want to know Jesus? When people see me, do they want to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their life? That is the meaning of the Ascension.

Today we gather here not only to remember something that happened a long time ago; we are also here to remind ourselves that when Jesus left us he gave us a very important mission. That mission was and is to continue his loving and redemptive presence in the world. Let us ask him today to help us, together with him, to carry out that huge responsibility in the way he wants.

Anointing of the **Sick**

Friday, 6 June, 10 am Mass Followed by cuppa, Please bring a plate to share with others. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Miracles exhibition

Sacred Heart Church, 16 Vermont St, Ponsonby | June 2025: To celebrate the month of the Sacred Heart, Ponsonby Herne Bay Parish will be showcasing Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles exhibition in June. All are welcome to visit. There will be a talk at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, 1 June, 3-5pm. Come along and find out more about the Eucharistic miracles, and join us for the Divine Mercy chaplet, Adoration and Benediction.

> We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, for the sick, recovering from surgery or are terminally ill

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Enrico David Bondoc, Peter John Clark, Perosi Lemalu Ulugia Sr Sheila Braganza, Amy de Souza, Ann-Coleen Norgrove Oswald Rebello, Lewis Misquitta, Barbara Lonergan, Elizabeth Katu Eileen Geaney, Mildred D'Mello

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.