

ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023

READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14,36–41

Psalm 23

1Peter 2:20–25

Gospel: John 10:1–10

“I am the gate of the sheepfold”



GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023

READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1–7

Psalm 33

1Peter 2:4–9

Gospel: John 14:1–12

“I am the way, the truth and the Life”



GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Croymans

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

The Gospel of John does not use parables to the same extent as some of the other Gospels, but the text today is as close to a parable as you will find. The contrast he draws between the shepherd who enters the fold by the gate, and the thieves and brigands who seek to enter another way, is really about leadership. There are good leaders and bad leaders. The good leader of God's people must come to them through Jesus who is the gate. The thieves and brigands will only lead the people to fear and confusion where they will be scattered. Perhaps John is addressing a situation in his community where those who are seeking leadership are not following the voice of Jesus but following their own agenda. Such people will ultimately lead the flock to destruction, but Jesus is the giver of life in abundance to all who know his voice and follow him as shepherd.



During the month of May a group of us join together to recite the rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am. You are most welcome to join us.



The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is a very well known one. It denotes his individual and pastoral care for all the flock. John takes this a step further. Entry into the flock of God's people can only come through the gateway that is belief in Christ.

This week pray for all who are like lost sheep and be a protector of someone in need of help.

First Friday of the Month Devotion

The devotion of the nine First Fridays of the month begins on Friday 5th May. Please see the handouts in the foyer for more details.

National Vocations Awareness Week 30th April—6th May 2023

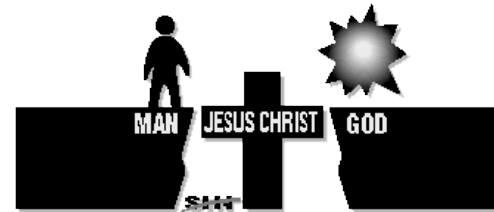
Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. The day also marks the start of the National Vocations Awareness Week.

Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?

- Pray for this person.
- Invite him to consider priesthood.
- Affirm his gifts and qualities.
- Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

The harvest is plenty, and Good Shepherd Sunday is a great opportunity to pray that those to whom God calls will have the openness and courage to say 'YES'. Please pray for our seminarians and for all those discerning the call to priesthood.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples. When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, "Lord, how can we know the way?", shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples, not only to continue the work of Jesus, but to perform even greater works.



CWL May Mass & Meeting

Join us if you can, on Friday 5th May for Rosary at 9.30am, Mass at 10am & our CWL meeting follows morning tea. We have our Auckland Diocesan President Fleur, joining us this month & look forward to welcoming her.

Our big May fundraiser is a lunch for Pink Ribbon & will be held in our Church Hall on Thursday 25th May from 11.30am. Entry is by Donation, to support the Breast Cancer Foundation in all avenues of their work! All Parishioners & friends are VERY welcome to attend & donations...either monetary or 'a plate' towards lunch will be very much appreciated!

Enquires to Kay (President) 021 2681472
or Frances (Secretary) 8673142 (or
021 1457039)!

SAVE THE DATE

The Parish Council want to acknowledge the service that Robert has given to our Parish for so many years by dedicating the Mass on Sunday 28th May for him and Kathy. Mass will be followed by a catered lunch. More details to come but please save this date as we want to invite you all to share this special day with them

The Father's house, of which Jesus speaks here, refers to that spiritual state of being in which we live knowing God as we are already known so intimately by Him. It is Jesus who grants access to this 'house'. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life for those who believe. Allow your own home and its various rooms to remind you of your Father's house this week. Be hospitable and open the doors of your home to someone in need of company.

MINISTERS – 14th May 2023

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward
 COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow
 COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Simon Main & Stephen Croymans
 DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 21st May 2023

GREETER: Stephen Croymans
 COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas
 COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Eileen Leonard & Alice Douglas
 DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

READINGS – 14th May 2023**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5–8,14–17
 Psalm 66
 1 Peter 3:15–18
 Gospel: John 14:15–21

**READINGS – 21st May 2023****Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1–11
 Psalm 47
 Ephesians 1:17–23
 Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

**FLOWERS**

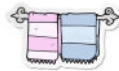
W/E 6/5 Eileen Leonard
 W/E 13/5 Moya Lynch
 W/E 20/5 Kay Brydon



**Next Parish Council meeting is
 Tuesday 9th May @ 6pm.**

**CHURCH LINEN**

APRIL L Blakey
 MAY K Brydon



May 2 Ineen Reynolds
 3 Tuscany Main
 13 Robert Hicks

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks,
 Moya Lynch.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of April: Mary Young,
 Des Jordan, Gina Ryan, Seamus Tully, Sr Helen Winter, Martin Kehoe,
 Father Munday, Kevin Hayward.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
 Please join us in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea after Mass.

