



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**

Acts 9:26–31

Psalm 22

1John 3:18–24

Gospel John 15:1–8

**'All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Kay Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Simon Main & Alice Douglas

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER**

Acts 10:25–26,34–35,44–48

Psalm 98

1John 4:7–10

Gospel John 15:9–17

**'No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey

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Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery which they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life that flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine. Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life giving presence is the Father. Like the vine dresser, the Father must cut away anything which impedes that life or comes from a source which is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with the disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.



### Today is the World Day of Vocations



“The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.” Pope Francis



Special collection envelopes are in your pledge pack and help towards fees for students in our Diocese for the priesthood.

### MAY MEETINGS

CWL—Friday 3rd May @ 10am  
Parish Council—Thurs 16th May @ 5pm

### CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
NEXT—5TH MAY



### DID YOU KNOW?

That if you pledge money to St Paschal's for the running of the Church, by way of the envelope system or automatic payment directly into their bank account, you can claim back 1/3 of that cost when filing your tax return to Inland Revenue Department. For more details/help see Frances..... Below are the bank accounts— please include your name in the reference.

**HAURAKI PLAINS PARISH**  
02-0108-0707550-00  
**COROMANDEL REGION HOUSE ACCOUNT**  
02-0108-0706566-001

### The Love of God poured out for us

The first will be finding people we never even imagined would make it to heaven and the second will be finding ourselves there. God is merciful, kind and extremely loving. He manifests himself to whomever he wants. His love has no boundaries. For comparison within our human experience, it is like the ocean below and the sky above. So vast, so rich, so marvellous.

St John of the Cross has something interesting to say when speaking of the love for God. "Hair that is combed with frequency is untangled, and there will be no difficulty in combing it as often as one desires; and the soul that, with frequency, examines its thoughts, words, and deeds, which are like the hair, and that does all things for love of God, will find that its hair is quite free from entanglement. Then the Spouse (God) will look upon the neck of the Bride (the soul), and will be captivated by it, and will be wounded by one of her eyes, namely by the purity of intention wherewith she performs all her acts. We begin to comb our hair from the crown of the head if we desire it not to be tangled; all our works must begin from the crown – that is, from the love of God – if we wish them to be without entanglement and pure."

Remaining in the love of God would mean doing everything for the love of God. St Ignatius of Loyola would call it, "Doing everything for the greater glory of God." Love of neighbour should be in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Only then our love for the neighbour will be complete and perfect. In the evening of our life, we will be judged on how much we have loved with a love like Christ's. And to love this way is to be transformed into what we love; i.e., to love God is to be transformed into God.

### First Communion and Confirmation

St Francis Parish will be starting classes for First Communion on 12th May and the Bishop will be there on 2nd June. See Father Rob or Frances to register.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Reconciliation** either at St Francis before Mass at 8.45am Saturday's or at St Paschal's on request after Mass on Sundays.

### Let's Talk About Mary 8th May @ 7.30pm

Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. Join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register at [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)



It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honour Mary during the month of May. In many Catholic churches and homes, a 'May Altar' is set up with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and candles as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives.

**During the month of May please join us to recite the rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am. All welcome**



**MINISTERS – 12TH MAY 2024**

GREETER: Moya Lynch  
COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: John Reynolds  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas  
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Laurel Blakey & Kate Main  
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

**MINISTERS – 19TH MAY 2024**

GREETER: Eileen Leonard  
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Alice Douglas  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster  
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Stephen Croymans & Alice Douglas  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**READINGS – 12TH MAY 2024  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Gospel Mark 16:15-20



**READINGS – 19TH MAY 2024  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 104  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
Gospel John 20:19-23



**FLOWERS**

W/E 4/5 June Clark  
W/E 11/5 Laurel Blakey  
W/E 18/5 F Croymans



**CHURCH LINEN**

APRIL Alice Douglas  
MAY Colleen Jordan



Father Rob travelled to Australia with family for two weeks. We pray that he enjoys his time with his family.



May 3 Tuscany Main

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Trevor Finan, Ray and Kathy Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the months of May: Dave (Toots) Laurich, Lisa Kuper, Sr Mary Gaines, Mary Hoogeveen, Doug Leonard, Beryl Manning.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.