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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 3:13–15,17–19

Psalm 5

1John 2:1–5

Gospel Luke 24:35–48

'It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 4:8–12

Psalm 118

1John 3:1–2

Gospel John 10:11–18

'The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Frances Chaplow

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kathy Karl

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Crooymans & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

In the Gospel of Luke, all of the events of Easter run into one another. Beginning with the discovery of the empty tomb, the resurrection narrative follows the disciples as they move away from what had happened in Jerusalem towards Emmaus, but they encounter the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In witnessing to this, Christ is present among them again until he finally returns to the Father. Jesus goes to great lengths to reassure them that he is the same Jesus who was with them during his ministry. Something in his nature has changed but he is still 'flesh and bone'. There is continuity with the Jesus they knew but also now, something 'other-worldly', which they cannot quite comprehend. Jesus is the same but somehow transformed. Jesus journey is about to be completed with his return to the Father, but their journey is only just beginning. Now the disciples must journey from Jerusalem to all the nations, witnessing to what they have seen and heard, preaching the good news of repentance and forgiveness of sin.



CONGRATULATIONS and **THANKS** must go to the Liturgy Team for their work in preparing and leading us through Holy Week. Thanks also to all who took part in each or all of the celebrations. This period now, from Easter Sunday is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle.

Continue the Easter focus in prayer. Pray for the newly baptised that they may always echo Thomas' acclamation of faith.



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 to register.

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
NEXT—5TH MAY
DUTY: ALICE DOUGLAS



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

CROSS IN LOVE

The Gospel of John is an unique Gospel where he presents himself as a beloved disciple. St John understood Jesus closely; he understood Jesus' mission on earth to love one another. Why did He love us? We read in 1 John 3:8 that, 'God is love'. God is love and so Jesus loves everyone to save us all from sins. He took up the cross to redeem us from our sinful ways.

'No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father' (Jn. 10:18). Jesus's whole life was an act of obedience to his Father and His commandments. Jesus chose to surrender Himself to the will of the Father and cross was a consequence of that total surrender. It is told that in the First World War there was a young French soldier who was seriously wounded. His arm was so badly smashed that it had to be amputated. The surgeon was grieved that he must go through life maimed. So, he waited beside his bedside to tell him the bad news about his arm. When he recovered his consciousness and opened his eyes surgeon told him that he could not be able to save his arm but to the surgeon's surprise, the soldier replied, 'I give it up for France'. Jesus did not lose his life, but He gave it up. The cross was not forced upon him, He willingly accepted it for us.

Let us pray that we may also learn to take up crosses that come along the way of loving our neighbours.



ANZAC DAY 2024

Lord, today we pray as a grateful nation in remembrance of those who have fallen on the fields of battle. We thank you for the peace and freedom our nation enjoys as a result of their sacrifice. Help all of us to honour those who have made so great a sacrifice, yet save us from ever glorifying the evil of war. Enable us to be peacemakers.

Also today, Lord, we take time to think of those men and women currently serving our nation on the field of battle. We pray for protection for their lives. May your peace come quickly to the lands where they serve.

EARTH DAY

22 APRIL 2024



Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2024 is "Planet vs. Plastics."

We thank God for His beautiful creation. May we commit to being the good stewards God calls us to be. May we be aware of our carelessness and our wastefulness. May we commit to the changes that need to be made.

MINISTERS – 28TH APRIL 2024

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

MINISTERS – 5TH MAY 2024

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans
COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Fel Aralar & Kay Brydon
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 28TH APRIL 2024
FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22
1John 3:18-24
Gospel John 15:1-8



**READINGS – 5TH MAY 2024
SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER**

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
Psalm 98
1John 4:7-10
Gospel John 15:9-17



FLOWERS

W/E 20/4 Fel Aralar
W/E 27/4 Dot Chipman
W/E 4/5 June Clark



CHURCH LINEN

APRIL Alice Douglas
MAY Colleen Jordan



Pilgrims of Hope –Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – Resources to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>



April 25 Viv Garrett

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 April: Fay Hayward, Mary Young, Des Jordan, Gina Ryan, Seamus Tully, Sr Helen Winter, Martin Kehoe, Father Munday, Kevin Hayward.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.