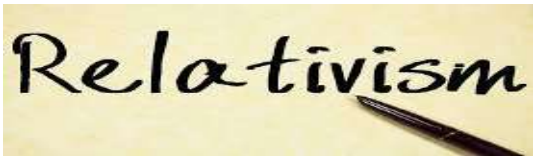


Sacred Heart Parish

25th May 2025 – 6th Sunday of Easter

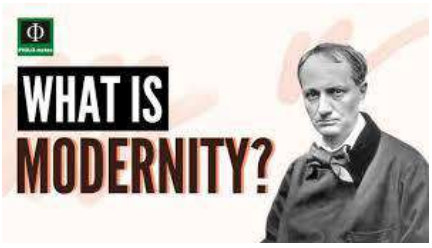
FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



Our current Pope has a major concern with relativism so I found this which might be helpful.

A rather short male interviewer asks college students what they would think if he told them he identifies as a woman. Then a 6'4" woman. They hesitate at times, but all ultimately agree that if that is his "truth," then he is indeed entitled to be a tall woman.
That is the ultimate expression of relativism.
Relativism, boiled down, is essentially the belief that there is no "objective" truth that is true for all. Rather, we as individuals, each establish our own subjective "truths," and we live "authentically" to the extent that we honour these individual "truths."





Interesting enough The pontificate of Leo XIII (r. 1878–1903) was decisive in shaping the Catholic response to modernity. His primary aim was to guide the Church in coming to terms with the modern world by making a clear distinction between unchangeable truths and other teachings that could be legitimately adapted to fit the scientific, democratic, and industrial world.

Thanks, Fr Brian

Come and celebrate with Pope Leo XIV

WYD SEOUL 2027

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

To register your expression of interest go to
www.tinyurl.com/WYDPN27
or contact
Nick Wilson
nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz



Prayer and fasting for peace and the relief of Suffering of children worldwide.

Catholics, moved by confronting images of children in Gaza, invite other Catholics to take part with them in Twenty-four hours prayer and fasting for Peace and the relief of children suffering starvation, injury and death due to wars being fought by adults. You are invited to fast from food, or if health excludes food fast, fasting from another activity on Friday 30th of May and to Pray for Peace in all places of conflict. You may choose to donate to Caritas the amount you will not pay for food that day. You may also choose to continue this fast on Fridays until there is an end to the children in Gaza being denied food and safety.
We suggest praying "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us" (as in the Mass) and or the Litany of saints we were asked to pray for the election of Pope Leo X1V.

DONATIONS COLLECTION

Sunday 18th May

Parish	$183.81
Clergy Trust Fund	$67.99
Seminary Appeal	$90.00

THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu
ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Frank Woodward, Jock Woodward, Elsie Spinks, Paul Biesiek, Jim Fabish, Anna Krystman, Elvie Biesiek, Margaret Dodunski, Peter Hutchieson, Moana Wi Neera, Karen Hight, Marjorie Kivell, Gordon Herlihy, Jess Webby, Trevor Pierce

We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025

First Reconciliation begins on Sunday 8th June.
First Communion begins on Sunday 20th July.

If you have children 7 years or over and who would like to take part in this programme or for more information, then please ring the Parish Office on 756 7164 or email shparish@xtra.co.nz.

Enrolment forms are on the foyer table.





MAY IS THE MONTH OF ROSARY

Every Tuesday for the month of May we will be praying the Rosary after the 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION

Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Thursday 5th June after the 10am Mass.

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1st RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME

Sunday 8th, 15th & 22nd June
starting at 9.30am.
1st Reconciliation
– Tuesday 24th June at 6.00pm

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 8th June
For Pentecost Sunday it would be great to see people wear all their bright coloured (red, orange & yellow) clothes, scarfs etc.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10th June at 10.00am

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING

Sunday 15th June, at 11.30am

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FEAST OF SACRED HEART

Friday 27th June at 10.30am.
After Mass we will have a shared pot luck lunch.
Everyone is welcome.

FOOD BANK

Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. They are currently running short of tea, coffee & milo.

PARISH CONTACTS

23 Standish Street, PO Box 109, Inglewood
Phone: 756 7164 or 027 672 2514
Email: shparish@xtra.co.nz

Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 12noon, Friday 12noon – 3pm
Donations: If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-01
Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Reference: Your name
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE

Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am *Every 1st & 3rd Sunday*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*

All other Saturday's

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

MOKAU

Saturday 5.00pm 7th June

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 11th May

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

25th May – Psalm Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!
Acts: 15.1-2, 22-29 **Revelation:** 21.10-14, 22-23 **John:** 14.23-29
1st June – Psalm Response: God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
Acts: 1.1-11 **Hebrews:** 9.24-28, 10.19-23 **Luke:** 24.46-53

SUNDAY MINISTRIES		
	This Week Sat 25th May	**Next Week Sun 1st June**
Readers	Vonna Parsons Fiona Bishop	Mike Davey Marg Evans
Prayers of Faithful	Christiane McIntyre	Casey Chamberlain
Presentation of Gifts	Val Young	Joe & Roma Potroz
Communion Ministers	Tony Dravitzki Denise Dravitzki Chris Werder	Alan Spurdle Joy Woodward Christiane McIntyre
Altar Servers	Chloe Isaac. D	Rita Noah
Music	Music – Sue Marsh	Music Group
Power Points	Nicky	Nicky
Counters	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey	Dennis Dravitzki Chris Werder
Cup of Tea	D'Ath Family	Pauline Schimanski
Church Cleaning	Denys & Elsye Beckett 23 / 24 May	Sharyn Taylor 30 / 31 May

Mass Readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading – Acts 15:1-2, 22-29: The apostles decided not to burden Gentile believers with circumcision but asked them to avoid certain practices. They sent a letter with representatives to confirm this decision.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 67: May God bless us and guide the nations, so all peoples praise Him with joy and respect His ways.

Second Reading – Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23: The angel showed me Jerusalem, shining with God's glory. It had twelve gates and foundations named after the tribes of Israel and apostles. God and the Lamb are its temple and light.

Gospel – John 14:23-29: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of His words. He leaves His peace and tells us not to be afraid, preparing us for His return to the Father.

Embracing mission. Inspiring hope. Transforming culture.
Hope and Renewal Summit - 3-4 October 2025 • Palmerston North

Your parish is made for more.
At the Hope and Renewal Summit, you're more than just an attendee; you're a catalyst for change.
Gather with priests, lay leaders, and parishioners as we rise to the challenge of being a Church on mission.

From inspiring keynotes to empowering workshops, the Hope and Renewal Summit will be the gathering that will ignite a movement of parishes on fire for .
This summit is designed to:

- ✅ Inspire parishes to move beyond maintenance and embrace mission.
- ✅ Equip leaders with real strategies for renewal and multiplication.
- ✅ Unite a movement of like-minded pastors and parish teams.

You don't have to figure this out alone. Join a network of leaders who are walking this journey together.

Pray; Encounter Jesus in Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, and worship.
Network; Build connections and expand your network with other leaders.
Keynotes; Be inspired by keynotes that will ignite passion for mission and evangelisation.
Breakouts; Dive into practical, value-packed workshops that will equip you for the work of mission.
Fellowship; Unleash joy through shared experiences.
Evangelisation.

Guest Speaker
Fr. James Mallon
Founder of Divine Renovation Ministry • Parish Priest of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Nova Scotia, Canada

Bishop John ADAMS

AND THERE WILL BE MORE TO BE ANNOUNCE
Location: RACE Awapuni, 67 Racecourse Road (off Maxwells Line), Palmerston North, 4412
Contact us: hopeandrenewal@pndiocese.org.nz
BOOK YOUR ACCOMADATION NOW

New Evangelization in the Family

I've often wondered how my family can model contentment when the world around us can seem full of grumbling and feelings of entitlement. An answer came unexpectedly as I drove my children home from school one day. In the car, I invited my kids to tell me about their day. As they listed a litany of complaints, I asked, "Doesn't anything good ever happen?" They replied, "We didn't think you cared about that stuff." I was stunned. In my attempt to counsel, I'd said little about the positive things they shared, but had questions and advice for all the bad. My intention was to give them the best tools to cope with life's challenges. Instead I'd succeeded in making those challenges the focus of their attention. So I tried something new. I sent my children off each day with a new directive—find three amazing things to be thankful for and remember them. I joined in too. As we continue this practice today, the troubles of our daily lives seem less significant. What a better way to grow in our relationship with God and share our faith with others we meet along the way!

—Dee Skomer is a writer and editor in the Chicagoland area and co-founder of *Bound By Grace Press*.

When it comes to prayer, I often feel like I don't know where to begin. What do you recommend as a starting point for prayer?

While prayer is not "rocket science," it is also not a "piece of cake"! The thought of communicating with the Creator of the universe can seem very intimidating. We often feel as though we need a lofty vocabulary replete with thee's and thou's and other extraordinary words worthy of addressing the Almighty. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, interestingly enough, taught that when we pray, it should resemble one friend talking to another. In other words, keep it simple and talk about what is really on your mind. One of the best places to begin is by giving thanks. When you pause to pray, begin by telling God about all the things that you are thankful for: events, circumstances, people, achievements, good fortune, lessons learned, good weather, and so on. Beginning prayer with thanksgiving accomplishes several things. First, it acknowledges that God is the source of all blessings and that we are the benefactors of so many blessings. This puts us in right relationship with God. Second, gratitude pushes away despair and anxiety. When we focus on abundance, we're better able to cope with our weaknesses. Finally, a mindset of gratitude reminds us that God is approachable; among his most generous gifts are his forgiveness and mercy!

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Laudato Si' Week | 24 – 31 May 2025

Laudato Si' Week marks the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our Common Home, first published on Pentecost Sunday, 24 May 2015. This year's theme, "Peace with Creation," highlights the importance of ecological conversion, care for the poor, and gratitude for the gift of creation. This week also coincides with the 800th anniversary of the Canticle of St. Francis, deepening the connection to Franciscan spirituality that inspired Laudato Si'.

Laudato Si' Anniversary Week Events

New Plymouth

- 28 May, 6pm – St Joseph's Church Interfaith Prayer on the Care of the Earth
- 31 May, 4pm – St Joseph's Church hall Viewing of The Letter: A Message for our Earth followed by discussion and reflection. A weekly study group on Laudato Si' will follow. Contact: Helene Doyle – 022 109 0529

Manawatū Region

- From 24 May A special prayer or reflection will be sent to all on the Laudato Si' email list.
- 28 May, 7pm – Diocesan Centre Laudato Si' Evening: Viewing of The Letter: A Message for our Earth followed by reflection and discussion.
- 31 May, 9am–4pm – Kopua Monastery Habitat Restoration Day Contact: Mary Eastham – maeastham23@gmail.com or 021 903 984

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World Youth Day 2027 | Expressions of Interest

The diocese is taking expressions of interest for those young people who are thinking about attending World Youth Day (WYD) in Seoul, South Korea in 2027.

The theme of this next WYD is "Take courage! I have overcome the world." Pope Leo will be there. Pilgrims for this WYD need to be older than 18 to travel with the NZ group. We anticipate an early August 2027 time frame, but we are still waiting to hear officially.

This expression doesn't lock anyone in to going, but it means we have a group of people to communicate with going forward. Check out the official promo video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgtBKDW8iq0

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Turn Debt Into Hope Webinar | June 4:

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is hosting a 30-minute webinar to invite people to take part in its "Turn Debt Into Hope" campaign. The global campaign for debt justice was launched by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year, and Caritas has big plans to honour this legacy in Aotearoa. The webinar will feature guests from the Pacific explaining the impacts of climate debt, Caritas explaining what Kiwis can do about it and a chance for Q&A. Mark your diaries for 12 noon on Wednesday, June 4. Find out more and learn how you can get involved at www.caritas.org.nz/turndebtintohope

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VACANCY | DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE:

For over 60 years, the Catholic Enquiry Centre has helped thousands of people explore the Catholic faith and, in many cases, become Catholic. An agency of the Bishops Conference, the Centre is the first point of contact for enquirers seeking information about the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports Church communities in their mission of evangelisation. The Centre is seeking a new Director to lead a small team in continuing this important work. A personal commitment to the Catholic Church along with a proven history of sharing the faith and of leading a team will be necessary. Please send expressions of interest to secretariat@nzcbc.org.nz by June 6. The role could be filled sooner for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

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Jubilee Pilgrimage Invitation from Bishop Steve Lowe

Bishop Steve warmly invites you to join him on the Jubilee Pilgrimage from Lyon to Rome. Along the way, pilgrims will follow in the footsteps of saints and missionaries whose lives have shaped both the Church in Aotearoa and the wider universal Church. The pilgrimage will culminate in Rome with the profound experience of passing through the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica. Find out more at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9kG5Jlb7VA or www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Pilgrimage-Itinerary.pdf

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Prayer for Vocations

Dear God, you taught: The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). Raise up for your Church, we pray, men after your own mind and heart, to serve your people with wisdom and courage, humility and strength, for the common good of all and the glory of your name. Amen.

Pope LEO XV1

His first speech after election

Together we must seek how to be a missionary Church — a Church that builds bridges of dialogue, always open to welcome, like this very square, with open arms, all those in need of our charity, our presence, our love.

To all of you — brothers and sisters from Rome, from Italy, from all over the world — we want to be a Synodal Church, a Church that walks, that always seeks peace, seeks charity, and remains close especially to those who suffer.

Today, on the day of the Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii, may our Mother Mary walk with us, remain close to us, and help us with her intercession and love.

So let us pray together — for this new mission, for the whole Church, and for peace in the world. And let us ask this special grace from Mary, our Mother.

Extracts from Speech 18 th May inaugural Mass beginning his Petrine ministry at his swearing

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.

In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of goodwill, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

All the Popes speeches are on line, in typed text or in audio.

Reflection extract from The Abbey in the Desert



An essential part of being a follower of Jesus Christ is a willingness to love. How many times have we heard with our ears and our hearts the words in today's Gospel passage, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other."

It is good to remember that the teaching of Christ is not a philosophy or a theory, but a way of life, a way of love, manifested in words and deeds. "Love one another, as I have loved you," is the basic teaching of Christ, and that is our work, Christ lived and died for others and never ignored the cries of the poor and the needy. Christ cured the sick, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead, and pardoned sinners. In other words, Christ willingly shared in the sufferings and joys of the people around him. Christ's guiding principle was, "Do not judge and you shall not be judged; do not condemn and you shall not be condemned."

The love of Christ was and is a constant and generous donation of self. Before giving his life on the cross, Jesus gave his Body and Blood at the Last Supper as a perpetual gift to those able to believe in him and embrace his teaching and example of "no greater love than to give one's life for one's friends," realized perfectly in his existence.

The call to each of us is to imitate Christ day by day. It is not always easy to know just what to do in given circumstances of life, let alone have the courage and strength to put into practice what we sense we are called to do. However, we are promised the abiding presence of God's Holy Spirit, alive and active in the Church, in her Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, and in our lives, assisting us in our struggle to do good. Even when we fail sometimes or often, we are not to give up in our efforts.

Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

PASTORAL STATEMENT | May 22, 2025

Fighting Hopelessness in the Jubilee Year of Hope

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Jubilee Year focused on Christian Hope, it is a source of great anguish that many parts of our world are at war. Rather than hope, we see in the eyes of women and men, and most distressingly in the eyes of children, a sense of great hopelessness.

Pope Leo XIV has immediately taken up the task of Popes throughout history who speak up for the cause of peace, and for the cause of justice.

In his first Sunday address in St Peter's Square, Pope Leo spoke about ongoing death and violence in Israel and Gaza, in Ukraine and the recent conflict in India and Pakistan. We see, too, warfare in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in Sudan and in Myanmar, among other parts of the world. Among those conflicts, there is a unique pain in seeing the place of Our Lord's birth, life, death and Resurrection torn apart by war, by famine and by destruction.

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, pronounced and upheld the dignity of every human person. We watch in horror as people's dignity and their basic human rights are demeaned or destroyed in the places where Our Lord walked and preached.

War and violence, especially in the context of civilian casualties and insecurity, cannot be wiped away as a problem "over there", one far from our shores.

We are appalled by the suffering caused by military and political leaders who seem indifferent when sacrificing the lives of innocent people. We urge all world leaders to work for a true peace in ending these conflicts.

Where dignity and rights are trampled upon, we all have a duty to react with hearts of compassion and closeness to our brothers and sisters. Where peace and stability are elusive or seemingly unattainable, our prayers are all the more urgent and necessary.

We implore the Catholic faithful through Aotearoa New Zealand to join us in praying this section from Pope Francis' prayer for peace:

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words 'division', 'hatred' and 'war' be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.

May the glimmers of hope – a ceasefire, a commitment to talks – that we see be transformed into beams of peaceful light, carried by the prayers and actions of men and women of goodwill, seeking the peace that Christ sought to bring into our world.

In Christ, the Prince of Peace.

+Stephen Lowe
Bishop of Auckland

+Michael Dooley
Bishop of Dunedin

+Paul Martin SM
Archbishop of Wellington

+Michael Gielen
Bishop of Christchurch

+John Adams
Bishop of Palmerston North

+Richard Laurenson
Bishop of Hamilton