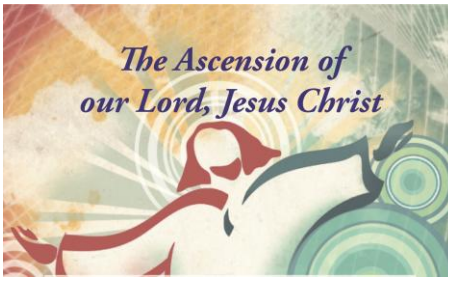


Sacred Heart Parish

1st June 2025 – The Ascension of the Lord

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



"Finding Joy

The disciples worshiped Jesus and were filled with joy after the ascension. The Gospel reading from Luke shows them returning to Jerusalem with great joy. This joy came from knowing that Jesus completed His mission and promised to send the Holy Spirit.

In our own lives, we can find joy in the promise of Jesus' presence with us through the Holy Spirit. The Ascension of the Lord Year C reminds us that Jesus is always with us, even if we cannot see Him. This assurance brings comfort and happiness, knowing we are never alone.

The disciples' joy also came from their trust in Jesus' words. They believed He would return and take them to heaven. This hope can fill our hearts with joy too. Trusting in Jesus' promises helps us face challenges with a positive spirit.

Lastly, the joy of the disciples inspires us to worship and praise God in our daily lives. The Ascension of the Lord Year C encourages us to celebrate our faith with enthusiasm and gratitude. When we focus on God's love and promises, we experience true and lasting joy.

The Mission Continues

After the resurrection, Christ stopped appearing to the disciples. Now, His power works through us. We must carry on the mission of proclaiming the Good News to the world.

The Gospels all tell about the ascension of Jesus. Luke gives the most detailed account. This event is similar to the ascension of holy men like Elijah, Abraham, Moses, and Isaiah, who were taken to God's throne through His power. The Book of Daniel also speaks of a vision where a son of man comes with the clouds of heaven to the Ancient of Days. This prophecy is fulfilled in the ascension of Jesus, as seen in Daniel and echoed by St. Stephen, the first martyr.

The ascension marks the final event of the incarnation. Jesus, who came to us through the Holy Spirit, now returns to God. In His final words, He promises the Holy Spirit to the disciples. This power, which brought the incarnation to Mary, now empowers the disciples to spread Jesus' message. Through Christ, we all hope to be with God one day. The ascension reminds us that we have a mission to share the Good News and live by His teachings.

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Starting this week, we will be quoting from an article about Henri Nouwen who was a Dutch Priest, academic, and professor who gave up his scholarly work to live and reside in L'Arche community. L'Arche is a community of people with and without intellectual disabilities who choose to live, work, pray and celebrate life together. We will be taking one paragraphs each week from an article he gave to the Liguorian magazine.

I have read Henri extensively and he writes very well, but in this article there is something for every person in this parish. It is compelling reading and then personal reflection afterwards.
It's also a time for us to reflect on people we know who have intellectual disabilities, and certainly a most opportune moment to pray for them and families as they journey together.

God bless, Fr Brian Carmine

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June November. There will be no newsletters next week.
Sorry about any inconvenience.

DONATIONS COLLECTION

Sunday 25th May

Parish	$264.99
Clergy Trust Fund	$98.01

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: Jess Webby, Trevor Pierce, Manolito Fuentes, Freda Jones, Joe Herlihy, George Karalus, Colin Woodd, Eugene O'Sullivan, Micheal Zimmerman, John Wooller, Albert Schmanski, Nancy McGee, Geoff Stieller, Pearl Dodunski, Vincent Wilson, Elsie Jordan, Lorna Charleton, Thomas Burckett
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.



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

PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Monthly meeting in the Burckett Hall follows the 10:00 am Parish Mass on Thursday, 5th June. Thank you for ongoing beautiful knitting. - continue to put it in a box on the foyer table, please. A very big thank you to all who supported our Prayer Day for Palliative Care. Hostess: Nancy Leahy.

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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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MEN'S GROUP/DINNER
Our next men's group gathering and dinner is on Wednesday 11th June at 6.10pm. This will be at the Waitara RSA. All men welcome, bring a friend. Please rsvp to bejcarmine@gmail.com.

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ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL – THURSDAY MASSES
Thursdays12th June, Mass will be held in the St Patrick's School Hall, everyone welcome.

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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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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 Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-01 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*

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 8th June

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
8th June – Psalm Response: Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Acts: 2.1-11 **Romans:** 8.8-17 **John:** 14.15-16, 23-26
15th June – Psalm Response: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!
Proverbs: 8.22-31 **Romans:** 5.1-5 **John:** 16.12-15

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

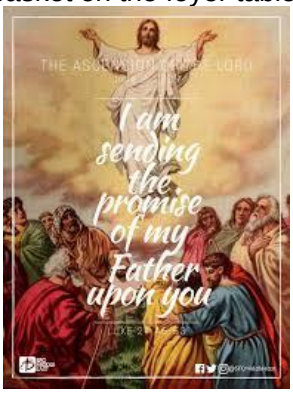
	This Week Sat 1st June	Next Week Sun 8th June	Following Week Sun 15th June
Readers	Mike Davey Marg Evans	St Patrick's School	Alan Gibbins Lyn Potroz
Prayers of Faithful	Casey Chamberlain	St Patrick's School	Mark Duynhoven
Presentation of Gifts	Joe & Roma Potroz	St Patrick's School	1st Reconciliation Children
Communion Ministers	Alan Spurdle Joy Woodward Christiane McIntyre	Michelle Julian Ngaire Dravitzki Terry Dravitzki	Vonna Parsons Emma Dravitzki Pat Kuklinski
Altar Servers	Rita Noah	Josh Emily	Sophia Chloe
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh	Music Group
Power Points	Nicky	St Patrick's School	Nicky
Counters	Dennis Dravitzki Chris Werder	Pat Kuklinski Betty Dravitzki	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey
Cup of Tea	Pauline Schimanski Maureen Young	Maree & Alan Gibbins	Maureen D'Ath & Nancy Leahy
Church Cleaning	Sharyn Taylor 30 / 31 May	Vonna & Bruce Parsons 6 / 7 June	Ngaire Dravitzki & Nancy Leahy 13 / 14 June

Please bless my automatic payment cards

We have had some cards made up for those who give via planned giving.

If you give via internet banking, you can collect one of these cards on a Sunday morning and put them in the collection plate when it gets taken round.

These cards are in the basket on the foyer table.



FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

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/

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Upcoming Webinar in June: Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is having its third webinar this year titled "Pastoral Ministry among Māori and Pasifika in the Third Millenium" with Rev Hemi Ropata, a deacon from the Society of Mary who is currently in Rome completing the final stages of his formation before his ordination to priesthood this year. This webinar is on Wednesday, 25 June 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

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Saint Teresa's School Bluff | 125 Years: Join us in celebrating a remarkable milestone! Saint Teresa's School Bluff is proud to announce its 125th Jubilee, taking place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October 2025.
We warmly invite you to be part of this special occasion. Please spread the word to your friends and family. For enquiries, contact: Sonz125@hotmail.com

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Hope and Renewal Summit | 3 & 4 October, Palmerston North: There are just 3 weeks left to take advantage of Earlybird pricing for the Hope and Renewal Summit! Come be inspired, equipped, and part of something bigger. Earlybird pricing ends 15 June. Register today and save: www.hoperenewalsummit.com

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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

Mass Readings for The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading – Acts 1:1-11: Jesus instructed the apostles to wait for the Holy Spirit and then ascended to heaven. Two angels promised he would return the same way.
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 47: Praise God with joy, for He is the great king over all the earth, reigning over the nations from His holy throne.
Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23: Christ entered heaven to appear before God for us, sacrificing himself once to remove sin. We should trust and approach God with sincere hearts, holding firmly to our hope.
Alternate Second Reading – Ephesians 1:17-23: May God give you wisdom and revelation to know him better and understand the hope, inheritance, and power for believers, as seen in Christ's resurrection and authority over all.
Gospel – Luke 24:46-53: Jesus told his disciples that the Scriptures predicted his suffering, resurrection, and the preaching of repentance. He ascended to heaven after blessing them, and they returned joyfully to Jerusalem, continually praising God.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UP TILL INTEGRATION

On Wednesday we celebrated Catholic school day. The Education Act of 1877 made education in NZ primary schools "Free, Secular and Compulsory".

All Catholic schools had to become private schools and did not receive any government funding. All school buildings and accommodation for the Sister and brothers and teaching priests were all financed by Catholic families with some money coming from overseas. Schools were built through the generosity of the Catholic community – financial and physical

Operating costs paid for by the Catholic community. The nuns and sisters and brothers did not receive full salaries; they received what was left over.

The late 1960s and 1970s was a time of crisis for Catholic schools with fewer religious available to work in school – increased costs for salaries for secular staff.

Major building works required – facilities no longer adequate, new curriculum demands, increased demand for places and the level of borrowing could not be sustained

Operation costs of schools were rising and without major changes our schools would have closed – financial burdens too great for ongoing sustainability

Negotiations entered with government Resulted in the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975. This act allowed the teaching of Catholic programmes and follow religious customs

Safeguards the Catholic Special Character – right to teach RE and follow religious customs. The government provides operational grant and funds teachers' salaries on the same basis as state schools. The Proprietor retains ownership of land and buildings

At the time of Integration of each school, requirement on the Proprietor to upgrade the facilities to equivalent state school standards – suspensory loans provided, and fees would need to apply to cover debt.

The purpose of the Catholic school

The Catholic School is intended to be a community in which the faith and practices of the Catholic Church are passed on and experienced.

Extracted from HISTORY Catholic Schools in New Zealand



AN INTERVIEW WITH FATHER HENRI NOUWEN

By: Alicia von Stamwitz, *Liguorian*, October 1992

Henri Nouwen is a Dutch priest who has lived in North America since 1971. He is an internationally acclaimed speaker, and spiritual writer with over thirty published books, including *The Wounded Healer*, *Genesee Diary*, and, most recently, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.

Formerly a professor at Notre Dame, Yale, and Harvard, Nouwen has been pastor of Daybreak, a Canadian L'Arche Community, since 1986. L'Arche is an international network of over ninety communities in twenty-two Countries where the mentally handicapped and their assistants live together in the spirit of the Gospel. In this interview, Father Nouwen talks about his life at Daybreak, offers advice on prayer, and comments on the future of the North American Church.

Q. What prompted you to leave your academic career of twenty years to live with the developmentally handicapped?

NOUWEN: When I was teaching, I didn't feel I had a home, a place where I truly belonged. I loved to teach, I loved my students, but I wanted to find a community. I prayed: "Lord, show me where you want me to go. I will go wanted wherever you call me – but please be clear."

In 1984, Jean Vanier invited me me to visit L'Arche community in Trosly, France. He didn't say "We need a priest" or "We could use you." He said, "Maybe our community can offer you a home." I visited several times, then resigned from Harvard and went to live with the community for a year. I loved it! I didn't have much to do. I wasn't pastor or anything. I was just a friend of the Community. After that, Daybreak invited me to be their priest and make my home with them.

Q. *What impressed you most about L'Arche?*

NOUWEN: I had a deep experience of God's love for me there. The members—mentally handicapped people who are marginal in society and not useful in an economic sense—welcomed me into their lives. And I was loved, not because of what s doing but because of who I was.

But community life is not easy for somebody like me, who is used to living by himself and doing what he wants. It's a demanding life, and you quickly get in touch with your own handicaps and weaknesses. At first I had a hard time. I actually left the community for four months. Even today, it's not easy. But I'm more convinced that I'm called to this life. I feel the problems I have are meant to purify me, not make me question whether I should be here.