

Sacred Heart Parish

3rd May 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION

AVOID DISTRACTIONS

In today's 1st reading, the early Christians, practising a kind of socialist system of government, had the economic problem of distribution of resources and the Hellenist widows complained of being neglected. The apostles could have found themselves, like Martha, distracted with the sacrifice of tables, Lk 10 : 38 – 42, but they resisted that temptation and concentrated on prayer and service of the Word. They therefore elected seven deacons to handle such temporal affairs.

Prayer is the soul of the Christian life. It is through prayer that we set ourselves close to Jesus Christ who is the living stone rejected by men and chosen by God. According to Vima Dasan, 'Prayer is the pillow of religion. Only the self-sufficient do not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray and the self-righteous cannot pray'. Fr Emma Onuh also said that 'Prayer is the dialect of salvation and all those who cannot speak it are dumb, near dead and near dammed'.

Today's 2nd reading therefore encourages us to set ourselves close to him so that we become the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices : 'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God…'. Holiness is a universal call for everyone to partake of in the Church through the universal priesthood of all believers spoken of so vividly in this passage. Both clerical and lay priests must unite together in this one mission of prayer and offering of spiritual sacrifices.



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Each week we will have a little reflection of Mary.

It seems like all the angel needed was Mary's answer. "Then the angel departed from her." The angel's mission was complete, and Mary's had just begun. She couldn't have known all that being the Mother of God would entail. But she did know that God had chosen her and, through faith, she knew that would be enough. She would have what she needed at each step of the way. Through faith, we have that same assurance. We may have questions or want more information or doubt whether we have what it takes to do what God asks, but we can always be assured that God will provide for us wonderfully well.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026

First Reconciliation begins on Sunday 14th June.
First Communion begins on Sunday 26th 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.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

As we come into winter, there are some families in our community that find it hard to supply winter clothing to their growing families. Some of these families have reached out to us and asked for help. So, we have decided to do a special collection to help them out.



The clothing sizes needed for these families are :
Girls Size 6 – 16 (mainly size 8 – 12)
Boys Size 6 – 16 (mainly size 8 – 12)
Also, needed are some men's and women's winter clothing, size small.
These donations can include jackets and footwear.



If you have any winter clothing in these sizes that you no longer need, can you please consider donating them to these families in need. Boxes will be left in the church foyer throughout the month of May for this. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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: William (Bill) Johnston, Anthony Zimmerman, Anthony Drummond, Robin Jones, Lucy Broadmore, Lex McCaul, Bernard Boylan, Fay Radich, Margaret Bell, Marion Martin, Lawrence Snell, George Broadmore, Mark Nelson
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.



Congratulations to

Indy Joy Bailey,

Georgie Ray Bailey
&
Freddie Steven Bailey

Children of Leon & Jenna Chrietensen

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Indy, Georgie & Freddie are all being baptised after Mass today.

PLANNED GIVING: If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz

FACEBOOK PAGE: We are on Facebook - Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Follow our page and keep up to date on what's happening in our parish.

MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH: Can you please make sure that these are either turned off or on silent while attending Mass.

CARDS & GIFTS: Have you seen our Religious Box? If not, and you would like to have a look at our range of gifts and cards then see Nicky in the office

DONATIONS COLLECTION - Sunday 26th April

Parish	$323.39
Clergy Trust Fund	$119.61
Seminary Appeal	$418.00

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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ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE
Every Tuesday at 4pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.

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

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ANZAC DAY – SHARED MORNING TEA
Sunday 26th April after our 10.30am Mass.
We will be having a shared morning tea to celebrate Anzac Day. If everyone could please bring a plate of food to share, it would be much appreciated.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Monthly Meeting to be held in the Burckett Hall following the 10:00am Mass on Thursday, 7th May. Newcomers welcome. Heads up : Our new Archdiocesan President, Janette Dorward, will be in New Plymouth on 21st May. Hostess : Susanne Duynhoven.

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MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD
Sunday 17th May at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Pat Kuklinski, 021 047 1074 before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 19th May at 10.00am

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 24th May at 11.30am

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 Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011 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

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*

MOKAU: For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, please contact Fr. Brian bejcarmine@gmail.com

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 All other Saturday's	*(after)*

RECONCILIATION

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

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 10th May

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

3rd May – Psalm Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Acts: 6.1-7 **Peter:** 2.4-9 **John:** 14.1-12
10th May – Psalm Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
Acts: 8.5-8, 14-17 **Peter:** 3.15-18 **John:** 14.15-21

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	This Week Sun 3rd May	Next Week Sun 10th May
Readers	Marg Evans Christiane McIntyre	Vonna Parsons Lyn Potroz
Prayers of Faithful	Alan Gibbins	Sophie Chow
Presentation of Gifts	Theresa Gibbon Mary Coombe	Ranee & Emily D'Ath
Communion Ministers	Ngaire Dravitzki Terry Dravitzki Vonna Parsons	Christiane McIntyre Emma Dravitzki Marg Evans
Altar Servers	Casey Blake	Isaac Emily
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Nicky	Tanius
Counters	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey	Pat Kuklinski Betty Dravitzki
Cup of Tea	Maree & Alan Gibbins	D'Ath Family
Church Cleaning	Bernadine Minnear & Veronica Hinz 1 / 2 May	Ranee D'Ath & Family 8 / 9 May

Mass Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading – Acts 6:1-7: To address Greek-speaking widows' needs, the apostles delegated food distribution to seven Spirit-filled men. This allowed apostles more time for prayer and teaching, leading to the spread of faith and conversions, even among Jewish priests.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33: Righteous ones, rejoice and praise the Lord with music. His word is true, His works dependable, loving justice and fairness. He watches over and sustains those who trust in Him.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:4-9: We are urged to draw near to Christ, the living cornerstone, and become living stones ourselves, forming a spiritual house and priesthood. While precious to believers, Christ is a stumbling block to unbelievers. We are chosen to proclaim God's excellence, brought from darkness to light.

Gospel – John 14:1-12: Jesus comforted his disciples, urging trust in him as in God. He spoke of preparing a place for them in heaven, promising to return for them. Thomas' query about the way was met with Jesus' declaration of being the way, truth, and life, the sole path to the Father. Philip's request to see the Father led Jesus to emphasize his unity with the Father, urging belief in this divine relationship and promising greater works for believers.



Congratulations to
Mary Coombe
& Tess Johnston
For being awarded the
Papal honour,
the Medal Benemerenti
For their loyal and dedicated
service to our parish.

Thank you to Gena Potroz for making their fabulous cake, Roger Hurley for taking photos, Mary's & Tess's families & friends for coming and celebrating with us.
Also, thanks to all our parishioners who came and who played a part to make this day special for them.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.
R. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.
R. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.
R. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17
Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | 23 April – 13 June: The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition consists of 40 panels of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, gathered and presented by St Carlo Acutis. Carlo was 15 when he died, and this exhibition is his gift to the Church. This week (30 April – 3 May) the exhibition will be displayed at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Stratford. If you have been meaning to go, this is your weekend — come and bring a friend. All are welcome. The exhibition then travels to: Whanganui (7–13 May), Napier (14–20 May), Hastings (21–27 May). Palmerston North (28 May–13 Jun). *St Carlo Acutis arrives at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, 10 –13 June 2026. The Relic Mission brings Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, and talks.*

Men's Vocation Retreat | 26 – 28 June: A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure. 5pm Friday 26 – 3pm Sunday 28 June, Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Contact Fr Trung to register: pettrung89@gmail.com

Urgent Need for Christian Foster Parents: The Open Home Foundation is calling on any Christians who feel called to be foster parents. You can make a difference, if just for a weekend, a week or long-term. Contact Jo.Berrington-Hince@ohf.org.nz for more information. You can also watch their promo video here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S9cmZ6XyMGr4n2iVOe49VhzNepTy-YT5/view

Upcoming Webinar: Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will hold its second webinar on the WYD2027 Webinar Series, titled "Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith", with Bishop Michael Gielen as speaker. This will be on Tuesday, 05 May 2026, 5-6pm via Zoom. Find out more and register at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026: St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October. Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026 Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship – 40th Anniversary: The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will hold its 40th anniversary celebration on 14–16 August. Further information and registration details are available at https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua

Prophetic Intercession Training: Chevalier Cyril John from the CHARIS International Intercession Commission will be in Auckland to lead a two-day formation on *Prophetic Intercession*. Cyril John has spent many years teaching and forming intercessors around the world. Intercession is urgently needed in our Church and communities, and all who feel called to this ministry are encouraged to attend. The training will be held 11–12 May 2026 at Christ the King Church, Mt Roskill. Registrations are now open: https://prophetic-intercession-training-with-cyril-john.lilregie.com

Prayer Retreat for Women | Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston: All women are warmly invited to a Prayer Retreat for Women, a weekend to step away from daily life and grow in prayer. The retreat includes talks exploring the meaning of prayer, why we pray, and how to deepen our prayer through humility, along with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and spiritual direction. The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm Friday 15 May and concludes 3pm Sunday 17 May after the final session and Rosary. To register: https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BBMC

Rebuild My Church | Dr Mary Healy: In June, internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy will be in Hamilton for a three-day formation series, (June 9–11) exploring the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today. Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church. Full details and registration are available at https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397

World Youth Day 2027 | Seoul, South Korea: Young adults aged 18 – 35 are invited to attend WYD27, where millions of young Catholics will gather. The NZ bishops aim to bring 500 young people. Fill out the expression of interest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxtwlH86NPEnHqvdt2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL: For all bookings and inquiries for our Parish Hall these are to go through Nicky in the Parish Office.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS: The Church is open daily from 8am – 4pm, except for Sunday's which the Church will be closed after Mass. If you would like to get into Church outside of these hours, can you please give Nicky a call on 027 672 2514.