

ASCENSION OF THE LORD
21ST MAY 2023

First Reading
Acts 1: 1-11
Responsorial psalm
Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-8
Second reading
Ephesians 1: 17-23
Gospel
Matthew 28: 16-20

EXPLORING THE WORD

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord Year A commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission, that all of the world should be saved. In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. And in the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world. We believe that Jesus is with us always, even though he has ascended into heaven. This is a comforting thought that reminds us of his continued presence and love for us. The Gospel reading from Matthew also reminds us of our responsibility to make disciples. This task may seem daunting, but Jesus has given us the tools and the example to follow in his footsteps. In summary, the readings for the Ascension of the Lord Year A remind us of our commission to be witnesses of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the promise of Christ's return. May we always be faithful to this commission, living in the power of the Holy Spirit and eagerly anticipating the return of our Lord and Savior.

Readings for 28.05.2023
PENTECOST
First Reading
Acts 2: 1-11
Responsorial psalm
Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Second reading
1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13
Gospel
John 20: 19-23

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PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Check it out on our Parish Website, by scanning this QR Code.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

BAPTISM ENQUIRIES 2023

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.

Enquire with the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Rosie Reyes Lardizabal (Philippines), Boksu Jung, Karnin, Eileen Pauline Abrahams (5months), Leonardo Carlos (U.S), Ronaldo (Philippines), Rajju (India).

Anniversaries of Death: Mytle Ann Victor (3rd), Babsy Hoeden Pereira (2yrs), Bencarlo Dimson, Jocelyn Flores, Maria Estelita Bonita (3yrs), Oscar Gutierrez, Souls in Purgatory, Alice & John Lim, Mary Lee SF, Anne Abbot, Jag, Jacob Thomas & T.P Joseph, Stephen Vernon Brighouse, Genevieve Brighouse (1st), Ruth G. Paguirigan (2nd) Ramon Elapano (6months), Feliciano Gramata (23rd), Concepcion Enrique, Oscar Ulep, Miriam Bergonia, Daniel Marasigan, Pablito Santos.

Special Intentions: Andre Victor (Successful surgery), Ginette Lim (Health), Rubiales Family

Birthdays: Gloria Fidow, Jerome, Oscar David Ulep.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

14th MAY 2023
1st Collection: \$3,931.80
2nd Collection: \$1,242.50

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Year to Date, our loan balance is now sitting at \$1,875,503.00 ; Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our 2nd Collection.

PENTECOST
28th MAY 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish! 
5:00PM	Dominic Carlos	Kyle Guarin	Mikhail Magayanes	Thomas George	Owen Tamayo	
			Zach Nguyen	Lydia Lobo		
		Natasha Martis	Asher Nguyen	Louis Magallanes		
			Maxie Realon			
8:30AM	Penina Schmidt	Niel Kulkarni	Jas Lopez	Michelle Smith	Semisi Paletua	
			Jodek Lopez	Lloyd Weldschidt		
		Lauretta Weldschidt	Jonarren Pulevaka	Sage Fernandes		
			Daniel Pereira			
10:30AM	Utita Sakalia	Kara Schmidt	Kathrina Bacay	Hennessey Catayas	George Hayes	
			Matthew Cortez	Tess Elepano		
			Miguel Cortez	Virginia Lesa-Toala		
	Ysabel Kis-ing	Sophie Cong	Barbara McGivern			
		Cian Da Silva	Alisa Magele - Rees			
			Lou Garcia			
			Thea Garcia			

COMMUNION WILL REMAIN UNDER ONE KIND

The Parish Liturgy Committee met last week and confirmed moving forward, Communion will remain under one kind and people are asked to receive Communion on the hand before consuming the host.

This will be revised after winter.

We thank you for your continued understanding.

MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES

All those baptised or received into full communion at Easter or throughout the last 12 months are invited by Bishop Steve to join him at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for this Mass celebrating the gift of faith and acknowledging these newest members of the Church. Family, sponsors, RCIA team members and members of the diocese are all invited.

Poster located on the parish noticeboard.

Validated parking via the ParkMate App is available.

YOUNG ADULTS EVENT

SAVE THE DATE:

Theology on Tap will be hosted by St Mark's Pakuranga on Tuesday 6th June 2023 from 7-8.30pm.
This will be held at The Apothecary in Howick.

As a new young working professionals formation platform, come hear Fr. Sam Fancourt's amazing conversion story while meeting other young professionals!

Please RSVP on Eventbrite by 1 June: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/theology-on-tap-east-auckland-tickets-636262798157>

If you have any questions, please email mission@stmark.org.nz.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please continue to pray for our children and their families who are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation & First Holy Communion.



We look forward to celebrating their Confirmation
Friday 9th June at 6pm.

Their First Holy Communion will be celebrated at all the masses on the weekend of 10th & 11th June

TAX DONATION RECEIPTS AVAILABLE

Please email the parish office your request for your Annual tax donation receipt.

Please ensure you are registered with the parish and provide the correct name your contributions have come from.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS STALL

A stall of items will be held next weekend 27/28 May at the vigil Mass and both Sunday Masses in the church foyer.

There will be a range of items available, suitable as First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts, along with other religious items.

If you miss out on items next weekend contact Fran on 021 0264 2303 and Jean on 021 383 080 who both have items available year round.

Payment methods accepted will be by Cash or Internet Banking Transfer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please help if you can with non-perishable or personal care items.

The St Luke's foodbank basket is located in the foyer by the noticeboard.

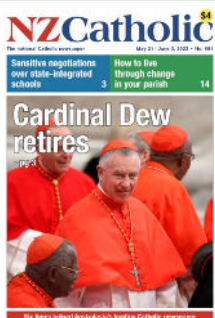
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Some headlines for this issue:

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HAROLD PLUMLEY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Choose to remember your loved ones in a tranquil and prayerful memorial garden on the grounds of St. Luke's parish.

Please contact the Parish Office.

