

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11.05.2025**

First Reading
Acts 13:14, 43-52
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 100:1-3, 5
Second Reading
Revelation 7:9, 14-17
Gospel
John 10:27-30

EXPLORING THE WORD

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, It also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one.

To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18.05.2025

First Reading
Acts 14:21-27
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 145:8-13
Second Reading
Revelation 21:1-5
Gospel
John 13:1. 31-35

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Indian & Sri Lankan Community: Jose Paul, Natasha Martis, Douglas de Souza.

Kiwi & Other Nationals: Yolette Bransby, Mike Pope, Doreen Wakefield.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is
\$1,100,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

CASH COLLECTIONS

04 MAY 2025

1st Collection:
\$4,444.10

2nd Collection:
\$1,244.80

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

New to the area??
Want to join a ministry or community group.

Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US !!!



DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you getting married?
Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/

For more information email:
marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz

Gerry M:021 0224 7442 / gerrys@cda.org.nz

BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Baptisms inquiries for
MAY 2025

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby. Enquire with the Parish Office for more information.

assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

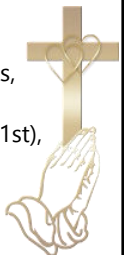
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: David Lim, Penehuro Lene, Priscilla Santos, Pope Francis, Ronald Villas, Kapisi Ngan Woo, Fidela Bondoc

Anniversaries of Death: Genevieve Brighthouse, Ivy Tiong, Celso Calabano (1st), Olga Lahood, Paul Low, Danita Ignacio, Annie Miller, Vincent Arudas (1st), Godofredo Quirao, Melania Redulla, Maria Yoo, Rosalinda Guiyab (40th), Thomas Lee (7th), Celso Abrau Snr (1st), Lourdes Nathan (1st), Lino Odevilas, Jocelyn Garcia, Narciso Barricuatro, Carmelita Dimano, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Mattias Immanuel George, Philip, Shelly Wong and Family (Conversion), Joanne Al-Rubaie (Travel), Enzo (Moving country), Gho Asella (Seo-un), Kim Augustine (Jae-seop), Bolante Family (Thanksgiving), Vaning Rinos, Gracia Tiong Tien (Sick), Gloria Lee (Sick), Diep Truong (Sick), Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovio (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Thanksgiving), Anamaria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Louis Stanley (1st) and Jim Stanley (1st)



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 18 MAY 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Shane Fernandes	Anne Chan	Bryle Magayanes	Lydia Lobo	Owen & Jermaine (Training)	Joseph Cruz
			Zach Nguyen	Mikyla Magayanes		Dennis Guarin
		Kyle Guarin	Asher Nguyen	Oliver Tamayo		Omar Tamayo
			Joshua Nguyen			Philip Chai
8.30AM	SMCPS	SMCPS	Daniel Pereira	Carolyn Massey	Lynn Hunkin	Manny Magallanes
			Renayee Nuia	Janet Kulkarni		Ponifasio McKinney
			Guiliana Taruc	Claire Raubenheimer		Aldrin Dare
		Benita Pereira	Persia Hunkin	Sue Kubala		TBA
			Theresa Ganias			
10.30AM	Jimuel Mejica	Blace Sayas	Andrei Isidro	Doris Shennan	George Hayes	Mike Pope
			Andriel Isidro	Emilie Abuyan		Emmanuel Krakue
		Alexa Lazatin	Emmanuel Kuriachen	Virginia Lesa-Toala		Dan Lapaz
			Edzel Lazatin	Tess Elepano		Aaron Rodrigues
			Josh Lazatin	Gennie Rudd		Queenie Paras
						Faapine Pupualii
		Evelyn Singh				
		Katelyn Singh				
5PM	Lisa Tekiteki	Leilani Sakalia	Chloe Park	Sophia Kim	Averill Realon	Kervin Balanay
			Simi Tekiteki	Cathy Latu		Jojo Espinosa
		Callum McLeod	Ariabelle Odevilas	Eva Frederickson		Earl Odevilas
			Matthew Espinosa			Roger Balanay

NEW POPE ELECTED—Pope Leo XIV



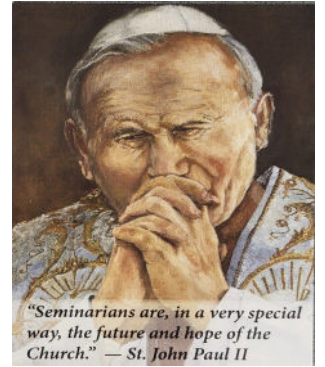
We joyfully share the news that the Church has a new Holy Father. Pope Leo XIV (born Robert Francis Prevost; September 14, 1955) is the current head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State. Following the death of Pope Francis in April 2025, Prevost was elected by the papal conclave as his successor on May 8, 2025, and took the papal name Leo XIV.

Prevost was born in Chicago, United States, where he spent the early part of his clerical career working for the Order of Saint Augustine. As part of the Augustinian mission, he served in Peru from 1985 to 1986 and again from 1988 to 1998 as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher and administrator. He was then elected as Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine, which he served as from 2001 to 2013.

Pope Francis named Prevost as the Bishop of Chiclayo on his return to Peru. He served in this role from 2015 to 2023, when he was made a cardinal.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY BISHOPS SEMINARIAN APPEAL

Today is Vocations Sunday. Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. Donate at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.



"The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St. John Marie Vianney

PARISH SECRETARY

Looking for a busy role that utilises your excellent communication and interpersonal skills as well as your fantastic organisational ability?

The Parish of St Luke's in Flat Bush is looking for you!!

As one of the largest growing parishes in Auckland, we wish to employ a person to join the team.

Applicants should be active Catholics and able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church. Good communication, strong planning and organization skills are essential.

Applicants must have the right to work in NZ and have a NZ drivers licence.

For more information & job description contact the Parish Office at office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to our Kiwi & Other Nationals Community for kicking off our first fundraiser of the year!

We appreciate all your hard work—well done!

If you'd like to help, please contact the leaders on the notice board.

THANKSGIVING & FAREWELL CELEBRATION

With grateful hearts, we invite you to join us for morning tea for Bishop Peter Brown, Fr Jean Paul and Celia **next Sunday, May 18th after the 10.30am Mass.**

We are truly thankful for Bishop Peter's leadership and his warm, pastoral presence among us.

It has been a special blessing to have a Bishop walk alongside us in our parish life, and we give thanks for the time he has spent with our community.

Following the Mass, all are warmly invited to share in morning tea. Please bring finger food on disposable plates and leave them in the kitchen with our volunteers. Let us come together to honour Bishop's service and the gift of his presence here at St Luke's Parish.

PARKING ON SUNDAYS

Please do not park in the area directly outside of the College Gymnasium. This area is reserved for the patrons that hire the College Gym every Sunday morning.

Appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

On this special day, we honor all mothers in our parish - those who are with us and those we hold in memory. We celebrate your love, strength, and unwavering faith.

We also remember with tenderness the mothers who have experienced the heartbreak of loss, including those who have lost children during birth. May God's comfort and peace be with you today and always.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." — **Proverbs 31:28**