



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 April 2026	BUILDING FUND UPDATE loan balance is \$735,503.00 Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.	CASH COLLECTIONS 19 April 2026 <i>1st Collection: 3,645.10</i> <i>2nd Collection: 635.60</i>	PARISHIONER REGISTRATION New to the area? Want to join the Parish. Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code. 
<p style="text-align: center;">First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36b-41</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Reading 1Peter 2:20b-25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GOSPEL John 10:1-10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXPLORING THE WORD</p> <p>Today's gospel, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd and a sheepfold to describe trust, belonging, and true leadership. He contrasts himself—the one who enters by the gate and calls his sheep by name—with thieves who seek to exploit and scatter. The sheep recognize the shepherd's voice, pointing to a relationship built on familiarity and care, not fear.</p> <p>The heart of the passage is Jesus' statement, "I am the gate... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." It suggests that real security and flourishing come not from control or force, but from entering into a relationship with him. The reflection invites a question: whose voice are we listening to, and is it leading toward fullness of life or away from it?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 03.05. 2026 First Reading Acts 6:1-7 Responsorial Psalms Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9 Gospel John 14:1-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Recent Death: Manuel Rojano Rest of Soul/Anniversaries of Death: Pablito & Priscilla Santos For the Sick: Evelyn dela Cruz, Lilian Yee, Angelina dela Cruz, Sofia Herradura, Sigrid Alegre, Ann Hoare, Brilliantito Quitiquit, Noemi Goh, Michael Yee Intentions: Romina Banson & Pauline O'connor Birthdays: Keith Dias, Mary Wong Ling</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">ADVERTISING IN PARISH NEWSLETTER</p> <p>Reach a wide and engaged audience by placing your business advertisement in our parish newsletter. Please contact the Parish Office 09 359 4750 or email office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP Sunday, 3rd May 12:15PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Benedict Parish (Filipino Community) 1 St Benedict Street, Newton</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">THE SEARCH Finding the Meaning of Life An offering from the Augustine Institute</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 April - 4 June 2026 Thursday evening, 6:30 - 8:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Luke's Lounge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAX RECEIPT is now available.</p> <p>Please email the parish office office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE GOOD LORD SAYS: "Bring the children unto Me" BUT "Not onto my Gardens"! Stones thrown onto our front gardens and small feet are constantly breaking plants. If anyone sees children in the garden area please ask them to keep off the gardens, surrounds and stones. Thank you. The Gardeners.</p>	
NOTICES from Catholic Diocese of Auckland			
<p>Vacancy – Head of Pastoral Services</p> <p>The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking a committed, faith-filled leader to support the Bishop's pastoral mission and provide strategic leadership across diocesan pastoral ministries.</p> <p>The role works closely with parishes and communities to strengthen evangelisation, formation, and pastoral life.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate a strong Catholic faith, senior pastoral leadership experience, and strategic capability.</p> <p>Full details and application information available via the Diocesan website - www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, under Diocesan Services and staff vacancies.</p> <p>Applications close 30 April 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Auckland Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Network</p> <p>Everyone is invited to a 7 week Seminar, The Holy Spirit-our Helper.</p> <p>Tuesday evenings, Sacred Heart Hall, Ponsonby, 7.30pm, with cuppa from 7.15pm. Starts April 21st. No charge.</p> <p>Register at https://forms.gle/pDameRsdUYnhrbb7A For more info email aucklandccr@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Theology of the Body</p> <p>Book study/ course using Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love - based on St John Paul II's Love and Responsibility. This course is for young adults (18 - 35 years) single, dating, engaged and married.</p> <p>Dates: Wednesday evenings starting 6th May; Hillsborough, Auckland. For more information visit theologyofthebody.nz</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Mass of The Neophytes</p> <p>Bishop Steve invites all those who will be initiated into the Church at Easter, their families, and friends to return to the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph for the Mass of Welcome on Sunday 24 May 2026 at 4.30pm.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rise up and Shine Festival</p> <p>Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! 30th of May, 2026. Starts at 10AM with Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show.</p> <p>Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.</p>	
	<p>This is an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of faith and share with Bishop Steve in the celebration of the Eucharist.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Diocesan Youth Mass Last Sunday of each month 4:30pm February - November At St Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland For more info contact the</p>	



Seminary Appeal

With 11 men currently discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Auckland in 2026, we are blessed to see men generously answering God's call to serve the Church. Each of these men is undertaking years of prayer, study, and formation as they prepare for a life of service to the people of our diocese.



Please keep our seminarians in your prayers and, if you are able, consider supporting their formation as they prepare to serve the Church in Auckland.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Our parish rejoices in welcoming those who have recently received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (RCIA, RCIC) – Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, & First Holy Communion, and those who are now fully received into the Catholic Church.

May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and warmly embraced by our community in Christ.

- ANDY ANG
- ASH
- CASSANDRA MARIE GEORGE
- FREYA EMMA FENWICK
- FYNN ALEXANDER FENWICK
- HIMANI SANAH DEEPLAL
- JACE SHEN
- JIAOJIAO LI
- KAJAL DEVI-GOVIND
- KADEN GOVIND
- KATELYN EDEN
- KEEGAN GOVIND
- MARCUS JIAYAN LEE
- NIKHI FATIMA
- NIRMAL GOVIND
- PAYAL RAO -PRAKASH
- ROBINSON AVEI
- SAVALIGA AUVAA
- SELA IKAVUKA
- SHAOFANG SUN
- SHEETHAL DEEPLAL
- SHENGJUN ZHANG
- TERENCE LIYAN CHEN
- TEOFILO JUNIOR TANUVASA
- WENZHUO QI
- WINNIEFRED DANIELSON -AVEI
- WILLIAM SHIPWAY
- XIAO GUANG CHEN
- YAO GUO

Honouring Rev. Fr. Ezio Blasoni SM

Sunday, May 3, 2026
10:30AM Mass

With grateful hearts, we invite you to join us in honouring Fr Ezio, whose faithful dedication planted the seed of our St Luke's Parish community. Over the past 20 years, that seed has grown and borne much fruit, shaping the vibrant parish we are today.

We warmly encourage you to *wear your cultural attire* as we celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

Following the Mass, please stay and join us for a cuppa, fellowship, and the sharing of food.

Each cultural group is invited to contribute to a shared *potluck*, bringing a dish that reflects their heritage.



The Wisdom of the Desert

A Morning of Reflection with the Community of the sons and daughters of God

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:00 AM Mass (followed by a talk & fellowship)
St. Luke's Church & Parish Lounge

Join us for Q&A and fellowship over morning tea with our visiting clergy:

Fr. Doroteo Bravi
Br. Massimo Chang
Fr. Silverio Monari

THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

St Luke's Youth Fundraiser Selling



this Sunday, 26 April 2026
after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

Happy Mother's Day

9th & 10th of May
All Weekend Masses
Please bring a plate.
Note: Men/Fathers to take charge of the cuppa.

Kiwi & other Nationals FUNDRAISING, 17th May

Food stalls available at
8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses

