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| <p align="center">FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 03 May 2026</p> | <p>BUILDING FUND UPDATE loan balance is \$735,503.00 Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.</p> | <p>CASH COLLECTIONS 26 April 2026 <i>1st Collection:</i> 4,344.90 <i>2nd Collection:</i> 2,305.70</p> | <p>PARISHIONER REGISTRATION New to the area? Want to join the Parish. Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.</p>  |
| <p>First Reading Acts 6:1-7 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9 GOSPEL John 14:1-12</p> <p align="center">EXPLORING THE WORD</p> <p>Today's gospel offers a calm but profound reassurance in the face of uncertainty. Jesus begins by telling His followers not to let their hearts be troubled, pointing them toward trust—both in God and in him. There's a sense that faith is not just belief, but a steadying anchor when circumstances feel unclear or overwhelming. The imagery of "many rooms" in the Father's house suggests belonging and preparation. It implies that there is space for each person, a place already being made ready. That can be comforting—it frames the future not as something to fear, but as something intentionally prepared. When Thomas asks about the way, Jesus responds with the well-known statement that He is "the way, the truth, and the life." This shifts the focus from knowing a path to knowing a person. The idea is relational: the way forward isn't just a set of directions, but a connection to Christ himself. Finally, Jesus speaks about unity with the Father and invites belief based on both His words and His works. There's also a striking encouragement: those who believe will continue His works. That suggests faith isn't passive—it carries forward into action, reflecting something bigger than oneself.</p> | <p align="center">PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Recent Death: Angelito Reloj Flores Simi Tekiteki, Florentina Santiago Carlos</p> <p>Rest of Soul/Anniversaries of Death: Pablito & Priscilla Santos</p> <p>For the Sick: Evelyn dela Cruz, Lilian Yee, Angelina dela Cruz, Sofia Herradura, Sigrid Alegre, Ann Hoare, Briliantito Quitiquit, Noemi Goh, Michael Yee</p> <p>Birthday: Keith Dias</p>  | <p 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 align="center">SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10.05.2026</p> <p>First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Responsorial Psalms Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18 Gospel John 14:15-21</p> | <p align="center">INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY</p> <p>That everyone might have food Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.</p> | <p align="center">SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP Sunday, 3rd May 12:15PM</p> <p align="center">St Benedict Parish (Filipino Community) 1 St Benedict Street, Newton</p> <p align="center">TAX RECEIPT is now available. Please email the parish office office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</p> | |
| <p align="center"><i>The Wisdom of the Desert</i></p> <p align="center">A Morning of Reflection with the Community of the sons and daughters of God</p> <p align="center">Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:00 AM Mass (followed by a talk & fellowship) St. Luke's Church & Parish Lounge</p> <p align="center">Join us for Q&A and fellowship over morning tea with our visiting clergy:</p> <p align="center">Fr. Doroteo Bravi Br. Massimo Chang Fr. Silverio Monari</p> <p align="center"><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME.</i></p> | <p align="center">THE SEARCH Finding the Meaning of Life An offering from the Augustine Institute</p> <p align="center">23 April - 4 June 2026 Thursday evening, 6:30 - 8:30PM St Luke's Lounge</p> | <p 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> | |
| <p align="center">WYD 2027 Webinars</p> <p>In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026</p> | <p align="center"><i>Kiwi & other Nationals</i></p> <p align="center">FUNDRAISING 16th - 17th May Food stalls available after Saturday Vigil, 5:00PM Sunday, 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses</p>  | <p align="center">Happy  <i>Mother's Day</i> 9th & 10th of May All Weekend Masses Please bring a plate. Note: Men/Fathers to take charge of the cuppa.</p> | |
| <p align="center">Join Our Music Ministry! Our church is seeking passionate and dedicated singers to join the ABBA Choir and Rejoice Choir! If you love worship through song and feel called to share your voice, we would love to have you be part of our team. Please email musicministry@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</p> | <p align="center">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 - 30 yrs) single, dating, engaged and married.</p> <p align="center">Dates: Wed evenings starting 6th May; Hillsborough, Auckland For more information visit theologyofthebody.nz Register by Monday 4th May.</p> | | |
| <p align="center">St Michael's Parish Remuera</p> <p>Scripture Study: 'THE EXODUS' by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. In the lead up to Pentecost Sunday, Dan will dive deep into the common themes that link Pentecost and the Book of Exodus. Please join us at St Michael's: 4x Wednesday mornings 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May. 10:30am - 11:45am in the Parish Centre. Followed by midday Mass * No registration required.</p> | | | |

WELCOME & THANK YOU, Rev. Fr. Ezio Blasoni, SM!



FROM THE BEGINNING

FIRST SUNDAY MASS, 05 February 2006

The First Sunday Eucharist for St Luke's Catholic Community was celebrated in Sancta Maria College Chapel, at 10.30 am - with the whole-hearted support of the College Board of Trustees and Management staff.

The first Sunday newsletter for St Luke's Catholic Community included a summary of the following references to our status and our name.

OUR STATUS: A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

We are not a new parish community in the Diocese of Auckland. One day we might be. That is for Bishop Patrick and his consultors to decide. We are a worshipping community within the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, in the same way that the Chinese Community or the Filipino Community or the Polish Community are worshipping communities. Some time, in the future, Bishop Patrick may decide that St Luke's Catholic Community, Flat Bush, may be a new parish community in the diocese.

In the Canon Law of our Church, Canon 516 describes our form of community in this way:

A quasi-parish is a certain community of Christ's faithful within a particular church, entrusted to a priest as its proper pastor, but because of special circumstances not yet established as a parish.

OUR NAME

Bishop Patrick has agreed that our community may be called St Luke's Catholic Community.

Why the St Luke's name? There are several reasons:

- St Luke's Catholic Community is situated in close proximity to two Catholic parishes that are named after evangelists: St Mark's Parish, Pakuranga, and St John the Evangelist Parish, Otara;
- A distinguishing feature of St Luke's gospel is that it is a gospel of the poor and a gospel in which women are respected. We are not a rich and affluent community and have no wish to be; St Luke is the evangelist who speaks most inclusively of Mary in the gospels, so the fit with Sancta Maria College is a good one;
- St Luke, in his second book, the Acts of the Apostles, tells about the mission of the early Church, the new community of Christ Jesus. We are a new community which continues the mission of the early church;
- There is no parish in the Catholic Church in New Zealand that is named after St Luke;
- The Anglican Parish on Chapel Road is the Parish of St Paul's, Flat Bush. St Luke travelled with St Paul on St Paul's second and third missionary journeys. The ecumenical connection is important in the 21st century.

Why not 'Sancta Maria'?

- As beautiful a name as 'Sancta Maria' is for Catholic Christians, it is a Latin name, not an English name;
- In an ecumenical century, continued references to Mary of the gospels through the use of Catholic titles for her do not appeal to some other Christian churches or communities;
- On the other hand, St Luke's name is readily recognized and accepted by all Christians, because St Luke is the inspired author of a written gospel and the Acts of the Apostles;
- The use of the name 'Sancta Maria' by Sancta Maria College refers to a much wider geographical area than the area that may one day be identified as St Luke's Catholic Parish. That is, Sancta Maria College draws its students from Papakura parish, Howick parish, Pakuranga parish, Clover Park parish, Otara parish, Manurewa parish, and other parishes further south. St Luke's Catholic Community does not draw its community members from these existing Catholic parishes.