

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 May 2026**

First Reading
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7, 16+20
Second Reading
1 Peter 3:15-18
GOSPEL
John 14:15-21
EXPLORING THE WORD
In The Gospel today, Jesus connects love with obedience: "If you love me, keep my commands." This is not presented as a burden, but as a relationship built on trust and closeness. Jesus promises that his followers will not be left alone; the Holy Spirit, called the Advocate, will remain with them and guide them in truth.
The passage also speaks deeply about presence. Even though Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure, he reassures them that he will still be with them spiritually. His words remind believers that faith is not only about rules or rituals, but about living in communion with God each day.
One of the most comforting parts of this passage is the promise, "I will not leave you orphaned." In moments of uncertainty, loneliness, or fear, these words offer hope. Jesus assures his followers that divine love is constant and active, drawing people into a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
17.05. 2026
First Reading
Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalms
Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading
Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel
Matthew 28:16-20

FAITH & FITNESS
Term 2: The Healthy Swap Series
Nourish the Soul and body
8 Weeks of Movement & Nutrition Education
Focus: Healthy Swaps for Snacks & Lunch
When: **Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**
Where: St Luke's Parish Lounge
Format: 35-min Exercise + 25-min Nutrition Talk, Food tasting & Fellowship
Join us as we learn practical, affordable ways to swap everyday snacks for nutritious alternatives.
Train your tastebuds with new nutritious recipes each week!
Lifestylez Team

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

BUILDING FUND UPDATE
loan balance is
\$730,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

CASH COLLECTIONS
03 May 2026
1st Collection:
3,704.30
2nd Collection:
844.40

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION
New to the area? Want to join the Parish.
Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.




PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recent Death: Angelito Reloj Flores
Simi Tekiteki, Florentina Santiago Carlos

Repose of Soul/Anniversaries of Death: David Lim, Agnes Banuelos, Pablito & Priscilla Santos, Rosario Lee

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 & Pauline O'Connor, Antonio Gomintong, Felisa Sanchez



INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY
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.

THE SEARCH
Finding the Meaning of Life
An offering from the Augustine Institute
23 April - 4 June 2026
Thursday evening,
6:30 - 8:30PM
St Luke's Lounge

ADVERTISING IN PARISH NEWSLETTER
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

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP
Thursday, 21 May 7:00PM
Online Workshop
Wednesday, 3 June 7:00PM
St Pauls Parish, 162 Waimumu Road, Massey

TAX RECEIPT
is now available.
Please email the parish office office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

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.

Kiwi & other Nationals
FUNDRAISING
16th - 17th May
Food stalls available after Saturday Vigil, 5:00PM
Sunday, 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses



 16 J Bishop Dunn Place, Flat Bush, Auckland, 2013

Ladies' Breakfast
SATURDAY
16 May 2026
7:30AM
every 3rd Saturday of the Month

 **MEN'S BREAKFAST**
SATURDAY
23 May 2026
7:30AM
every 3rd Saturday of the Month

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
Chevalier Cyril John
CHARIS INTERNATIONAL INTERCESSION COMMISSION



CHARIS NEW ZEALAND
Aotearoa

Cyril will be in NZ for two days.
Teaching and Training on **Prophetic Intercession**

Date 11th and 12th May 2026
Times Monday 11th: 6 pm to 9 pm
Tuesday 12th: 10 am to 9:30 pm

Venue Christ the King Church
Mt Roskill
Auckland

Amazing opportunity for all.



For enquiries contact Vanessa Nathan
021 143 3703 or email maranatha.jvz@gmail.com
Registration \$20.00

A Symbol for All Mothers

Mary's experiences—from the fear and perplexity of her calling to the pain of loss—make her relatable to modern mothers. She exemplifies the sacredness of motherhood and provides a model of "Grace" rather than unattainable perfection. She represents the perfect blend of tenderness and endurance, nurturing the humanity of Jesus while embodying trust in God, serving as a spiritual mother to all.

Core Attributes of Mother Mary for Mother's Day Reflection

Selfless Devotion and Nurturing:

As the Mother of God, Mary nurtured Jesus, teaching him and supporting his mission, offering a model of profound devotion that transcends to all of humanity.

Unwavering Faith and Obedience: Her "Yes" to God (Fiat) during the Annunciation defines her obedient and trusting nature, showing a willingness to embrace a difficult path.

Resilience in Suffering: Mary is a model of maternal strength, enduring the "sword piercing her heart" and the agony of losing her child on the cross, offering comfort to mothers facing sorrow.

Patience and Pondering Heart: She is recognized as a contemplative figure who "pondered all these things in her heart," representing a peaceful yet patient presence in raising her child.

Intercessor and Spiritual Mother: As the mother of Jesus and humanity, she gathers her children with "tender care" and provides strength, acting as an intercessor.



"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother".

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Happy Mother's Day!

To all mothers, grandmothers, and those who mother—whether caring for parents, siblings, and friends.

NOTICES FROM AUCKLAND DIOCESE

Evangelion

Evangelion in conjunction with the Sydney Diocese, Hamilton Diocese and the John Paul II Centre for Life, Christchurch, is bringing Mike and Alicia Hernon from The Messy Family Project to New Zealand. Mike and Alicia will be visiting a number of New Zealand locations, spreading their testimony on marriage and family life and giving insights into liturgical living. Please come and show your support for our ministry and theirs by attending one of their events below. For more details visit: [Evangelion | Spreading the Gospel in New Zealand](#).

Auckland event: "Q & A with Mike and Alicia Hernon" **Saturday 16th May 2026 - 2pm**, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland

Mission Hub

Accompanying Others in Faith - Thresholds of Conversion & Evangelising Conversations How do we journey with others as they move closer to Christ?

This May, Mission Hub will explore a practical and hope-filled approach to accompanying others in faith. Carly Mulqueen will guide us through the "thresholds of conversion" — helping us recognise where someone might be on their journey and how to enter into meaningful, evangelising conversations with sensitivity, courage, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This session is in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre.

Monday 18 May - 7:00–8:30pm (NZT) – Online - All are welcome. Register: bit.ly/missionhubmay2026

Mission Hub is a monthly online space where people from across Aotearoa gather to be formed, inspired, and equipped for mission in their everyday lives.

Wednesday 20th May 6:30pm | Good George Mission Bay

Young adults, you won't want to miss this! Join us for a night of faith and fellowship in this special interview-style event, James Bergin will sit down with Frank Ritchie to explore his remarkable journey - from serving as a Wesleyan Methodist minister to entering the Catholic Church this Easter just past. Together they will reflect on the faith, discernment, and courage required to surrender fully to God's call. This is a must-attend event, so be sure to grab your tickets early! For more info and tickets go to @AKCYM on Facebook or search for the-upper-room-may-2026 on Humanitix

Jubilee Year of St Francis (1226–2026)

Franciscan Friars Vocation Dinner – Auckland. You are warmly invited to join the Franciscan Friars for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and conversation. **Wednesday, 27 May - 6:00pm** (Mass and Evening Prayer, followed by a shared meal) at St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill, Auckland). This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for single men aged 18–40 to learn more about Franciscan religious life and to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment. RSVP / Enquiries: Br Philip Jeffares OFM +64 210 414 642

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