



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Sunday 7 April 2024 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

### The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of Jesus our risen Lord. Welcome to our Second Sunday of Easter.

On his first Easter appearance Jesus bestowed three significant gifts, peace, the mandate to preach, and the Spirit of reconciliation and mercy. These gifts brought grace as well as obligation. However, the Lord's Commandments are not burdensome, but life giving. I am grateful to the Lord that through these gifts I am made one with him and with all my brothers and sisters in faith.

Sincere gratitude for all your Easter participating, commitments, blessings and cards. I appreciated them all. Thanks so much. Look after yourself and be kind. Easter Season Blessings.  
Fr. Simone Ah Lo sm.

### REFLECTION.

Love, Unity, and Peace.

From its inception, the first Christian community was known for its unity, and peace under fire.

One of the leaders of this community was a Cypriot named Barnabas. Selling his property, he gave all the proceeds to the apostles for the care of the poor. The Church thus set the pattern for almsgiving from which it has never wavered.

The Christian expression of love for God and neighbour was not a decision imposed on the Church by some mandatory ruling; it was the spontaneous response of hearts touched by the love of God and his generosity towards them. Freewill offering was not a way of buying prestige in Christian communities, but were prompted by gratitude and faith in the teachings of Jesus.

In this glimpse of the Church at work we marvel at its unity as well. Unity was the singular mark by which the church was to inspire the world around them. The world was never really conquered by the Roman legions, but it was injected with a vigorous new spirit by Christianity.

Christians view God's world through eyes of faith, their gaze fixed on the water and blood that once flowed from Jesus' side. Christians recognize that they entered God's family by the waters of baptism and were freed from sin and death by the blood of Jesus shed for them. They know too that they can count on the Spirit of Truth to guide them and the Church throughout the ages.

One of Jesus' last words to his apostles after being resurrected was the command to carry the gospel to the world. Along with this, he conferred on them the power to forgive sin! Yes, in those last joyful, exhilarating moments, the apostles were firmly directed to think of sin and their power to forgive it. Peace with God and with one another was one of Jesus' foremost concerns for his body the church.

In this Easter season we reflect once again on the love, unity, and gospel of peace that the Lord desires to see manifest in the church.

Richard T. A. Murphy, O. P.

### The Parish Rosary Intention for April Is for: Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and all Religious

#### MASS TIMES for the week of 9<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> April:	<b>Church Open for Prayer</b>
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> April: <b>Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> April: <b>Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> April:	<b>10.00am Holy Hour, Reconciliation, Benediction</b>
	<b>Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> April: <b>Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm Dargaville</b>
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> April: <b>Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>

#### MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April

#### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 5.30pm – P Witten, D McCarthy

Sunday: 9.30am – C Pocock-Smith, R Hanipale Vaa

#### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday: 9.30am – M Marinkovich

#### GIFTS and COLLECTION BASKET

Sunday: 9.30am – R Green, D Milich

**MORNING TEA** - Come over for a cuppa and get to know your fellow parishioners. All welcome  
Sunday: – S Armadala

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DYING**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Death Anniversary:** Ross Smith, Pat Gilmour

**Sick:** Manolita Peralta, Liz Dennis, Ray Balcombe, Marie Hopkinson, Jean O'Neill

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**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm to 8.30pm** – Sister Sian and Manuel Beazley from the Auckland Diocese will be running a workshop here in our Parish on **-The Call to be a Synodal Church - Exploring the practice of Synodality. HOW can we be A Synodal Church in Mission.** Please come and support this workshop.

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**Food Bank** - are in need of money and resources, but importantly we also need volunteers - if there is someone who could help **once a week for 2 hours 12.45am to 2.30ish pm on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.** Please be in touch with Fiona on 0204911584 or Margaret 439 5142.

If anybody would like a tax receipt for donations given they can contact us at this email address and we can get it organised.

[wjhagoort@gmail.com](mailto:wjhagoort@gmail.com) or alternatively text me details on my mobile number which is *Sjannette 021 023 76697*

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**NZ Catholic for sale** - Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Relics of 11 saints coming to NZ. Hamilton bishop urges blokes to know Jesus. Wellington cathedral to open in June. Divine Mercy advert controversy surprises advertiser. As a promotion venture for this issue, the entire current edition is supplied -

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/9b10ab70-d931-4a07-9169-5930888a2cda>

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**A Marist Gathering**

Ex- students of our Marist Brothers' Schools are invited, with their partners, to a luncheon on Sunday 21st April, 12.30pm, at the Marist Brother's home, 162 Broadway, Kaikohe, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the canonisation of St, Marcellin Champagnat, their founder. For catering purposes please e-mail

Br. Martin – [martypattison@fmispacific.com](mailto:martypattison@fmispacific.com) – of your attendance, by Sunday 14th April.

In grateful thanks. Br. Martin.

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**Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Celebrating-Second-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf> pdf version attached

**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Dont-judge-others-before-you-know-them-1.pdf> pdf version attached

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If you have family members or friends who are sick or cannot come to Mass, please notify the Parish Office so that we may minister to them. Ministers will visit and take communion to them on a regular basis. Ministers please ask the people you visit if they would like Fr Simone to visit or if they would like Reconciliation.

**Daylight Saving Ends this Weekend - Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour**



Eternal Father,  
I offer you the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of Your Dearly Beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the whole world.  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us  
and on the whole world.

*Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*