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Kia ngangahau, kia whakawhānuitia te Rongopai a te Karaiti
To live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ



NEW YEAR, NEW ACTION
WHAT'S HAPPENING

A Prayer for Lent

Loving God,
when our boat is rocked
on the sea of life,
by poverty, illness or disaster,
you quiet the waves,
calm the storm,
and lead us safely to shore.

When we work hard,
for our daily bread,
but at the end of the day go hungry,
you walk alongside us,
calling, "cast out your nets",
knowing there is enough for all.

When we are lost,
and uncertain of how
to make a change in our world,
your words ring out:
"Come, follow me",
guiding us to new life with you.

Lead us then, Lord, to play our part
in calming the storm
and sharing your gifts with each other,
so that all people throughout the world
may look to the future with hope.

Amen.

Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2024

On the 1 February Pope Francis gave his message for Lent. It is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus: " **I am the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery** " (Ex 20, 1-17).

Pope Francis noted "The Lenten exodus helps us to free ourselves from slavery. God reopens our hope: with an ecclesial, communitarian, and personal journey of conversion, to lead us towards the land he wants to give us"

In his Message, Pope Francis recalls that Lent "is a season of conversion, a time of freedom" because "God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters" and, citing the Book of Exodus, he emphasizes that the Word of God addresses each one of us personally today: "I am the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery". Along these lines, the Holy Father emphasizes that "it is time to act, and in Lent to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister" because "love of God and love of neighbour are one love".

The invitation consists, then, of "to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, and he adds that "to the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope".

Ngā Tapuwae 2024

To first Mass Commemorations

More than 230 people gathered in 31-degree heat at Totara Point in the Far North on January 13 to mark the 186th anniversary of the first Mass celebrated on New Zealand soil.

Several groups attended the Anniversary Mass as a part of **Ngā Tapuwae** self-directed pilgrimages or visits. Among their number was a Wellington group from Caritas Aotearoa NZ , a group from the Sisters of Mercy in Auckland, and a group from St Francis Xavier parish, Whangarei.

Following a celebratory lunch, many travelled to the small church of Hāta Maria in Motuti - the burial place of Bishop Pompallier - to pay their respects, and to share the stories of the early days at the time of his arrival people who arrived from the local hapori in and around the Hokianga in 1838

A big thank to Bishop Steve and concelebrants by Fr Maliu Otutaha and Fr Larry Rustia



LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

16-20 JANUARY 2024

OVER 100 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 5 PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE KICKED OFF THE YEAR AT LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2024! THEY JOINED ANOTHER 200 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACROSS NEW ZEALAND FOR AN INCREDIBLE 5 DAYS PACKED WITH FUN, PRAYER, MESSY GAMES, SACRAMENTS, NEW FRIENDS, ADORATION, DANCE PARTIES AND ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LEFT SUMMER CAMP ENERGISED FOR THEIR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRIES THIS YEAR AND ALREADY EXCITED FOR SUMMER CAMP 2025!

REAL⁺
PRESENCE



Pope's representative at Waitangi Day and visiting Northland

As Apostolic Nuncio (Pope Francis' Ambassador to NZ), His Excellency Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa Rwechungura, is still recovering – the Deputy Head of Mission, **Monsignor Giosué Busti**, had attended the celebrations at Waitangi Grounds and in particular the **Dawn Service at Te**



Dame Whina Cooper.

Whare Rūnanga (Upper Marae). It was a very early start to the festivities of the Waitangi Day and the morning was charged with beautiful prayers, waiata, speakers' and crowds' reflections on the past, expectations for the present, and hopes for the future. In his karakia, Fr Busti alluded to the 'tree of healing' placed at the centre of the heavenly Jerusalem (as described in the Book of Revelation) and prayed for God's healing and blessings for all the people, the nation of this land. Amongst the dignitaries and distinguished guests, Fr Busti had also met with tāngata whenua, and in particular with **Hinerangi Puru-Cooper**, of Panguru, daughter of land rights campaigner

One of the highlights for Fr Busti was his visit to **Hāto Hohepa te Kamura**, our primary catholic school in Waitaruke. Tamariki welcomed him with pōwhiri, kōrero and waiata. Fr Giosué (Pā Hohua) shared his whakapapa and the link all priests, bishops, cardinals, and pope have with the first disciples and ultimately – with Jesus. He talked about the 'robe' and the different colours it might be. He spoke about Bishop Pompallier and the love he had had for this land and its people. Tamariki listened with attention, asked questions, and made a 'pūkana' to ngā mihi (thank) for his visit.



It was also very special for Fr Giosué to be able to celebrate Sunday mass at the **National Shrine of St Peter Chanel** in Russell. A few other representatives of the Diplomatic



Delegations were also attending. Wiga Autet from the diocesan faith formation team had shared with them the story of the saint and of the whare karakia.

Wiga was happy and privileged to accompany Fr Busti all along, to organise and facilitate his visit and meetings, taking him also to other beautiful and significant for our faith places in Te Tai Tokerau.

Ka kite anō, Pā Hohua.

See you again up North, we hope.

St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College in Drury Opens

St Ignatius of Loyola College officially opened on Wednesday 7 February with 340 Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The school will grow progressively to a roll of 900 by 2029, with students from Year 7 to 13.

Members of Ngāti Tamaoho and Ngāti Te Ata have been important stakeholders on this project. They have blessed the whenua and they led us through the powhiri on last Wednesday. When St Ignatius of Loyola formed the Society of Jesus and began the Jesuit mission of reconciliation with God – to accompany others finding find God in all things.

In 1997 a group of families in this area agreed to commit to a Catholic College. It is thanks to this group of people, the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, the Jesuit Order along with many other committed people along the way that this College has been opened. At the opening, principal Dean Wearmouth encouraged students and guests present to open our hearts to accompany one another on a journey to find God. To find God in ourselves, to find God in one another and to find God in our common home.

In the Opening Liturgy Bishop Steve reminded us this College is a place where we give greater glory to God. For us Christ is the living stone. He encouraged students to stay close to Christ and to build their lives on him. Bishop Steve said "Our hope and prayer is that when you leave this College you will be amazing young men and women – people who will go out into this world and make a difference because you have been inspired by Christ." Bishop Steve concluded by blessing crucifixes for each classroom and then moved through the College blessing each space.

The Inaugural Mass was celebrated on 13 February at the College, a joyful celebration of the Eucharist.





St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College Opens



Update on the **SYNOD** on Synodality

In December 2023 the Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod, released a statement regarding the steps to be taken in the months between December and the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly (October 2024) in order that the whole Church continue the journey For a Synodal Church. Communion, Participation, Mission.

In the document local Churches are invited to contribute by deepening aspects of the Synthesis Report that are fundamental to the Synod's theme. These contributions are guided by the question:

"HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?"



From late February dates, venues and times for public responding sessions will be confirmed and available on the website along with details regarding registration.

April 9 | Sacred Heart Parish, Dargaville

April 11 | Holy Cross, Henderson

...more coming

Particular groups will also be invited to respond



WELCOME to the 2024 NET TEAM

NET
AUS & NZ

AUCKLAND



The Auckland MX Mission Team is going into their second year of ministering in the Auckland Diocese and is excited to be journeying with young people and inviting them into a deeper relationship with Jesus and a greater participation in the life of the local Church community. Throughout the year the team will be facilitating retreats, attending youth groups and assisting with the already thriving youth ministry initiatives of the Diocese.



Welcome 2024 Netters! We are excited to journey with six talented and enthusiastic missionary disciples desiring to be authentic witnesses of Jesus Christ and to bring the Good News to the young people of the Auckland diocese.

Thankyou for your yes.

Pray Opportunities this Lent



Wake and Pray

Wednesday mornings
in Lent

14th, 21st, 28th February &
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March
at 6.15am

Meditation on Zoom

Register with Dianna Fouhy
diannaf@cda.org.nz




This Lent Open the Gospels & Ponder His Word

SATURDAYS in Lent
7 - 7.30pm on Zoom

17th February
24th February
2nd March
9th March
16th March
23rd March
30th March

Register with Dianna Fouhy
Faith Formation diannaf@cda.org.nz




This Lent let's reflect with Pope Francis

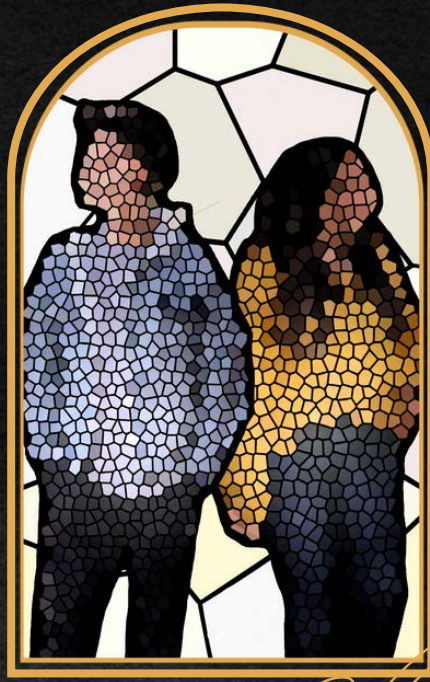
"It is confidence
and nothing but confidence
that must lead us to Love".

Wednesdays evenings 7 - 7.30pm
on Zoom

14th, 21st, 28th February
& 6th, 13th, 20, 27th March

register with Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz
Faith Formation Team, Catholic Diocese of Auckland





MASTER *Class*

Sunday 25 Feb 2:30pm at 30 New St Ponsonby

Masterclass is back in 2024! If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're invited to our quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry.

Our first Masterclass for 2024 will feature two workshops focused on helping you make the best possible start to your ministry year! Keep an eye on our socials, where we will announce our workshop presenters and topics.

As always, there will be fantastic (free!) food & coffee and plenty of opportunities to connect with other young leaders. Build relationships, share experiences, and be part of a support network that will help you grow in your ministry.

Due to venue space, registrations for the workshops are limited, so be sure to register via Eventbrite ASAP for this fantastic formation opportunity!

*Ample free parking available

[REGISTER HERE](#)



YOUNG LEADERS

Commissioning Mass

Sunday 25 Feb 7pm at St Patrick's cathedral

Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass! Monsignor Bernard Kiely will be celebrating the Mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2024.

If you're a youth ministry leader or young adult ministry leader, you're an essential part of this mass! We want to pray with you and for you, as you begin your ministry year. Please invite your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community to join us as well.

We invite Catholics from across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Unite with our young leaders in faith, hope and joy as we commence another incredible year of youth ministry in the Diocese of Auckland!

* Validated parking is available near the Cathedral on Hobson Street.



Wings.Ngā Parirau

Know your faith Share your faith

Meet Jesus -
in his Word
in others
in yourself

- Are you
involved with:
- Ministry of Word
or Eucharist,
 - Sacramental
preparation, RCIA,
 - Children's Liturgy
 - living your faith
- This is for you!

New Saring Date!

2nd March - 6th April - 4th May

Pompallier Diocesan Centre 10-3pm

30 New St. St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby

attend all three days for WNP Year One certificate

register: Dianna - diannaf@cda.org.nz

**THUR
07TH
MARCH**

FELLOWSHIP
The Upper Room
FORMATION

7PM GOOD GEORGE, MISSION BAY

**YOUNG ADULTS, THIS EVENT IS A
FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO GRAB A
DRINK AND DIVE INTO SOME RELEVANT
TOPICS THAT DON'T USUALLY FEATURE
IN YOUR SUNDAY MASS HOMILY!**

**TICKETS ON SALE SOON. GO TO
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/akcym) FOR MORE INFO.**

**\$10
TICKETS**

"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES"

MATTHEW 28:19

HOPE FOR PARISHES IN A POST-CHRISTIAN AGE



Monday, 11 March 2024
7PM - 8:30 PM



\$15 per person



St. Francis Friary and Retreat Centre
50 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, Auckland



For more info,
email cheryl.surrey@divinerenovation.org

For anyone wishing to learn more about what leadership, renewal and vibrancy in the parish can look like, this evening event is not to be missed.

Fr Chris Ryan Author, Parish Priest and founder of The Arete Mission Discipleship program will be sharing about ways to how to help in invigorating your parish.

Registration is essential

<https://divinerenovation.org/events/>



Register at

divinerenovation.org/mission-tour

Fr. Chris Ryan MGL
Parish Priest - St Declan's, Sydney



SUMMIT

Young Leaders' Weekend

22-24 March 2024

Young leaders, are you ready for an
incredible weekend of FORMATION,
FELLOWSHIP and being spiritually
FILLED? We can't wait to see you at
the SUMMIT

REGISTRATIONS OPEN THIS FRIDAY
16TH FEBRUARY.

GO TO [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM)
FOR MORE DETAILS.



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Catholic Diocese of Auckland

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Register here:

aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation

or contact your parish
office/priest for group
registrations.



Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika



SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS 2024

Below are the dates, times and venues confirmed to date.

FACE TO FACE WORKSHOP DATES:

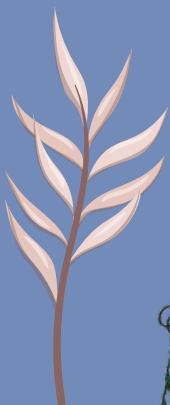
- St Josephs, Takapuna. Thursday 15th February 7.00pm
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Epsom. Thursday 7th March 7.00pm
- St John the Evangelist, Orewa. Sunday 14th April 5.00pm
- Holy Cross, Henderson. Tuesday 30th April 7.00pm
- St Annes, Manurewa. Wednesday 2nd May 7.00pm
- St Joseph, Grey Lynn. Wednesday 29th May, 6.30pm
- St Therese, Mangere. Sunday 16th June, 11.00am
- Holy Name, Warkworth. Saturday 29th June, 2.00pm
- St Mark, Pakuranga. Tuesday 2nd July, 7.00pm
- St Francis of Assisi Thames. Tuesday 10th September, Time TBC

More dates to come

**These workshops are open to all volunteers, parishioners,
parish staff, clergy and religious.
Anyone can attend any parish workshop.**

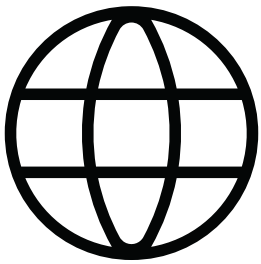
**Monthly Online Safeguarding Workshops will e offered on request,
with a minimum of Five (5) participants required in each group.**

**For More information
about both Face to Face and Online workshops
please contact Lisa-May Gray
lisam@cda.org.nz (09) 360 3019**



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Dipping into the CDA website

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/year-of-prayer/>



Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

Missionary
Discipleship

Young
People

Care
of the Poor

Liturgy
& Prayer

Diocesan
Services



Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a **Year of Prayer** for inspiration and ideas head to the diocesan website.

There are a lot of other useful resources for parishes and individuals on our website.

Explore!



We would like to share our news widely so please invite others to sign up.



MISSION MAP
Mata kaupapa Mihinana