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CDA CONNECT

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



HE IS RISEN

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

ALLELUIA ALLELUIA

Christ is
RISEN!



Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

—St. Hippolytus of Rome



Holy Week



Around the diocese



Update on the SYNOD on Synodality



In the **Synthesis Report** from the October 2023 Synod gathering in Rome local Churches were invited to contribute to the ongoing walking together of the Synod by deepening aspects of the response by considering concrete actions guided by the question:

“HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?”

The diocese organised regional gatherings for people to reflect on this important question,

Other diocesan groups also responded to the invitation to reflect and respond. All these groups generously spent time listening to the synthesis document and responding to the request to consider concrete actions that enable us to be a Synodal Church in mission. All contributions were sent to the NZCBC to inform the Aotearoa New Zealand response which will be forwarded to the Synod Secretariat.



There is no place for ideology in the synod. It's another dynamic. The synod is dialogue between baptised people in the name of the Church, on the life of the Church, on dialogue with the world, on the problems that affect humanity today. But when you think along an ideological path, the synod ends.

Pope Francis, 4 September 2023



Some Common Threads

Each groups' responses were sent individually to the NZCBC. However a number of threads wove through the presentations.

Formation

Of lay people to enhance their gifts - in forms that are accessible.

Of priests in how to truly welcome co-responsibility and be synodal.

Of seminarians in pastoral care and an attitude of service.

Language

Reviewing the translation of the Lectionary and liturgical texts so the English is accessible to all and is inclusive.

Family

The importance of the domestic Church in Mission and the need to provide structures of support, encouragement and formation.



Praise and Pizza

College student leaders from across the diocese met at St Peter's College on Thursday 4th April for Praise and Pizza.

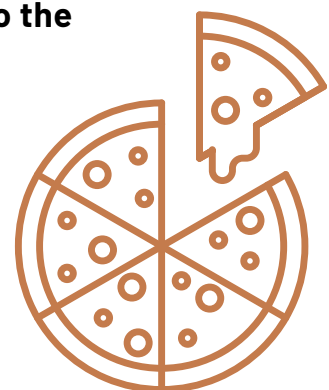
This is the first time the event has happened since before Covid.

They celebrated Mass together with Mons Paul Farmer, who spoke in his homily about the importance of being a witness of Jesus.

After Mass they gathered in the hall for some fun, relationship building and pizza.

It was wonderful to see so many rangatahi expressing their faith and commitment to God.

Thanks to St Peter's for being great hosts and to the teachers who accompanied their group.



Catholic Social Services Journey to Panguru Parish

On 10 April, Catholic Social Services travelled to Panguru in response to the community's invitation to provide *Living without Violence* Train the Trainer programme. The event was appreciated by all and gave an enlightening awareness and aroha for the community and participants.



(left) Some participants and community members of the workshop at Te Manawa Marae where we held the workshop.

When we first entered the Parish of St Peters, our vehicle could hardly make it up the drive, as the driveway was so damaged and really needed work. This is our first impressions of Panguru.



The CSS team were sad to leave this beautiful and high needs community. CSS is committed to provide support as our resources allow to Panguru whānau and their children. Our deep appreciation to Pa Maliu and whānau.

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Caring for Communities.*



Ethnic Chaplaincies Formation Day

Sat. 13 April 2024 | The Diocesan Pompallier Centre

With the cooler autumn morning which eventually stretched into warmer sunny weather, representatives from thirteen ethnic faith communities, supported by

- four chaplain priests who were present for the day;
- six diocesan pastoral team members,
- 40 dedicated leaders of the various communities

participated in the Ethnic Chaplaincies Formation Day on 13 April. They gathered under the prophetic words of Christ according to St John 6:20

It is I, Do not be Afraid!

calling them to be strong and inclusive communities of faith to go forth, be visible, be actively engaged, be servant leaders in their communities.

The gathering began in prayer and scripture sharing.

Then the formation discussions in the following areas were offered by the diocesan team members:

- how to build and strengthen the spirituality in our youth and young people;
- the call to strengthen and enhance systems of financial and administrative processes to be more accountable and transparent in their reporting;
- being visible and be present for the marginalised and those in need in the communities. And the day ended with the hospitality over food, drinks, and friendly conversations.

The 'thirteen' people of God were also given a tour of the book resources at the Pompallier's Liturgy Centre kindly showcased by Tina Coll.

We are connected in so many different ways, and by our faith. We were reminded that we are the One People of God.

We would like to thank all the 'thirteen' faith communities, Centre staff members, the chaplains, for their participation and the successful formation spirit in fellowship.

Please keep an eye out for the Ethnic Festival in October.



Cathedral Parking

For pedestrian safety, the Cathedral Square is for authorised parking only.
All others may be towed away.

Wilson's Hobson Street Car Park

uses the usual roadside **Pay by Plate** machines (inside the carpark)
or the **ParkMate App** (downloadable by Googleplay/Appstore.)

Follow the App's set-up instructions
including your car licence plate number and card payment details.

Set **Farmers WP98** as one of your favourites.

Enter the **Promocode STPATS** to reduce fee from \$15 all day to \$4.50 for 3hrs
(active after 6pm weekdays and all Saturday/Sunday)

The App will notify you half an hour before your parking expires and
your time can be extended then.



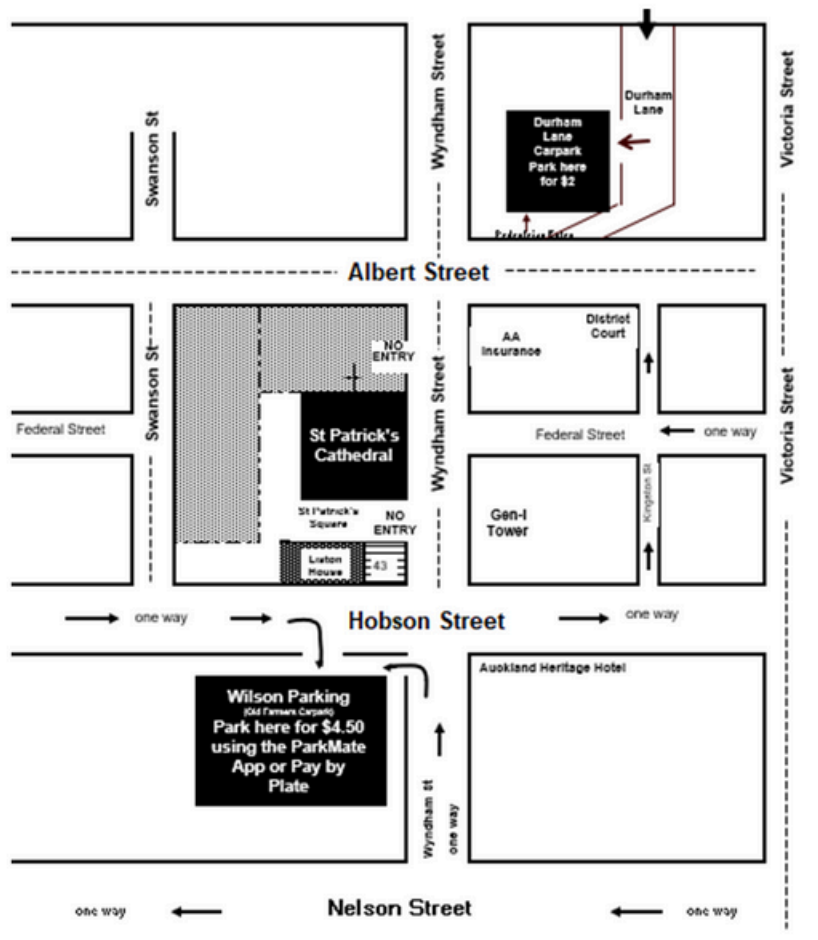
Wilson's Durham Lane Car Park

To reduce the \$15 parking fee to \$3.50 for 2hrs (after 6pm weekdays and all weekend)
Bring your parking ticket to the Cathedral to get the Cathedral validation.

The validation machine is in the Cathedral foyer entrance by the noticeboards.

Your parking ticket can be validated either before or after Mass.

Wilson's Carpark contact: (09) 375-5056 email support@parkmate.co.nz



Relics Tour



CATHEDRAL OF
ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH

To Whare Karakia o Hato Pateniki raua ko Hato Hohepa
Catholic Diocese of Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND,
ALONG WITH THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF NEW ZEALAND,
PRESENTS

THE RELICS OF SAINTS NEW ZEALAND TOUR 2024 26 APRIL - 5 MAY



ST MAROUN



ST PETER CHANEL



ST CHARBEL



ST RAFOA



ST VOLODYMYR PRYIMA



ST NEHMETALLAH



ST ALPHONSA



ST MARY MACKILLOP



ST MARIAM BAOUARDY



BLESSED MARTYRS OF PATULIN



SERVANT OF GOD
FR RAGHEED GANNI

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST JOSEPH WILL WELCOME THE RELICS ON SATURDAY 27 APRIL AT 3PM. THE WELCOME WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MASS.

From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. If attending the Cathedral event see their website the following information regarding parking. More details: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/

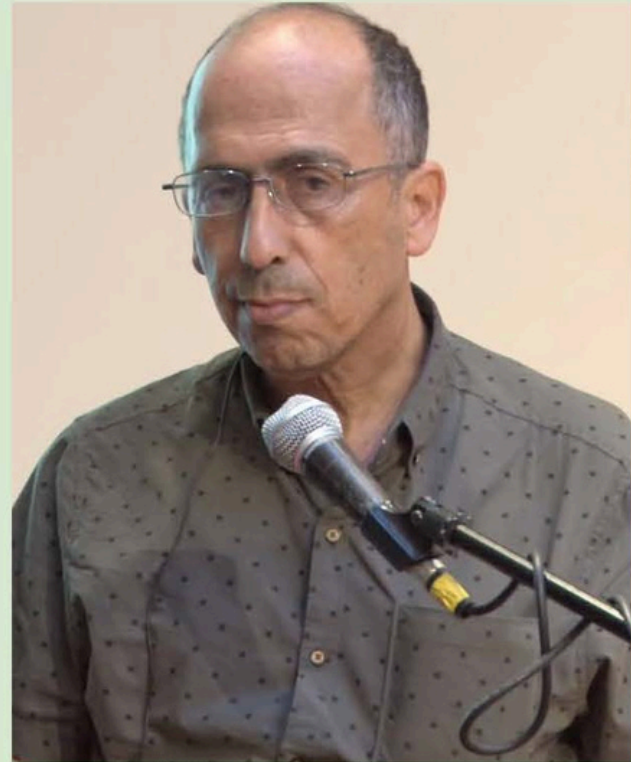
**Nau mai! Haere mai! Pax Christi Aotearoa-New Zealand invites you to
David Wakim Memorial Lecture**

Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh

Public meeting: A Palestinian Christian perspective on Israel/Palestine conflict. Building understanding and solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh served at US universities, including Tennessee, Duke and Yale. He is the founder and volunteer director of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability (PIBS) at Bethlehem University. Qumsiyeh has authored several books, including *Sharing the Land of Canaan* and *Popular Resistance in Palestine*, on topics ranging from the environmental impact of colonisation to environmental and climate justice. He helped plan major empowerment projects with farmers, women, and children. He was presented with the Paul K. Feyerabend Foundation award and other prizes. palestinature.org

As a dual Palestinian-American citizen, a Christian, and an academic with knowledge of the Holy Lands over 2000 years, he has exceptional insights to share on the present conflict in Gaza. He has spoken at Archbishop Desmond Tutu's church in South Africa. qumsiyeh.org



Prof Mazin Qumsiyeh

WHAT: Prof Mazin Qumsiyeh public meeting

WHEN: Saturday 18 May 2024

WHERE: St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity, 446 Parnell Road, Parnell

TIME: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

LIVE STREAMING:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg0XdPubYV_G5DlpwmxZ3Mg

<https://www.facebook.com/pax.christi.7>

Endorsed by:

Steve Lowe, *Catholic Bishop of Auckland*

Ross Bay, *Anglican Bishop of Auckland*

Pax Christi Aotearoa

Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa

Aotearoa Christians for Peace in Palestine

Dayenu: New Zealand Jews Against Occupation

Palestinian Youth Aotearoa

NOTE: *There will be a collection towards the costs of Prof. Mazin's tour and the work of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability at Bethlehem University. If you would like to donate by internet banking (Reference: Mazin visit), please pay to Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand, 38-9001-0650399-00 www.paxchristiaotearoa.nz*



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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



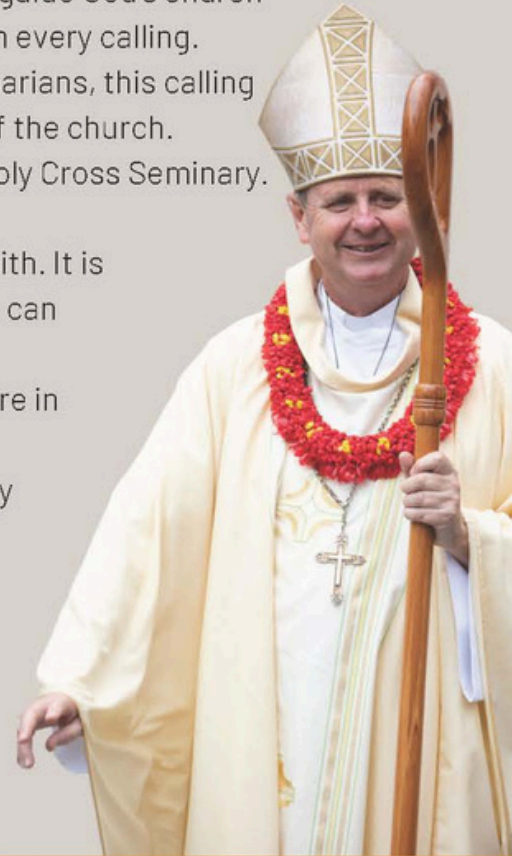
Supporting our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd

“Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:38

On April 21, the church observed Good Shepherd Sunday in its liturgical calendar. This day coincides with Vocation Sunday, during which we pray for shepherds to guide God’s church here on earth. As God’s children, we can see Jesus the Good Shepherd in every calling. We are all called, and we all have a vocation in the church. For our seminarians, this calling is to lay down their lives for the sake of others and become shepherds of the church. In Auckland, we have seven men discerning their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Once these young men step into the seminary, they face the rigorous demands of study, self-reflection, and unwavering dedication to their faith. It is through God’s grace and the support of the faithful that our seminarians can persevere and successfully complete their formation.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is of particular significance to our Bishop here in Auckland, choosing ‘The Lord is my Shepherd’ as his episcopal motto. Bishop Steve invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and kindly requests your support in his annual appeal.

Your contribution in support of our seminarians is one of the best ways to positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. If you are able, consider donating to support our future priests and please pray for more vocations as we look for shepherds to guide our church here in Auckland.



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AucklandCatholic.org.nz/donate
or phone the Diocese on
09 3603069

We give thanks to all
those who have
already responded.



Come and See



Thinking about the priesthood?



Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith.

All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fr Marchellino Park - Vocations Director
Diocese of Auckland

When: Noon on Saturday 4 May 2004

Venue: St Mary's Church, Mt Albert

RSVP to AUCKLANDVOCATIONS@GMAIL.COM

aucklandvocations.org.nz

Save the Date

1 MAY 2024 | 9:30 - 12:00PM



PARISH SECRETARIES FORMATION DAY 2024

Let's Talk About... Mary



In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple.

8 MAY | 7.30PM
Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre or zoom
Register | pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

PENTECOST SUNDAY



MASS OF WELCOME

19 MAY 4.30PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK AND ST JOSEPH



Come and celebrate the gift of faith and acknowledge the newly welcomed members of our community.

Let's Talk About... The Sacred Heart



June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **the Sacred Heart** and what it challenges us to.

5 JUNE | 7.30PM
Poynton Room, Pompallier Catholic Centre or zoom
Register | pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz



MASTERCLASS

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 3PM
AT 40 VERMONT ST PONSOBY

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leaders, save the date for our next Masterclass! Masterclass is a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising young leaders for ministry.

Get ready for keynote speakers, workshops, praise and worship, adoration, and plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders. Plus free coffee and some fantastic kai!

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more info or email felicitym@cda.org.nz

Wait THERE'S MORE

- Saturday 18 May | **Alpha Leaders Training**, Poynton Room, Diocesan Centre.
- Tuesday 25 June | **Uni End of Semester Celebration** MacLaurin Chapel
- Wednesday 26 June | **Parish Renewal Session 3** St Francis Friary
- ...
- 19 August | **World Youth Day Auckland**
- 28/29 September | **Ethnic Community Festival and Mass**



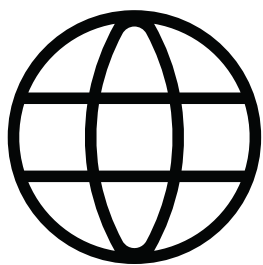
Liturgy Centre

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Sacramental Certificates are available
for order at the Liturgy Centre
liturgycentre@cda.org.nz

09 360 3061





Dipping into the CDA website

A quick link from the front page to the NZCBC website and its information about Jubilee Year 2025



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

Explore!



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

