

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

**Ministers of the Word**

Geoff Brown Nishera Gnanendra Susan Menezes  
Yvonne Sang Akshara Gnanendra Gillian Guttenbeil

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Tapinga Fahiua

Matthew Rowe Kayleigh West Oonagh Turner  
Nebu Johnson

**Altar Servers**

Alistair Plant Margaux De Vera Abigail Perillo  
Dyon Perera Pam Pritchard Raphael Perillo  
Toby Plant Zack De Vera Samara Dsa

**Musicians/ Organists**

Liz Pat Nolasco Marianne

**Cleaning team:** D  
**Counters:** Irene

**Requests for Masses** Envelopes are available at the back of the church . Please write the details on the front, place your donation inside envelope & hand to Father.

**'Make Peace!'**

"Make peace!"

God's decision to give us free choice is very challenging because we can choose evil as well as good.

Jesus warns us not only to avoid the extremes of evil, like murder, but also to avoid the little steps, like anger.

It is really difficult to deal with the kind of feelings that can lead to wrong doing!



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our Diocese requires courses to be taken before baptism or marriage. For **Baptism** EMAIL the parish office, For **Marriage**, please visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

**Saturday Adoration and Reconciliation** - the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9.30-10am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be during this time.

**House blessings & visits** or unable to get to Mass, please contact the Parish office to have communion brought to you. For a visit from a Priest at Auckland Hospital, please call 358-0825 ext. 4000 or 4045

**Preference Forms** - Please EMAIL the office to organise a time to meet with Fr Marchellino.

**Legion of Mary** - meet Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more info.

**Food Bank** - Our Parish provides food to those in need in our Community. Your dry goods donations of canned foods, long life milk, jams, spreads, rice, biscuits, pasta sauce & pasta are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

**SAFEGUARDING**

**Safe spaces for All**

Our church is a place where everyone should feel welcomed, valued and protected.



Complaints or concerns are confidential. Our Safeguarding contact is **Trish Wood:** [stmarysmtalbert@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmtalbert@gmail.com)

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 15th FEBRUARY 2026**



**ST. MARY'S PARISH - MT. ALBERT, AUCKLAND**

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**Parish Secretary** Victoria Malone

**Finance** - Megan Williams

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**Sunday Readings Year A**

**15 FEB -1<sup>st</sup>** Sirach 15:15-20 **2<sup>nd</sup>** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 5:17-37

**22 FEB -1<sup>st</sup>** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 **2<sup>nd</sup>** Romans 5:12-19 **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 4: 1-11

**Your Prayers are requested this week for**

**The sick** - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Cedric Menezes, Julie Prince, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Thomas Allison, Sr Catherine, Brianna Covich, Abigail Perillo, Brian Malone, Karl Guttenbeil, Chris McGuire, Lotu Hasini, Valerie McRae, Sr Shirley, Sr Juliana & Sr Patricia.

Please let the office know if you wish to have a name placed on or taken off the prayer list.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**MASS/LITURGY TIMINGS**

Tuesday - 6.30 pm Mass

Wednesday - 9 am Mass

Thursday - 10 am

Friday - 9 am Mass

Saturday - 9 am Mass, followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Rite 1 - 9.30 am to 10 am

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

### Response: **Lord hear our prayer**

For Leo, our Pope, and Stephen, our Bishop That the Lord's love and strength will surround and strengthen them to lead us to follow the Lord more closely ..**Lord hear us**

For the people of God in our own city and throughout the world. That we may seek to live lives that cry "Yes" to the Lord's call to live our lives more perfectly ...**Lord hear us**

For the grace of a holy Lent. That as we prepare to enter this sacred time in the weeks ahead the Lord will give us the grace of conversion of heart ....**Lord hear us**

For all who suffer, especially those struggling with mental and physical illness. That they may know the touch of the Lord who sought always to heal the sick ....**Lord hear us**

For peace in all places torn by war, and in our own homes and communities. That the love of God grant us the peace the world cannot give ....**Lord hear us**

For all the dead, those we have know and loved and those who died forgotten and unloved. That the love of Christ which conquers even death itself may raise them to eternal joy and peace ....**Lord hear us**

### Gentle Reminders

- **Please do not leave any household items or clothing in the church or on the presbytery door step. Thank you for thinking of us but we get inundated with stuff that we struggle to off load ourselves. If there is a need we will put a call out. Thank you!**

- Cell Phones - Kindly switch off or put on silent mode during Mass. Thank you.

- For Church bookings, appointments, etc, please email the office to arrange.

- Please do not smoke outside the church or on any of the school grounds.

**Preference Forms** - Please Email the office to organise a time to meet with Fr Marchellino.

**Saturday Adoration and Reconciliation** - the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9.30 - 10am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be during this time.

**Home Visits** - If you or a family member are unable to come to Mass to receive Holy Communion and would like to have Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to arrange this. We also have Ministers visiting Aranui rest home to take Holy Communion to Catholic residents. If you have a family member at any of these residences who would like to receive Holy Communion and have not been contacted please let the Parish Office know.

**Parking** - Please remember to keep the church driveway clear of vehicles during School hours from 8.15-9am & 2.30-3.30pm and Sunday Masses. Also please do not park in any of the school carparks during week day Masses. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**15&22 Feb** - Baptism Classes 11am

**18 Mar** - Ash Wednesday, 9am & 7pm Mass

**28 Feb** - Baptism 10.30am

**1 Mar** - Sacramental Programme Information Morning 9am

**6 Mar** - World Day of Prayer 5pm

**21 Mar** - Baptism (RCIC) 10.30am

**Youth Nights 2026** - First Youth Night will be Sunday, Feb. 22nd after the 5:30pm mass, in the Marist Hall. From then on, Youth Nights will be the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of each month. For anyone in years 7 - 13. Any questions, please contact the Office.

**Sacramental Programme 2026** - our Sacramental programme will start in early March this year, with the information morning on Sunday the 1st of March at 9am in the Church, Registrations close on Friday 20th of February. Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church, on our website or from the parish office.

**Ash Wednesday** - We will have the usual 9am Mass and an evening Mass at 7pm.

**Stations of the Cross** - 6.30pm every Friday during Lent, starting Friday the 20th February. All are welcome. If you are interested in leading the Stations of the Cross for one of the Friday's please put your name down on the sheet at the back of the church next to the date you are available and the office will be in touch.

**Parish Foodbank** - Please remember us when you are shopping.

**Tap'n Go** - we have a Tap'n Go machine, for those who wish to use contactless payment (card or phone). Please note that tax receipts cannot be issued if you use this system. If you are wanting a tax receipt please contact the office about joining one of our planned giving schemes.

**Franciscan Renaissance** - with Patrick Carolan Monday, 16 February 2026, 7-8pm. Zoom (Koha/Donation). Register to receive the Zoom link: [www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/)  
**The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Assumption** - invite you to the 2026 Aquinas Conference held at Holy Family Parish, Te Atatu on **21st February**. Holy Mass at 9AM followed by four talks exploring the life and teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. Open to all ages. The Conference will be FREE of charge but donations (<https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicpriory>) greatly appreciated! Bring Palms

**Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown** - St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation. When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera  
**Marist College's Open Day** - Tours to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am.

**St Paul's College's Open Day** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am or 1:45pm Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

**Baradene College Open Day Tours** - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (bookings open 9.00am Monday 23 February)

Tour times: 9am and 10am each day. Book at [www.baradene.school.nz](http://www.baradene.school.nz) - 2026 Open Day Tours  
Please refer to the website for booking closing times for each day.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2027 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 13 March, 2026.

**St Mary's College's Open Day** - Annual Open Day will be held on Thursday, 23 March. 2pm or 6pm

**Sacred Heart Open Day** - Open Day will be held on Wednesday 25th February, 10am or 1pm sessions.

### ***Children's Content & QR Code to Kid's Corner***

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CELEBRATING-The-SIXTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/How-to-foster-peace-in-your-family.pdf>

