



**Today is Vocations Sunday.** Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Your contribution will positively influence the future of the Church here in Auckland. To donate scan the QR Or at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate). Please continue to pray for our seminarians.



**Praying For The Conclave:** New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz)

#### **Prayer for the Election of the Supreme Pontiff**

Lord Jesus Christ, by entrusting to St. Peter and his successors the keys of the Kingdom Of Heaven, thou didst establish the office of the papacy. Grant to thy Church, we beseech thee, a pope who, in his dedication to the Sacred Tradition of the Church, will seek to govern the Church according to the Deposit of Faith and for the salvation of souls.

Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Confessors, we consecrate to thee the conclave and the election of the Holy Father. Blessed Mother, look not upon our sinfulness or upon the infidelity of many Catholics who do not accept the teaching of thy Son, but upon the Church which is the spotless Bride of thy Son, so that we do not get the leader we deserve, but a Holy Father who will guide the Church for the glory and honour of thy Son. Amen.

**All catechists, volunteers, and those who serve in their parish** are welcomed to share in a day of refreshing with Dianna Fouhy and Dcn Steve Fraser as your retreat hosts. Two retreats to choose from. One for parishes North of the bridge and one for parishes south of the bridge. \$25.00 per person. 10am to 3:30pm  
All details and registration for **Northern** region **June 7 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-north/>  
Details and registration for **Southern** region **July 5 @ 10:00am - 3:30pm** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/event-1/be-refreshed-1-day-retreat-south/>  
Registrations essential.

For further information please contact Dcn Steve on [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

**ACTIV8 Pro-Life Youth Camp** for young people aged 16 to 25. The camp will take place in Canterbury from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th of July. Visit <http://www.activ8nz.org/> to register or find out more.

#### **Scripture Note – Christian Love**

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all. There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes — we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no.

'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F. Mauriac).

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

*Dear Jesus whose heart is wide enough to love us all, make our hearts like yours.*

**Reflection** A superficial reading of the Acts of the Apostles might lead one to imagine that the early days of the church were so blessed by: the presence of the Spirit that it was easy for the disciples to remain faithful and for the church to grow. However, this was clearly not the case. The first generations of believers were setting out on a journey into uncharted territory and they faced huge problems, including marginalisation and even death. The New Testament, both in the Acts and the Book of Revelation, is witnessing not to the ease with which they undertook their task but rather to their courage and openness in facing whatever came their way. It is also a witness to their utter conviction that Jesus was with them through all their experiences.

#### **Matakana - Building Update**

The crucifix has been installed on the back wall of the sanctuary.

The chandeliers in the church have been removed – hopefully by the end of the day a new fitting will have been installed!

The Holy Spirit leadlight widow has been hung in the Baptism area.

**Warkworth Methodist Women's Fellowship – Hostess Afternoon** at Ww Methodist Church Centre, Cnr Church Hill & Hexham Street on Thursday 15th May at 1.30 pm  
Guest speaker: Sam Steward Relationship Manager from Ronald McDonald House Charities NZ. A trading table with funds raised going to Ronald McDonald House who support over 4000 families when their child is in a hospital away from home.  
Men and Woman are welcome to join us