

A warm welcome to any new parishioners Please complete a parish Enrolment Form on the table in the foyer, or complete and send the form on our website.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Please note that there will be no youth Mass or youth group in January but we will resume with youth Mass followed by the first youth group of the year on Saturday February 8th. Please diarise this now as we look forward to hearing all about Hearts Aflame from those who are attending next month. Enjoy the holidays and keep Christ in your hearts. Fran and Jerome Hardy 021 1562529

Pray for the Sick: Adrian Anderson, Patrice & Kevin Barron, Terry Bayer, George Cook, Joe & Christine Cuminsky, Ross Fleming, Chris Julian, Namfon Julian, Jacqueline Lawn, Lies Lemmen, Gerard Lucca, Beth Melton, Mary P, Ralph Phillips, Sonya Phillips, Ashley Price, Gary Schellack, Hildegard Schiebel, Garth Stewart.

In Remembrance:

15th Frank Scott **16th** Truus Williams, John Robert Fitzsimmons
17th Margaret Firth, Martin Rauner, Leo Vitali **18th** Sr Elizabeth Carroll

Warkworth Homebuilders: helping local families through hard times. (09) 425 7048

Warkworth Combined Churches Foodlink Telephone: 425 8861
To donate directly to Foodlink: Mahu Vision Community ANZ 01-0482-0005321-11

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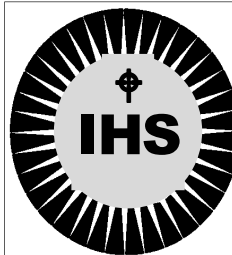
Alpha Course: Teresa Shapleski M: 0212342464 Email: teresah57@icloud.com

Marriage preparation programme: Gerry Smith at Auckland Diocese (09) 360 3025

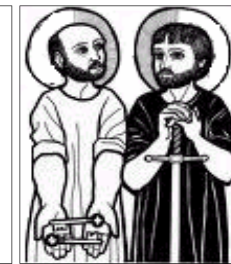
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Monday & Thursday from 8.00 a.m., finishing 15 minutes before the start of Mass.
- Friday after the morning Mass & Benediction
- Saturday after the morning Mass
- Saturday afternoon from 5.00 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.
- Sunday by appointment after 2.00 p.m.

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**May the waters of baptism, O Lord,
bring us the new life of your love.**

The Baptism of the Lord **12th January 2025** **Anniversary First Mass in New Zealand** **by Bishop Pompallier**

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Ps: 29

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

Sunday 12th	8.30 am Puhoi
Rosary before Mass	10.10 am Ww
	10.30 am Ww
Morning tea after 10.30am	Warkworth Mass
Monday 13th	9.00 am Ww
St Hilary	
Tuesday 14th	5.15 pm Ww
Wednesday 15th	9.00 am Puhoi
Thursday 16th	9.00 am Ww
Friday 17th	10.00 am Ww
St Anthony	
Saturday 18th	9.00 am Ww
Mass of Our Lady	
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm Ww

19th January 2025 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 Ps: 96

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Sunday 19th	8.30 am Puhoi
Rosary before Mass	10.10 am Ww
	10.30 am Ww
Morning tea after 10.30am	Warkworth Mass

Introduction

Today we celebrate the identity of Jesus our Lord: He whom we follow is the one who is the beloved Son of the Father and the one who is uniquely empowered by the Spirit. This is the great mystery of faith: Jesus is not just some teacher of wisdom or some guide to a happy or holy life, he is the one with whom the Father is 'well-pleased,' and he brings us into the presence of the Father and sends his Spirit among us. We can gather here for the Eucharist because the Spirit is giving us divine life, Jesus is in our midst, and so we stand and offer our thanks to the Father.

Prayer

Lord, before we embark
on a new direction in our lives
teach us to first humble ourselves
before you, as Jesus did.

Only after we have been baptised will the
heavens be opened,
the Spirit descend on us in bodily shape,
like a dove,
and your voice will proclaim
that we are your Beloved
and your favour rests on us.
Then, like Jesus,
we will be ready to commit ourselves
to the new venture you have called us to.

Rest in Peace ~ Lauren Boakes
Requiem Mass was celebrated at
Lauren's new home parish of Katikati.

Ascension Update Corner

Holy Name Parish Survey The purpose of this survey is to provide parishioners with an indication of the range of expressions of interest we have received to date and to ascertain support for different possibilities. We need to ensure there is a balance between community needs and revenue generating operations to cover the costs.

Please complete the survey by the 20 January to indicate what initiatives you would like the PCG to investigate further.

The link will be emailed to all our parishioners on the newsletter database.

The link will also be on the front page of our parish website.

Auckland Anniversary Weekend Bishop Steve will join us to celebrate a Thanksgiving Vigil Mass at our current church on 25 January concluding with an historic opportunity to process symbols of our faith to the new church and a shared dinner at Matakana. At our Mass on Sunday 26 January Bishop Steve will bless and official open the new church and pastoral centre. Mark your diaries!

Opportunities to get involved Shortly we will start planning the liturgies for the Thanksgiving Mass and the Blessing & Opening Mass. Individuals and groups who would like to prepare those services and those who would like to help plan the logistics for the weekend are invited to register with Philippa on iropes@outlook.com or phone/text on 021 638 816.

It's important that all members of our community can easily attend services. If you have space in your car, why not offer to take another member of our parish to church. Parishioners who would need transport to and from the new church and those who can offer transport are invited to register with David on teresah@outlook.co.nz or phone/text 027 471 6612.

**WORKING BEE at our soon to be opened new church at 480 Matakana Road
on Saturday 18th of January starting from 8 am**

Inside teams of volunteers required:

Interior windows to be washed, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming
bathrooms to clean, floors to be mopped.

Please bring: vacuums, brooms, buckets, mops, dusters

Outside teams of volunteers required:

Weeding, trimming and pruning to be done.

Removal of green waste to compost pile. Exterior windows to be washed.

Please bring: gloves, safety gear, buckets, secateurs, hedge trimmers,
line trimmers, leaf blowers, wheelbarrows, weeding tools, window washing brooms

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! - Nehemiah 3

*"The things that are too much for just one person or even a few are achievable
when everyone rises up and gets involved."*

General Comments:

The Baptism of the Lord is told in all four gospels with each one giving its own slant. We must be faithful to the text before us – St Luke's version. The story can be read from different perspectives; in our meditation we are free to choose the one which corresponds best to our experience.

It is first of all an extraordinary religious experience. St Luke's is the only version which says that Jesus "was at prayer". Luke does not emphasize the actual baptism at all, but presents it as the prelude to the main event – the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven.

We should enter fully into the images:

"Heaven opened" indicates that all dualism is broken down – between God and humanity, between humanity and nature.

"The Holy Spirit descended in bodily shape, like a dove" – the experience of the Holy Spirit is vivid but very gentle.

"A voice came from heaven" should be interpreted in the same spirit as the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is so vivid and so gentle that it could only have come from heaven.

The voice makes three statements, each with its own importance:

"You are my son" – in the Bible, divine sonship is attributed to kings, usually on the occasion of their enthronement; royal power is conferred on Jesus.

"The beloved" – Jesus is assured that he is loved tenderly, as a bridegroom is loved by his bride.

"My favour rests on you" says that God's love remains permanently with him – it is not something temporary. We are reminded of Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "As the Father has loved me so I have loved you, remain in my love" (...John 5:9).

Lord, we thank you for deep prayer experiences when we are truly one with Jesus. They always come to us as your free gift, unexpectedly, after a long time of struggle when we felt we were drowning, abandoned by all, including you.

After we have been baptised in these waters of loneliness, suddenly

The star~ heaven opens and we feel at one with the universe,

~ the sun, the moon and the stars all seem close;

~ your Holy Spirit descends on us, his powerful but gentle presence so vivid that it is almost in a bodily shape like a dove;

~ we hear a voice resonating so deeply within us we know it must come from heaven,

~ telling us that we are not aliens in the world but princes and princesses, members of your royal family,

~ that we are beloved,

~ and we must never allow ourselves to feel abandoned since your favour rests forever on us.

Thank you, Lord.

Warkworth Children's Liturgy. We need more leaders and helpers.
please email the parish office, or talk to Lisa after 10.30 am Sunday Mass.