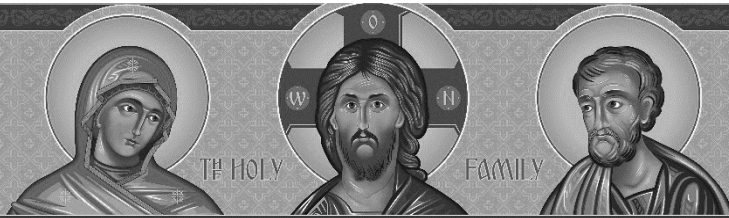


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
Parish*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C – 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

### FIRST READING : Acts 13:14,43-52;

Paul and his friends carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 99(100):1-3,5;



*℟ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

*Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness come before him singing for joy. ℟*

*Know that he, the Lord, is God, He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. ℟*

*Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love, His is faithful from age to age. ℟*

### SECOND READING : Apocalypse 7:9,14-17;

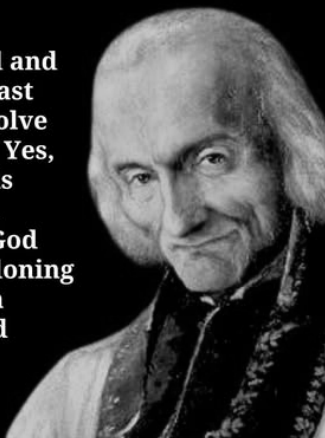
I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

### GOSPEL : John 10:27-30;

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

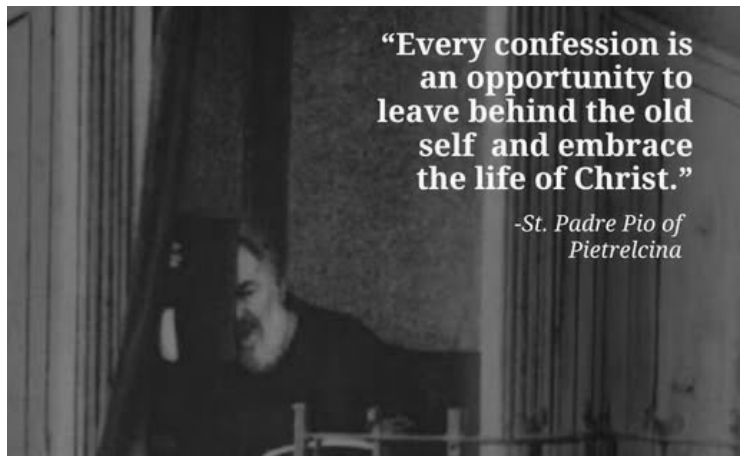
**"Repentance is an anguish of the soul and a detestation for past sin, and a firm resolve never to sin again. Yes, my brethren, this is the foremost of all conditions which God makes before pardoning our sins, and it can never be dispensed with."**

*-St. John Mary Vianney*



**"Every confession is an opportunity to leave behind the old self and embrace the life of Christ."**

*-St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina*



If you know anybody interested in becoming Catholic, a new course begins soon. Please contact the Parish Office.

**New Adult Formation Study Course** – 10 weeks – *Early Church History - First 500 years*, Thursdays, in the Joseph Centre, from 7pm to 9pm. If you would like to be added to the txt list, please contact the Office.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
 Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
 Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
 Who ensured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!  
 Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
 Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
 Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
 Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!  
 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
 Praise, eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Eternal Priest,  
 You have become the Temple,  
 Entered the tent where  
 God longs to meet man,  
 And there you offer  
 through Your flesh surrendered,  
 Your very Self, as Sacrificial Lamb  
 And in Your hour,  
 at last embrace, as Husband,  
 Her, ever loved in Your eternal plan.

Now intercede, fill with Your Holy Spirit,  
 him whom you raise  
 to share the rank of priest,  
 That by his mouth  
 Your gospel may be spoken,  
 And from his hand  
 Your flock may know Your peace,  
 That he may worthily approach Your altar,  
 Off'ring through You, the Eucharistic feast.

Conform his heart to Yours,  
 Eternal Shepherd,  
 That he may lay his life down for the lost,  
 May he partake, O Christ,  
 in Your own Headship,  
 And feed your Body, counting not the cost,  
 Configure him to have Your heart,  
 O Husband, which for Your Bride  
 was opened on the cross.

Glory to Christ, our Altar,  
 Priest and Victim,  
 In Whose self-gift,  
 His Bride has been restored,  
 Praise to the Spirit,  
 given through His dying,  
 In Whom she is one spirit with the Lord,  
 So that the Father,  
 from Whom both are given,  
 Be, in the Church, eternally adored.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**CHORUS:**  
*By Your kingly power O risen Lord,  
 all that Adam lost is now restored,  
 in Your resurrection be adored.*

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
 sound it to the souls in prison,  
 shout our triumph to the sky,  
 Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Sing the joyful Easter cry,  
 let all times and peoples listen,  
 death has no more victory.  
 Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

Death has lost and life has won,  
 Ev'ry newborn child we christen,  
 now becomes the Father's Son.  
 Sing Christ risen, Sing Christ risen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

This joyful Eastertide,  
 away with sin and sorrow!  
 My love, the Crucified.  
 hath sprung to life this morrow.  
 Had Christ that once was slain  
 n'er burst His three day prison  
 our faith had been in vain,  
 but now is Christ arisen,  
 arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
 and for a season slumber,  
 till trump' from east to west,  
 shall raise the dead in number.  
 Had Christ that once was slain  
 n'er burst His three day prison  
 our faith had been in vain,  
 but now is Christ arisen,  
 arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

The temple now restored,  
 and from its side a river.  
 The Crucified is Lord,  
 salvation to deliver.  
 our faith had been in vain,  
 but now is Christ arisen,  
 arisen, arisen, ARISEN!

For death and life have fought,  
 with life though slain, the winner  
 My life by Blood He bought,  
 while I was yet a sinner.  
 Had Christ that once was slain  
 n'er burst His three day prison  
 our faith had been in vain,  
 but now is Christ arisen,  
 arisen, arisen, ARISEN

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Vocation Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Bishop Steve Lowe asks us to support to our seminarians studying towards their priestly vocations at Holy Cross Seminary. Donate at

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate).

Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

There are envelopes available in the foyer.

**Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College** is now open for enrolment for Semester 2. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply) to apply or call (09) 361-1053 for more information.

**Jubilee Bursary** Semester 2, 2025 For Theology and RE courses. Applications close Thursday, 5 June 2025 please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Yr C)**

*Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** E. Shaw, L. Ahio  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** S. Shaw  
**Offertory:** D'Lima Family  
**Special Ministers:** P. Tagilima

**CHURCH CLEANING**

*Adoration*

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

*Samoan Community*

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**11 May:** Maryann Eccleshall  
**12 May:** Ghislaine O'Brien  
**13 May:** Gerald O'Reilly  
**14 May:** Puroku Tunui, Ellen Williams, Alan Collinson  
**16 May:** Tom Darling

**PARISH FINANCES**

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Parish</b>             | \$1,972.53        |
| <b>Priests</b>            | \$ 986.27         |
| <b>Total APS and Cash</b> | <b>\$2,958.80</b> |

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

**Sacramental Programme – Confirmation Classes** next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm in the Joseph Centre. *Please note: your child would need to have received their First Reconciliation.*

**Te Atatu Peninsula Rental:** 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom house \$650p/w – bond \$1,950 has fibre network, separate toilet, separate laundry. Healthy home certified. For more information, please contact the Office on 098346677 or [hfparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfparish@xtra.co.nz)

**CANCELLED - Mix-Medium Art Class:** *Many apologies, the class has been cancelled. The first Free trial class will be on 17th May Saturday 2-3pm in the Hall Holy Family church including the course introduction, cost, and schedule. What are the ten topics? Course objectives and outcomes.*

**St Joseph Men's Group:** Harbourview – Orangihina Park Walk. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7am. Meet on site at the Park, opening prayers before setting off for our walk.

**Pentecost Cultural Food Festival**

Bring your cultural dish and share it with the Parish

**Pentecost Sunday  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**After the 9:30am Mass**

To book your group/table  
 Please contact Ellen on 834 6677

or email [hfparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hfparish@xtra.co.nz)

*Tables that have been booked so far:*

**Filipino Table.**