

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASSES and other liturgical celebrations:

Daily morning Masses: 9.00 am Monday to Saturday

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8.30 am - St. John of the Cross

9.30 am – Holy Family Church

Community Masses:

Samoan Community – 3rd Sunday at 11.00 am

Cook Islands – 2nd Sunday at 11.00 am

Myanmar Community – 4th Sunday at 11.00 am

Tokelau – 4th Sunday, 11 am at St. John of the Cross

Multicultural Mass – 31st August at 9.30 am, by Archbishop Paul

Reconciliation – 8.00 am – 8.45 am Thursday – Saturday

Baptism – By appointment

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PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR C

8TH JUNE 2025

Dear Parishioners: Greetings, Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo ni, Mingalaba, Mauri, Ola, Namaste, Malo Lelei & Nibula.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost, meaning "50th," is a feast celebrated 50 days after Passover by Jews and 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection by Christians. Originally a Jewish harvest thanksgiving, Pentecost later also commemorated God's covenants with Noah and Moses. For Christians, Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit, making it the birthday of the Church. On the first Christian Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of tongues of fire. This transformed the previously fearful apostles into courageous preachers, empowered with the gift of tongues. Their listeners, from various nations, heard them in their own languages. As a result, many converted, and early Christians became bold witnesses and martyrs for their faith.

The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in Christian life. As the indwelling presence of God, He makes believers His living temples. He strengthens them to resist temptation and live as true witnesses of Christ. Through the sacraments, the Holy Spirit sanctifies believers: Baptism makes them God's children; Confirmation empowers them as defenders of faith; Reconciliation forgives sins; the Eucharist spiritually nourishes; and Ordination and Matrimony sanctify the Church community. The Holy Spirit also teaches and guides, reminding believers of Christ's words and directing the Church's Magisterium in truth. He helps Christians pray, speaks primarily through Scripture, and listens to prayers. As the giver of spiritual gifts, He enriches the Church with fruits, gifts, and charisms.

Believers are called to live in harmony with the Holy Spirit by remembering His presence, praying for His guidance, resisting sinful habits, reading Scripture meditatively, engaging in personal and communal prayer, and doing good for others. Daily cooperation with the Holy Spirit leads to a life of holiness, purpose, and faithful Christian witness.

PARISH NOTICES AND UPDATES

1. **Sunday Adoration:** Every Sunday at 5.00 pm
2. **Children's Ministry:** Every Sunday at 9.30 am.
3. **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting:** 10 June 6 pm in the Presbytery.
4. **Parish Youth Gathering Session:** Saturday 14 June 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in the School Hall. All young people aged 13 and above are invited.
5. **Planned Giving through Internet Banking or Automatic Payment:** If you would like to make regular financial offerings to the Parish, our bank account number is BNZ 02-0536-0003269-05 using your Planned Giving number or name as a reference. All offerings can be claimed as a tax rebate from IRD.
6. **Joshua's meeting for men:** Thursday 19th June from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Venue is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon).
7. **Family Pilgrim Walk - a pilgrimage to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025:** Saturday, 28 June, from 8 am – 1 pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral to St Mary's of the Angels. <https://family-pilgrim-walk.raiselysite.com/>

Pope Leo XIV Quote

"There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor, who are a treasure for the Church and for humanity."

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR C

8 June PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st R: Acts 2: 1–11 Responsorial Psalm: 104 2nd R: 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13. Gospel: John 20:19-23. 	VIGIL READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg McGirr Epi McGirr EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ine Etuale Isa Lokeni Anthony Nguyen 	9.30 AM READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Felise Maiava Debbie Brighthouse EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr Donna Grace Afuamua Tago Nuufou Glendining 	ST JOHN READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracie Etuale Lua Tuimavave EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gerry Mallon William Nobelen Etuale Etuale
15 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st R: Proverbs 8:22 - 31 Responsorial Psalm: 8 2nd R: Romans 5:1 - 5 Gospel: John 16:12 - 15. 	VIGIL READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maria Hammond Malia Perez EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malia Anamani Ina Tengarua Afamua Tago 	9.30 AM READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ina Tengarua Asuao Misitea EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr Hannahri Akenese Tana Lapana Tualai 	ST JOHN READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faialofa Antonio Bernadette Banez EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Antonio Iutita Mallon Ine Etuale

PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 1 JUNE 2025

Parish - \$ 2029.40
Building Fund - \$ 723.90

Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.

May God bless you always.

Celebrating Family Rosary month of May



On 30 May parishioners joined together in a shared meal to conclude the Family Rosary for the month of May 2025. The Family Rosary was held each weekday during May, with families volunteering to lead each session. It was very well supported by our parishioners.

Frs Isaac and Nicholas want to acknowledge the commitment of those parishioners who both led and participated in the Family Rosary during May. Our parish continues to grow in richness of the spirit.
God bless you all.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today's feast, Pentecost, is one of the great feasts of Christianity often described as the Birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, Mary and the Disciples. It is the completion of the work of Redemption and gave the followers of Christ the courage to go out to the world to preach the Good News as Jesus had instructed them to do. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves for the coming of the Spirit through prayer, just as we, today, ready ourselves through prayer for the coming of the Spirit.

The Gifts brought to us by the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

- **Wisdom** enables us to understand God's will and to know the true meaning of life.
- **Understanding** helps us understand the profound truths of faith and then to apply them to our lives.
- **Counsel** gives us the ability to discern the best course of action in different situations, and to offer wise guidance to others.
- **Fortitude** (courage) strengthens our wills to persevere in the face of adversity and temptation. It is a firmness of mind in doing good and avoiding evil.
- Knowledge grants us a deep understanding of God's plan and a desire to live according to his will. It's the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right actions.
- **Piety** inspires a love and reverence for God, leading to a life of prayer and worship. The Latin word *pietas* means the reverence we give to our father and to our country. Since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety.
- **Fear of the Lord** encourages humility and reverence for God, leading to a life of obedience and humility. It begins with awe and is not a fear where we are afraid of being punished, but a fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from Him.

Mary, who conceived the Incarnate Word by the power of the Holy Spirit, for the whole of her life allowed herself to be guided by that Spirit. She surrendered to the Holy Spirit and was a woman of silence and attentiveness, a woman of hope who, like Abraham, accepted God's will. Mary is a radiant model for those who entrust themselves, with all their hearts, to the promises of God.

Wairua Tapu, help us to be people of prayer, open and responsive to you as Mary was.

Sr Anne Phibbs

