

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.

March Collections: Parish \$7,220.86 House \$3,610.44  
Warkworth Parish Bank Account: 02-0108-0706101-000

**Pray for the Sick:** Adrian Anderson, Patrice & Kevin Barron, Terry Bayer, George Cook, Joe Cuminsky, Maureen Henderson, 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, Tony Sinkovich, Garth Stewart.

**In Remembrance:**

**3rd** Mary Wenzlick, Mary Tolhopf, William Fairclough, Alfred Blake, Sylvia Bayer  
**4th** Mary Percival  
**7th** Stanley Pearce, Leah Maxwell, Margaret Wech, George Paul, Laurie Rauner  
**8th** John O'Dwyer      **9th** George Brundish, Brian Joseph Carley

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Engaged / Planning a wedding?**

**Catholic Diocese of Auckland Approved Marriage Preparation Course**

Book your course early 1 year for NZ and 18 months for overseas weddings

**To Register & Book:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

**For more information contact:** Gerry at [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz) **M: 021 02247442**

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

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Parish Office hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am to 12pm**

Bernadette's contact number outside of office hours: 0274 91 47 48

**Liturgical Ministries:** **Matakana:** Christine 021 245 6920

**Puhi Music:** Jenny 027 211 0316

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Monday & Thursday from 8.00 a.m., finishing 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

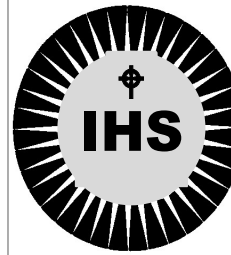
- Friday after the morning Mass & Benediction

- 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.

**Report Abuse or Harm? National Office for Professional Standards 0800 114 622**



**WARKWORTH CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HOLY NAME & Sts. PETER & PAUL  
MATAKANA PUHOI**

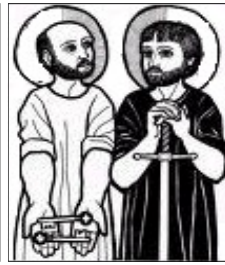
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**3rd May 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**Psalm:** 33 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 2:204-9

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

**Sunday 3rd**            **8.30 am Puhoi**  
                             **10.30 am Matakana**

**Rosary before Mass** **7.50 am Puhoi**  
                             **10.00 am Matakana**

**Children's Liturgy** **10.30 am Matakana**

**Monday 4th**        **9.00 am Matakana**

**Tuesday 5th**       **5.30 pm Matakana**

**Wednesday 6th**   **9.00 am Puhoi**  
**After Mass: Adoration**

**Thursday 7th**      **9.00am Matakana**

**Friday 8th**         **10.00 am Matakana**

**Saturday 9th**      **9.00 am Matakana**

**Vigil**                 **6.00 pm Matakana**

**10th May 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading:** Acts 8:5-8,14-17

**Psalm:** 66 **2nd Reading:** 1Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

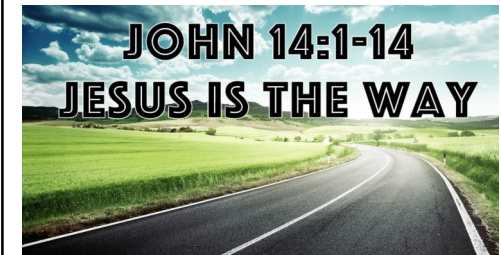
**Sunday 10th**        **8.30 am Puhoi**  
                             **10.30 am Matakana**

**Rosary before Mass** **7.50 am Puhoi**

**Children's Liturgy** **10.00 am Matakana**

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End of Year Receipts for parishioners who are in our Planned Giving Program are in the church foyers.



**Introduction**

Everybody needs a home. Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the heavenly Father's home. He even promises to prepare a place for us in that house. This is a cause of tremendous hope for us.

**Prayer / Reflection - Going Home**

*Going to heaven!  
I don't know when,  
pray do not ask me how.  
Going to heaven!  
How dim it sounds!*

*And yet it will be done as sure as flocks go home at night into the shepherd's arm.  
If you should get there first, save just a little place for me close to the two I lost.  
The smallest 'robe' will fit me, and just a 'bit of a crown'; for you know we do not mind our dress when we are going home.*

*~ Emily Dickinson*

Risen Lord,  
You come to us in our everyday moments and fill us with Your peace.  
Strengthen our faith, renew our hearts, and guide us to follow You with love and trust.  
Amen.

**Book study/ course using Dr Edward Sri's - *Men, Women and the Mystery of Love***  
based on St John Paul II's Love and Responsibility.  
This course is for young adults (18 - 30 yrs) single, dating, engaged and married.  
Dates: Wed evenings starting 6th May; Hillsborough, Auckland  
For more information visit [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz) Register by Monday 4th May.

**Rise up and Shine Festival** Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! 30th of May, 2026. Starts at 10am with Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy. At Malaeola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere

**ALL MEN are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend!**

When : Friday pm 14 August to Sunday midday 16 August  
Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua  
Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad"  
Cost: \$247pp including accommodation and meals  
To Register: Follow the link below OR Scan the QR Code  
OR contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285 or Greg Sullivan (021) 437747  
Link: <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>



**WYD 2027 Webinars**

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

**Rebuild My Church - Dr Mary Healy**

a three-night formation series at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Hamilton (June 9–11) exploring the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today. Alongside the evening mission there will also be: • A clergy workshop – Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful (Wednesday 10 June) • A leadership formation day for clergy, diocesan staff, and parish leaders (Thursday 11 June)  
<https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397>

**Wings Nga Parirua the Catholic Faith Formation Programme.** We all need to feel welcomed in our Church, to understand our faith and to recognise Jesus calling each of us into an intimate friendship with him. The hospitality at the heart of "Wings" gives space and time for people to come together, to become familiar with Jesus' teaching in the Gospels, and the Catholic Church's response to this teaching in the light of the Resurrection; to walk by faith in loving communion with Jesus in prayer.

Wings.Nga Parirau is open to all and could also be a welcoming place for those who have come through RCIA and Alpha to gather in communion with other parishioners. Please contact: Dianna Fouhy, [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

**Scripture Note:**

*First Reading (Acts 6:1-7).* The rapid growth of the Christian community created problems. The impoverished widows of the Hellenists (Jews raised in a Greek cultural environment) were not getting the material help that the native poor of Jerusalem received. The Twelve wisely chose seven men of good repute from among the Hellenists and commissioned all their energies to their top priority - the ministry of the word (preaching and teaching). The passage shows how concerned the early Christians were to give practical expression to their Christianity.

*Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4-9).* This describes the responsibility and special dignity of Christians as member of the community of Christ, the Church. The community is likened to a building. The suffering and risen Lord is the foundation stone of this building. But he is also the stumbling block for those who will not believe. The lives of Christians are an acceptable offering to God, and a source of blessing for others.

In verses 9-10 Peter switches to the idea of covenant. He transfers titles formerly bestowed on Israel to the new community of Christ. It is a chosen race, a royal house and community of priests, a holy nation God has called out of darkness into his wonderful light.

*Gospel (John 14:1-12).* The Gospel contains a number of related themes. Jesus consoles his disciples who are distressed over his words about his going away. They ought not be troubled; he is not abandoning them; he is going to prepare a home for them in the ample house of the Father.

He himself is the way to the Father. So close is the communion of the Father and Son that one who looks on Jesus with the eyes of faith sees the Father, and sees that the 'works' of Jesus are the achievement of the Father.

And because Jesus is now the risen Lord present in their lives, they can do 'greater works' than Jesus did in his public ministry.

One theme is common to all these three readings; Christ continues his words and works in the world through his disciples.

**A call out for window cleaning**

Our new Matakana church home has many windows. We are needing willing hands to stop by from time to time to let the light shine in on us and on our visitors without the cobwebs and grime.

A group of parishioners are organising themselves to meet on Saturday 9th May at 3.30 pm to begin the project. Can you join us?  
Cleaning materials provided but any extension outdoor brushes would be appreciated.  
Contact Kristin 0211921870

**NZ Catholic The latest edition of the monthly diocesan newsletter is now available**

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/NZ-Catholic-Issue-12.pdf>

**Change of office hours this coming week!**

**Monday (4th) 9am - 12 noon & Saturday (9th) 9am - 12 noon**