

Kia ora katoa,

We remember. We remember all those that contribute to making the world a better place. To those who fought in battles for freedom, their families particularly those who mourn the death of loved ones, for those who fight that systems might be just. Overall, on this ANZAC time of memorial we pray for peace across the world that all might have fullness of life.

**Let's Talk About Mary** 8 May 7.30pm Poynton Room, Pompallier Diocesan Centre and on zoom. In May traditionally the month of Mary join Sr Sian for an opportunity to explore **Mary**, missionary disciple. Please register [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz)

2024 Bishop's Appeal. Please support our seminarians as they follow Christ the Good Shepherd in their priestly vocations [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/donate). Thanks all those who have already supported the appeal. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.



**Thinking about the priesthood?** Come and meet with seminarians and priests exploring your vocation in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to connect, share experiences, and support one another on your journey of faith.

4 May at noon – [www.aucklandvocations.org.nz](http://www.aucklandvocations.org.nz) for more details.

**Homestays for pre-seminary students** The Diocese has a few students from Vietnam discerning vocations to the priesthood. They are learning English with a view to entering our seminary at the start of 2025. They need homestay hosts for the next 8-10 months. The Diocese will cover the full cost of their board. If you can offer them a supportive home with a room of their own and would like to find out more, please email [alisonm@cda.org.nz](mailto:alisonm@cda.org.nz) or phone 09 360 3003.

**The Israel Palestine Conflict – A Perspective** from Professor Mazin 18 May, 1pm, St. Mary's Parnell, The talk will be livestreamed. Professor Mazin is a Palestinian Christian and works at Bethlehem University where New Zealander Brother Peter Bray was Vice Chancellor till very recently. Professor has exceptional knowledge about the situation and has a sharp, clear understanding of the issues.

**Relics Tour** From 26 April to 5 May there is a unique and historic opportunity to welcome the relics of saints from both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches. This promises to be a spiritually enriching experience. If attending the Cathedral event see their website <https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/> for information regarding parking. More details: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/calendar/). **Graphic attached.**

**Jubilee Bursary** Semester 2, 2024 For Theology and RE courses at tertiary level. Applications close Thursday, 6 June 2024 please contact: [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

### **University Ministry Coordinator - Catholic Diocese of Auckland**

Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time **University Ministry Coordinator**. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)

**Marriage and Family Life Ministry** at the Diocese is seeking married couples of 5 years or more who would like to train as Marriage Educators to prepare engaged couples for marriage in the church. This is a very rewarding and significant role in the church. Enquiries Gerry on 021 02247442 or [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)

**Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** . The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. Each session will be held on a specific Sunday at a parish within the designated deanery, from 1pm-3pm (with light lunch provided).

5th May | South (St Anne Manurewa)

19th May | North Shore (St Joseph Takapuna)

Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/> *Graphic attached.*

**Fr Chris Skinner Concert Rescheduled** Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay Sunday 5th May  
Suggested Koha \$10 *Graphic attached.*

**Building a Thriving Parish** part 2 of the Go Make Disciples series of presentations on Parish Renewal. We will be sharing experiences, challenges, and practical tools and insights to help you as Lay Leaders to help your parish thrive. This will be held at 7pm – 9PM Wednesday 24th April 2024 at St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough. Koha on the night. RSVP to [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz)

**CDA Connect** Catch up with happenings in the diocese and get the heads-up on upcoming events. The latest edition of CDA connect is now available

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

Loving God,  
bless us with the promise you made through Isaiah:  
that we beat our swords into ploughshares  
and our spears into pruning hooks;  
may one nation not raise a sword against another,  
and may we never again train for war.

Amen

Nāku noa, nā

*Sr Siân Owen*

**Leader, Pastoral Services**

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

