

**The Pastor's Pen**

Dear Parishioners,

We are now in the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter. During Easter season we have been reading the Acts of the Apostles. As we hear throughout the Acts, the early disciples constantly had to face misunderstanding and even hostility.

They faced crises – and they had to make major decisions about their identity as the church. The early church chose to reach out to others. It faced difficulties, challenges and threats.

Many people today are afraid of those who are different from them – and this fear limits them. Fear hampers true enjoyment of life; it stops us doing things. We cannot flourish in a state of fear – instead of seeing possibilities we see only threats, instead of hopes and dreams we worry ourselves into nightmares. The early disciples must have been afraid at times too, but their faith was so strong that they faced their challenges with confidence.

Through prayer, through reflection and through meaningful conversation with others, we too can face our own challenges with confidence and trust in God.

Easter blessings,  
Fr Anthony Tran CSsR



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Book an appointment with any of the priests after Mass or use phone numbers listed below.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Contact Fr Anthony Tran OR Fr Rivan Narang.  
Private Baptism until the month of October.

**MARRIAGES**

Require **at least SIX months' notice**  
Contact Fr Anthony Tran OR Fr Rivan Narang.  
Booking St. Anthony OR St. Therese Church for Wedding ☎ 275 5401

**SACRAMENTL PROGRAMS**

RCIA/RCIC Contact Hila Tuli 02102233342  
First Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion Contact Talei Solomon Mua. 0223920189

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**SCHOOLS IN THE PARISHES**

**St Mary MacKillop Primary** Years 1-8 • McNaughton Avenue ☎ 257 1435 ☎ 257 1436

**St Joseph's Catholic School** Years 0-8 125 Church Street Onehunga ☎ 6368102

**De La Salle College** • Years 7-13 • Gray Avenue ☎ 276 4319 ☎ 276 7992

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

MONDAY	16th May.	FRIDAY	20th May
<b><u>5th Week of Easter.</u></b>		<b><u>5th Week of Easter.</u></b>	
Acts 14:5-18	Psalm 115	Acts 15:22-31	Psalm 57
John 14:21-26		John 15:12-17	
<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>Mass 9am.</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>Mass 9am.</b>
TUESDAY	17th May.	SATURDAY	21st May
<b><u>5th Week of Easter.</u></b>		<b><u>5th Week of Easter.</u></b>	
Acts 14:19-28	Psalm 145	Acts 16:1-10	Psalm 100
John 14:27-31		John 15:18-21	
<b>St. Therese</b>	<b>Mass 9am.</b>	<b>St. Therese</b>	<b>Mass 9am.</b>
WEDNESDAY	18th May.	Sunday	22nd May
<b><u>5th Week of Easter.</u></b>		<b><u>6th Week of Easter (Psalter W.2)</u></b>	
Acts 15:1-6	Psalm 122	Acts 15:1-2,22-29	Psalm 67: Apoca-
John 15:1-8		lypse 21:10-14,22-23: John 14:23-29	
<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>Mass 9am.</b>	<b><u>Weekend Masses.</u></b>	
THURSDAY	19th May.	<b><u>St Anthony : Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm.</u></b>	
<b><u>5th Week of Easter.</u></b>		<b><u>&amp; Mass Sunday 9am.</u></b>	
Acts 15:7-21	Psalm 96	<b><u>St Therese: 8am, 10am &amp; 6pm. Fourth</u></b>	
John 15:9-11		<b><u>Sunday Samoan Mass 12pm.</u></b>	
<b>St. Therese</b>	<b>Mass 9am.</b>		

**CHURCH AND GROUNDS  
CLEANING IN BOTH PARISHES.**

**St. Anthony's.**

Thank you to all volunteers for looking after the Church grounds this weekend. Church cleaning roster is now available in the Church foyer. Thank you to the PPC for looking after the church cleaning in the past few months. St Anthony Youth group's turn on Saturday the 21st of May.

**St. Therese**

**CHURCH CLEANING.**

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for looking after the church each week. If your family wants to join the Legion of Mary for Church cleaning please see Sala Savali Lagaaia after Mass on Saturday morning.

**CHURCH GROUNDS ROSTER.**

Roster for church grounds maintenance resumes on Saturday 21st of May. It is the Samoan Community's turn on Saturday the 21st of May.

**Roster for Church Grounds.**

1st Saturday - Other Ethnic Communities.  
2nd Saturday - Tongan Community.  
3rd Saturday - Cook Islands Community.  
4th Saturday - Samoan Community.  
5th Saturday - 6pm Choir.

**MONTH OF MOTHER MARY.**

St Therese's parish Legion of Mary prayer group will be leading the rosary at the grotto every Friday at 5:30pm for the month of Mother Mary. All are welcome to join.

**SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2022.**

Enrolment form available at the parish office during office hours Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm OR Contact Talei Solomon Mua

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.**

Due to the COVID19 pandemic regulations at orange traffic light and to prevent the spreading of the virus during winter. Private baptism continues in both parishes until the month of October. Please book an appointment to see one of the priests' by using their numbers on page 4 of the bulletin.

**PARISHES' OFFICE CLOSED.**

Office will be closed on Wednesday the 18th of May due to staff attending the diocese parish secretaries formation day. Please refer to the back of the bulletin if you wish to speak to one of the priests regarding any urgent matters.

**RCIC-RCIA PROGRAM.**

This program is for those who want to become a Catholic. For all contact Hila Tuli OR the parish office during office hours.

**OPEN DAY**

De La Salle College. Catholic School for boys years 7 to 13 open day will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10am and 1pm for Presentation with tours. Bookings essential via college website. <https://www.delasalle.school.nz/>

**BECOME A ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP VOLUNTEER.**

This is the BEST OP SHOP in Mangere Bridge, and it has high reviews for Op Shops in the Auckland region. Make a difference in the community, make new friends. **NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Phone the shop Manager Linda on 09 636 1290 or come visit on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 9.30 to 2.30 at 32 CORONATION RD MANGERE BRIDGE.

**The Social Hazards Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice & Peace Commission needs new members. It advocates to overcome exploitation of people, loan sharks and gambling and alcohol harm. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact : Peter Garrick Executive Secretary [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730

**The Affordability of Housing Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission advocates for everyone to have affordable, warm and dry housing particularly those in greatest need. It currently needs new members. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact: Peter Garrick Executive Secretary [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730

**15th May, 2022. Fifth Sunday of Easter. (Psalter W.1)**

**TODAY'S READINGS** Acts: 14:21-27: Psalm 145: Apocalypse 21:1-5: John 13:31-35

***A Vision of the Church across time.***

This Sunday's readings give us an understanding of the life of the Church. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the Church's very beginnings. Paul and Barnabas travel between cities sharing the Good News of the gospel.

In their travels, they shared the gospel, encouraged the fledgling churches, and helped them put together a stable leadership. It is fascinating to see how the Holy Spirit moved within the early Church. We see the earliest Christians entrusting themselves and each other to God's grace. This reliance on God enflames their spiritual life and helps them make practical, everyday decisions, deal with hardships and love each other. In Acts, we see the prototype for how the Church should move in this world, as a body dedicated to spreading the gospel and loving service in practical matters.

In the second reading, we see a more mystical vision of the Church as it will look in the life to come. The Book of Revelation describes the people of God as a 'New Jerusalem', who have been prepared like a couple on their wedding day.

The Book of Revelation reveals how we will come out of the hardships of this world made new and holy. In this vision, we see a glimpse of the Church's future, where our God will "wipe every tear" from our eyes. This has been the destiny that God has designed for his people from the very beginning. When God created all of us, he envisioned the perfecting of the human race to live eternally with him. This is the goal that the Church strives for in this life with the hope of reaching it in the next.

And in today's gospel, we hear about the lynchpin of the Church. The Son of Man proclaims how he will be glorified by overcoming death and reconciling the human race with the Father. Because of the love that he has poured out for his people, he now tells his Church to love one another in the same way.

His glorification has made everything else in today's readings possible. Everything from the historical details of Paul and Barnabas' leadership of the Church to the hope that awaits the glorified Church in Heaven, to our simple acts of love for each other today, all come as a direct result of the grace of Jesus Christ. Because he loved us first, we can love one another and know this love for all eternity.

We have a vision of the Church across time. Although we labour through hardships and sufferings of our present time, the Church is a kingdom of "glorious splendour" that 'endures through all generations.' And it is all because we have been loved by the Son of God who gives the Church the grace to love one another.

Joseph Doyle  
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