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Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori
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24/25 May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Year C

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

In Acts 15, we witness the early Church facing a disagreement about what it means to be part of God's people. Some believers insisted that Gentile converts must follow certain Jewish customs. This caused confusion and division. Instead of acting impulsively, the leaders of the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, came together to listen, discuss, and pray. Their final decision, delivered with unity and care, brought peace and encouragement to the believers.

This story reminds us that disagreements can be opportunities for growth when we approach them with respect, openness, and faith. It also shows the importance of listening to others and seeking guidance through prayer. In our school community, we too are called to build unity, support each other, and trust in God's wisdom to guide our choices, especially as we enter into the final chapter here at Cardinal McKeefry School.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Here St. John shares a vision of the heavenly city—the new Jerusalem. It shines with the glory of God and is built on strong foundations, symbolizing the apostles who shared the Good News. What stands out most is that this city doesn't need a temple, sun, or moon, because **God's presence and the Lamb (Jesus) are its light.**

This image reminds us that God's love is our true guiding light. In our school community, we are building our lives on our school values of simplicity, presence, in the way of Mary, love of work and family spirit. Even in times of uncertainty, we are reminded that God is always with us, offering light, hope, and direction as we move into new school communities from next year onwards.

John 14:23-29

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells His disciples that those who love Him will keep His word, and He promises that God will make a home with them. He also gives a beautiful gift: **His peace.** Not the kind of peace the world gives—which can be temporary or uncertain—but a deep, lasting peace that comes from knowing we are never alone.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to be our helper and teacher. This is a powerful reminder for us in school and in life. When we feel worried, stressed, or unsure, Jesus invites us to turn to Him and trust in **the peace** He gives. His love and guidance are always with us, especially in times of change or challenge. As we continue through the second half of our school year, may we open our hearts to Jesus' words, welcome **His peace**, and let the Holy Spirit guide us in kindness, courage, and faith as we reflect on our time at our special kura.

Kerry De Graaff (Principal Cardinal McKeefry School)

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 6th Sunday of Easter: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29: Ps 66: Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23: John 14:23-29:

Psalm Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Next Week: The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11: Ps 46: Eph 1:17-23: Lk 24:46-53:

Parish Events

*Thank you to all who attended our Parish AGM last Sunday.
The minutes will be published on our website when confirmed at the Pastoral Council meeting next week.*

Parish Upcoming Jubilees:

25th May: World Children's Day: Jubilee of Children



Pentecost Sunday: Jubilee of Cultures

Ōtari Parish Anniversary - Combined Mass

10am Sunday 8th June 2025
Celebrating our cultures and unity
Please come in traditional dress
There will be sharing from various cultures and hospitality in the Church Hall following Mass.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings or
from 6-7pm every Friday in the Jubilee Year
OR upon request.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament is from 8:30am and Holy Eucharist at 9:30am on weekdays (Except Monday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Every Friday, during Jubilee Year 2025, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayers between 6pm and 7pm. During this time there will be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On the first Friday of each month, Adoration will resume after the 9:30am Mass, throughout the day, and conclude at 6.30pm and Holy Mass at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotion

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy:
prayed every Saturday evening
from 5pm .
St Teresa's Church, Karori.
All welcome.



Closure of Cardinal McKeefry School

*The Ministry of Education has now confirmed the proposal from the Archdiocese to close the school in December 2025.
There will be more information about this as discussions progress on the future of the property.*

Refugee Family coming to Wellington.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated goods for our family who are due to arrive in Wellington very soon.

We do still need financial donations to buy some of the big items. Please use the Parish Account 02 0536 0392292 000 with reference to Refugees.

Any questions contact Liz Bergin or Ethne Wyndham-Smith or any member of Otari Parish JPD Group

Partners in Mission

We would like to purchase a few Sacred Vessels and a Monstrance for the liturgical use in our churches. You are invited to be partners in this mission by your generous contribution to Otari Parish
02- 0536- 0392292- 00 Ref: Sacred Vessels

OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on
Sunday, 25th May
11:30am - 1pm
in St. Teresa's Parish Hall.

All young people 12 years and up are warmly invited to come along for food, faith and fun!

Please call Malia Tu'amoheloa on
021-141-5492 for more details.



Parish and Archdiocesan Events

TURN DEBT INTO HOPE WEBINAR – 4 JUNE:

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is hosting a 30-minute webinar to invite people to take part in its "Turn Debt Into Hope" campaign. The global campaign for debt justice was launched by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year, and Caritas has big plans to honour this legacy in Aotearoa. The webinar will feature guests from the Pacific explaining the impacts of climate debt, Caritas explaining what Kiwis can do about it and a chance for Q&A. Mark your diaries for 12 noon on Wednesday, 4 June. Find out more and learn how you can get involved at

www.caritas.org.nz/turndebtintohope

Life in the Spirit Seminar

You are most welcome to join the Life in the Spirit Seminar on Thursday evenings 6.30—8.30pm in St Teresa's Church.

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Love is a Decision – register for the next available course to be held on consecutive **Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm**, St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Spaces filling fast - please get in touch or register online through the website.

Contact email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Hours of Mercy – Eucharistic Adoration at

Sacred Heart Cathedral
on Fridays

30 May and 6 June from
10am – 2pm. Please
register as per the poster or
call 0225178988.



Readings

26-31
May

2025

Mon: Acts 16:11-15: Ps 149: Jn 15:26—16:4:

Tues: Acts 16:22-34: Ps 137: Jn 16:5-11:

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1: Ps 148: Jn 16:12-15:

Thurs: Acts 18:1-8: Ps 97: Jn 16:16-20:

Friday: Acts 18:9-18: Ps 46: Jn 16:20-23:

Sat: Rom 12:9-16: Is 12:2-6: Lk 1:39-56:

ST MARY'S COLLEGE
WELLINGTON



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 20 MAY 9AM - 11AM



To register for Open Day
visit our website: www.stmw.school.nz
OR phone 04 473 5554

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS 2026

The enrolment deadline for 2026 is Friday 20 June, 2025.
To enrol, visit the enrolment page on our school website.

Centred in God • Learning together • Embracing the future • Empowering young women

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

Our exciting 2025

Open Day tours are here.

For those interested in enrolling

their son at St Pat's for 2026,

Open Days will be held on:

Tuesday 27 May between

10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, and Thursday 29 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

These tours are informative, inclusive and enlightening and give families a live snapshot of a day in the life of our College.

Online bookings are now available by signing up via a google sign-up form on the college website – www.stpats.school.nz

Online Enrolments are now open, so go to the Enrolment Tab if you would like to enrol for 2026 now. Alternatively you can download the Enrolment Form and complete the appropriate forms and return them via hand or post to the College or send through email to admin@stpats.school.nz

Alternatively, please get in touch with the College directly at 939 3070 for further information.



Prayer Request

*Please pray for the sick,
For all who passed away
recently and for those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.*

Reasons Why Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, The Newly Elected Pope, Chose the Name Pope Leo XIV



Why Popes change their names?

The tradition of changing names began in the sixth century when **Pope John II** renounced his birth name, **Mercurius** in favour of something a little more Christian sounding. Since then, the renaming has become a symbolic act — a way for Popes to craft a mission statement in one word. A name can therefore point to continuity or reform, humility or strength.

Cardinal Robert Prevost has taken the name **Pope Leo XIV**, becoming the first American to lead the Roman Catholic Church in its 2,000-year history. His decision to adopt the name "**Leo**" places him in a lineage associated with strong leadership.

- 1. Tribute to Pope Leo XIII:** He honoured Pope Leo XIII, especially for his 1891 encyclical '**Rerum Novarum**', which tackled **labour rights, capitalism, socialism**, and the **Church's role in modern economic life**. In doing so, he laid the foundations of what we now call **Catholic Social Teaching**.
- 2. Commitment to Social Doctrine:** The name reflects his intention to continue promoting Catholic social teaching and advocate for justice, dignity, and care for the marginalized, much like his predecessors.
- 3. Environmental Consciousness:** In a symbolic gesture, he wore recycled cassocks from the 2013 conclave during his first appearance, reflecting a deep commitment to environmental stewardship, resonating with '**Laudato Si**'.
- 4. Continuity with Pope Francis's Legacy:** His early actions and tone suggest a desire to continue the path set by Pope Francis, especially in social justice, care for the poor, and interfaith dialogue.

Vivat Papam.