

COMBINED PARISHES NEWS

This Divine Mercy Sunday we pray for Pope Francis and we commemorate Anzac Day in our prayers and with these words;

Letter from Turkey's Jamal Mustafa Atatürk to the mothers of slain foreign troops

**"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives.
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
Therefore, rest in peace.**

**There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmetts to us
where they lie side by side, here in this country of ours.**

**You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries
Wipe away your tears.**

**Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.
After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as
well".**

**Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!**

From Rudyard Kipling's poem 'Lest We Forget';

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

Ode of Remembrance



St Anthony's Huntly and St Paul's Ngaruawahia

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Sunday 27 April 2025 Second Week of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5: 12—16

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 9—13, 17—19

Gospel: John 20: 19—31

A Prayer for Pope Francis

Eternal Father,

With humble hearts we return to You the soul of Your servant, Pope Francis.

You called him to be a shepherd to Your people,

A voice of mercy in a broken world,

A bridge-builder, a peacemaker, and a faithful witness to the Gospel.

Thank You for his life, his courage, and his love for the poor and forgotten.

Thank You for his words that stirred our consciences

And his presence that comforted our hearts.

Now, Lord of Life, welcome him into Your eternal embrace.

Crown him with the glory prepared for Your faithful servants.

Let him rest in the light of Your face,

And grant him peace among the saints who now rejoice in Your kingdom.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,

Through Your infinite mercy, rest in peace.

Amen



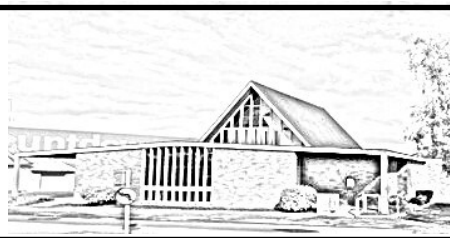
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HUNTLY MASS TIMES:

Sunday at 8.45am Reconciliation from 8.25am

Friday at 9.30am St Anthony's Church

TE KAUWHATA MASS TIMES:

Saturday at 5pm. Reconciliation from 4.35pm

ST ANTHONY'S HUNTLY NEWS



St Anthony's Parish—Sunday Morning Tea

Join us after Mass every Sunday for a shared morning tea, in the Parish Centre.

Sacramental Programme News:

Second session to be held today [Sunday] after Mass.

Parish Council Meeting:

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held Wednesday 30 April 6pm

01 June will be Fr Matt's last Mass with us. Further information will be coming regarding his farewell.

Our new Priest will be Fr Adam Kirkeby from Tauranga

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NGARUAWAHIA MASS TIMES:

Sunday at 10.30am Reconciliation from 10.05am.

Thursdays at 9.30am St Paul's Church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

After Thursday Mass at St Paul's Catholic Church.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: First Saturday of the month at 11am. St Paul's Catholic Church.

ST PAUL'S NGARUAWAHIA NEWS

ST PAUL'S PARISH-MORNING TEA



Please join us for Morning tea and refreshments in our Parish hall. All are welcome.

Sacramental Programme News:

Confirmation lessons starting on Sunday **27 April 2025** at 9am in Parish Hall.

Presentation of the children participating in the Sacramental Programme: Sunday Mass **4 May 2025**. We will introduce all the children after Holy Communion. Fr Matt will call them forward and we will distribute the Prayer cards representing each child between our Parish-ioners after the final hymn, for them to pray for each individual for the duration of the course. Please keep all these children and parents in your prayers.

Save the date:

1 June Fr Matt's Farewell after his last Mass with us, Fr Matt will leave for Rome in the middle of June. We will have a shared morning tea, please bring a plate to share.

22 June Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass with Bishop Richard.

Fr Adam Kirkeby will be our new Priest, Fr Matt made the announcement in church on Palm Sunday.

We are looking for a person who can look after the Church gardens. Yvonne has been taking care of them for quite a few years but would like to pass it on to someone else. Please speak to Fr Matt.

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