

Hibiscus Coast Parish

St John the Evangelist Church - 180 Centreway Rd, Orewa
St Francis by the Sea Church - 8 Motutapu Ave, Manly



Pentecost Sunday - 24 May 2026

This Sunday: Genesis 11:1-9 : Psalm 104: Romans 8:22-27 : John 7:37-39

Next Sunday: Exodus 34.4b-6,8-9 : Daniel 3:52-57 : 2Corinthians 13:11-13 : John 3:16-18

This week at Stella Maris we celebrated the lead up to Pentecost with a "Birthday" of the Church on Friday. A red, yellow and orange mufti day set the tone of excitement and celebration for the day. The main atrium was set up with boards celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and its impact on the early church. We started our day with a Resurrection Stations Liturgy where 14 key events after the resurrection of Jesus are focussed on. From Jesus rising from the tomb to the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost we were led in prayers and reflections by St Joseph, one of our year 6 classes. We follow a similar process to our Stations of the Cross Liturgy held before Easter. Later in the morning our Marama team, Year 1 to 3 classes, enjoyed a disco in the hall with a mix of dance songs. Lunchtime was Ahi team's turn with our Year 4 to 6 students enjoying a disco in the hall. Classes explored their Pentecost lessons throughout the day.

Year 1 : Identify who was present at Pentecost.

Year 2: Identify how the Holy Spirit came as wind and fire. Identify how the actions of wind and fire are like the Holy Spirit.

Year 3: Identify some of the things that happen when a person or group is born. Relate some of these things to the birth of the church.

Year 4-: Recall the people present at the first Pentecost. Recognise that Mary was in the upper room, praying with the other Apostles when Holy Spirit-Te Wairua Tau came.

Year 5: Identify who were the foundation members of the Church. Recognise the effects of the Spirit in the lives of the foundation members of the Church.

Year 6: Recall the story of the first Pentecost in the life of the Church and recognise ways the Holy Spirit Te Wairua Tau gives life to the Church.

A very special day at Stella Maris to celebrate the Birthday of our Church.

Karl Hobman,
Stella Maris Director of Religious Studies.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



This week in the parish

Mon	25	7.00pm Meditation, St Francis 7.15pm Bible Study Group on Zoom
Tues	26	10.15am Parish Ladies Group, Hall
Wed	27	5.30pm Meditation on Zoom 7.00pm Divine Will Cenacle, St John's Chapel
Thur	28	10.30am Joy Healing Meeting, St John's Chapel

Starting 25 May, Mass will be celebrated on Mondays in St John's Church at 9.30am.

Grateful Thanks to the St John's catering team for funding the recent atrium window repairs at St John's, costing \$18,400. The volunteers give so much of their time, energy and talents to cater for funerals and other events to fundraise for our parish. We thank each of them for their efforts and significant support of our parish.

Our parish Mission: Karere Ngangakau o Te Rongo Pai. To be active messengers of the Gospel through Our Faith, Love and Service. Whakapono, Aroha, Awhina.

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We pray for the sick in the community and for the recently deceased including Ursula Taylor, Ken Tittford, Carol Mendonsa, Roger Henry and Sharon O'Brien. May they rest in eternal peace and their families be comforted in their grief. We pray too for those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Theodoros Bero Kuntjoro.

We farewell Eileen Mowberry who has moved from her home next door to St John's to Amberwood Rest Centre in Massey. We thank Eileen for her years of faithful service to our parish, always bringing a sense of humour and love for life to our community. Please pray that she may settle in well and that God may give her comfort and peace as she journeys to her 100th Birthday in July.

We thank those who volunteered to read a prayer in their home language today. This Pentecost we celebrate the cultural diversity in our parish and we give thanks for the differences we share and how we come together in unity with Christ.

Food collection for Love Soup:



Thank you for your regular donations of tinned foods & non-perishable food items. Please continue to donate generously to assist families experiencing hardship. Items are delivered to Love Soup who pack and distribute parcels to over 120 families locally. Donations may be placed in the containers in the church foyer.

Rise up and Shine Festival:

Taste the World, celebrate the Culture! 30 May at the Malaeola Community Centre, 16 Waokauri Place, Mangere. Starts at 10am with Thanksgiving 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 sparks joy. See notice board for more details.

Altar Flowers: We are urgently needing volunteers to arrange the altar flowers at St Francis Church. If you have some creativity with flower arranging and would like to assist on a rostered basis, we would love to hear from you! Please phone Nisha on 021 0827 6027.

Joy Healing Meetings for May and June:



Next Thursday 28 May: 10.30am (after Rosary), in St John's Chapel. Dedicated to Mother Mary and Healing Prayer.

4 June: Zoom meeting starts 7.15pm for Praise and Worship

11 June: 10.30 (after Rosary) St John's Chapel

18 June: Zoom meeting starts 7.15pm for Praise and Worship

25 June: 10.30 (after Rosary) St John's Chapel.

Email or ph Cathy Allen for Zoom link callen@allens.co.nz 021943307.

All are welcome to join us, especially if you enjoy fellowship and healing prayer, and stay for refreshments afterwards.

SPECIAL EVENT: Diarise this date: Sat. 8 Aug for Eucharistic Healing Service, with Guest priest Father Frankie Mulgrew, from Salford Cathedral, Manchester, UK. Exact time will be advised soon.

The Parish Ladies Group

meets for a cuppa and social time in St John's hall on Tuesday 26 May at 10.15am. All ladies are welcome. If you are new to the parish do come along and meet new friends. \$3.00 entry donation.



All are welcome to stay for morning tea in the hall after 10.30am Mass today.



All men are invited to the Joshua 40-Year Celebration weekend from Friday evening 14 August to Sunday mid-day 16 August at Keswick

Christian Camp, 5 Cooper Ave, Holden's Bay, Rotorua. Keynote Speaker is Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's men ALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad". The cost is \$247pp including accommodation and meals.

World Youth Day Auckland 2026:

10am-8:30pm Saturday 1 August at Victory Convention Centre. Join over 1,800 young Catholics at Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2026 - a massive, joy-filled day of faith, community and WITNESS. Inspired by the Scripture chosen for the 40th World Youth Day, "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). This year's event is about fixing our gaze on Jesus and becoming courageous witnesses of Christ in our world. For more info and to register go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/world-youth-day-auckland-2026>

Serving Spoons:



Provides supermarket vouchers to those identified as 'high need' in the community, enabling them to purchase fresh veggies, fruit and protein for improved nutrition and health. Recipients are confidentially identified through the parish community, Age Concern, Salvation Army, local Medical Practices, Midwifery Services, Women's Refuge & Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Thank you for your donations in March and April totalling \$2,700, enabling the parish to support 54 families/individuals. Your support of this Parish 'fresh produce' initiative is appreciated. Donations may be made to our Parish bank a/c: 02-0108-0708545-000 using your surname, Serving Spoons and donation as the reference.

Sunday Mass Times:	St John's, Orewa - Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
	St Francis, Manly - Sunday - 8.30am
	Sunday - 10.30am
Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion:	St John's, Orewa - Fridays - 9.30am
	St Francis, Manly - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat - 9.30am
Morning Mass Times:	St John's, Orewa - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat - 9.30am
	St Francis, Manly - Wed, Fri - 9.30am
Reconciliation	St John's, Orewa - Saturdays after 9.30am Mass or on request
Eucharistic Adoration	St John's, Orewa - Tues, Wed - 10am-12pm
	St Francis, Manly - Friday - 10am-11am
Rosary	St John's, Orewa - Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sat after 9.30am Mass
	St Francis, Manly - Friday - 9am