Alleluia! Holy God, you set the example for us to follow; as we fulfil your call to care for your world make us faithful shepherds of your love. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 

THIS SUNDAY18 April2.00pm (St Peter's Onehunga) - Lecture on the nineteenth<br/>century polymath, The Rev'd Dr Arthur Purchas.5.00pm, in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Confirmation of<br/>Fusi and Junior Kaitapu, and Richard Gray.

THIS WEEK - School Holidays begins (Mainly Music and Communicare in recess)

Monday	19 April	9.30am Baby Sensory
Tuesday	20 April	9.00 am Girls with Cameras
		7.30pm Parish Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	14 April	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1928), Kinder Chapel
		Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.
		9.00 am Transdev
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> - A	NZAC DAY	and Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)
	25 April	8.00am Said Eucharist
		9.30am Choral Eucharist (please note, no Sunday School
		this week and next).

## **Donations towards Organ Console Refurbishment**

We continue to receive generous donations for this important project. To visualize the amount of giving and its relation to the target, please see the organ-pipe graphic to the right.

There is still a way to go, but the signs are good! If you would like to contribute to this legacy project, please see Sylvia Rosevear or contact Diana in the office.

The account to deposit your gift into is **03 0104 0109908 02. Please use** '**donation**' for the reference and '**organ**' as the particulars. Also, if you are not on our Parish Roll, please email Diana in the Parish Office (office@stmarks.org.nz) with your contact details so we can properly thank you and send you a tax-receipt.

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The Anglican Parish of Saint Mark, Remuera A Community of Faith for 173 years 18 April 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter 8.00am Said Eucharist 9.30am Eucharist with Hymns 5.00pm Choral Evensong

Christ is risen! Alleluia / He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## **Confirmations Today**

\$87,000 \$

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The Easter season—which stretches all the way to Pentecost (or at least Ascension)—is a very appropriate time to be baptised. In the early Church, Easter was really THE time when people where baptised, usually after lengthy periods of preparation. That time was chosen because there is a close connection between what baptism signifies and the dying and rising of Christ which we remember at Easter. As St Paul put it, Christians have been 'buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.' (Rom 6:4) Once Christianity became the religion of the Roman Empire, baptism became an "all-year" sacrament as infant baptism became the norm—babies having a tendency to be born any time of the year. This Easter we have had both infant and adult baptism at St Mark's. We baptised Matilda Turley and Henry Herewini last Sunday, and on Easter morning we baptised a grown-up, Richard Gray. Yay! In time, Matilda and Henry will hopefully complete their baptism by committing themselves to Christ in the presence of a Bishop from whom they will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Richard is already in a position to make this commitment, as are Fusi and Junior Kaitapu who are now in their mid teens and have been worshipping with us for over two years. This afternoon, at 5pm, they will be Confirmed by Bishop Ross. Please remember Richard, Fusi and Junior in your prayers, giving thanks for their willingness to accept the call to grow into the full stature of Christ.

**Tony Surman**