

AUCKLAND POLISH ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our October newsletter. Please share the content with any people in our community and encourage any friends or family to send us their email addresses to get on to our database.

Witamy w naszym październikowy newsletter. Prosimy o udostępnienie niniejszej treści wszystkim zainteresowanym osobom z naszej społeczności. Również zachęcamy każdego kto chciałby otrzymywać bieżące informacje na temat działań naszego stowarzyszenia do przesłania nam adresu e-mail.

**Our newsletter is now available
on our website:**

www.poloniaauckland.co.nz

email:

info@poloniaauckland.co.nz

THIS MONTH'S EDITION CONTAINS:

- Polish MP visit and photos
- National Pierogi day
- Polish children of Pahiatua event and card drop
- Polish children of Pahiatua programme
- Paweł Pawlikowski's "Fatherland / Ojczyzna
- Historian event cancelled
- Polish language school for children and adults
- Polish Heritage Trust Museum
- Pastoral care information
- Polish History advertisement
- Save the date
- Become a member of the Auckland Polish Association

Members of the Polish Parliament, Marek Rząsa and Jarosław Rzepa, had a packed schedule during their short visit to Auckland. They had a great meeting with Polish community leaders which was organised by Vice President Ania Biazik at the Auckland Polish House. Then followed by a lovely afternoon tea. There was lots of great meaningful discussion with many questions and answers. Our next newsletter will unpack the discussions that took place and we will have answers to questions asked by our community.



This event took place on Sunday 27th September



A close-up photograph of a dark, rustic bowl filled with several golden-brown, pan-fried pierogis. The pierogis are arranged in a cluster, with some showing their characteristic crescent shape and crimped edges. The bowl sits on a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a piece of burlap or a wooden table. In the background, a blurred wooden bowl is visible.

Pierogi Day
8th October

HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL PIEROGI DAY

While preparing lunch or dinner, make some pierogi. Then, invite some friends for pierogi.

It is a delicious way to celebrate with both savory and dessert pierogi.

Have some pierogi and use #NationalPierogiDay to post on social media.

October 8 every year (marking the anniversary of when Ted Twardzik Sr., founder of Mrs. T's Pierogies, sold his first commercial pierogies to a grocery store in 1952)

<https://www.mrstspierogies.com/about-us/>

Polish Children of Pahiatua

82nd Anniversary



Sunday 18th October

1:00 - 3:00 pm

1 McDonald Street, Morningside

**Please bring a photo of your loved one
for our table of remembrance.**

Come reconnect and catch up!

Bar open (eftpos available)

All Welcome!

Understandably, it is becoming harder for some of our Pahiatua community members to attend events in person. For those who can not make it, an organised special "card drop" will happen this year.

If you know a Pahiatua person and their address whether they are anywhere in New Zealand or overseas, please email their details through as cards will be distributed at the end of October.

If you know someone from Pahiatua who is able to attend, please email on the address below so that a special contribution can be prepared for them.

Email: kelly.mills@poloniaauckland.co.nz



**Do you know a Pahiatua person anywhere in NZ or overseas, please
get in touch!**

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE
SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY!**

POLISH CHILDREN OF PAHIATUA PROGRAMME



ALL WELCOME



1.00PM ● DOORS OPEN

1.15PM ● WELCOME AND SPEECHES

1.30PM ● FLOWERS PRESENTED TO OUR
PAHIATUA ELDERS

● NATIONAL ANTHEMS

● LUNCH - FINGER FOOD

● BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Photo display, information banners,
names poster and table of remembrance**

3.00PM ● CLOSE

Thank you for coming

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one for the table of remembrance**



Paweł Pawlikowski's "Fatherland / Ojczyzna"

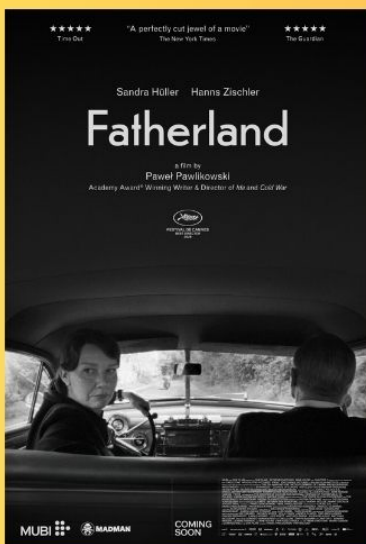


The Goethe-Institut Wellington who have kindly let us know that Paweł Pawlikowski's "Fatherland / Ojczyzna", will be part of the German Film Festival Kinofest this October.

The film will only screen once with tickets costing \$8

Fatherland - KinoFest | Victoria Theatre & Cinema Devonport
Saturday, 24 October 2026 @ 20:15

Please feel free to share this information with the Polish community in Auckland but also with your New Zealand friends and contacts as the film not only provides a compelling portrait of post-war Germany (and Europe) but it also touches on a wide range of universal themes beyond the simple division of East and West Germany, and may very well serve as the third chapter of Pawlikowski's unofficial trilogy after "Ida" and "Cold War".



In 1949, Thomas Mann and his daughter Erika return to Germany for the first time since the war and find themselves caught between East and West. Beautifully shot in black and white, the film is a thought-provoking reflection on identity, memory, and belonging.

Institute of National Remembrance in Poland



CANCELLED

Polish house, 1st, Morningside

A historical cooperation between
Polish soldiers during the
Italian Campaign in WW2.
This will be a film about the
Battle of Monte Cassino and a discussion about
the Institute.

Hot food (Pierogi) will be available for purchase
made by Ela.

For more information, please contact
info@poloniaauckland.co.nz

We apologise for the short notice but information
for this event came very late.



Event cancelled by the organisers.

Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused!

Polish Language School for children



Classes are weekly on Saturday at 9am

duration: 90 mins with breaks

Classes are taking place during the school term

It is learning through fun and play

Children 5 years old and up

School year calendar

Term 1

* February: 21, 28

* March: 7, 14, 21, 28

Term 2

* May: 2, 9, 16, 23

* June: 6, 13, 20, 27

Term 3

* July: 25

* August: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

* September: 5, 12, 19

Term 4

* October: 17, 31

* November: 7, 14, 21, 28

* December: 5

\$20 per child and \$10 for other siblings from the same family.

All classes are at Polish House
1 McDonald Street, Morningside.

Please email: info@poloniaauckland.co.nz

Subject: school for more information

Polish Language School for adults - **Now available**

If interested, please contact the above email address for details



Kurs języka polskiego

DLA DOROSŁYCH

❖ **POZIOM POCZĄTKUJĄCY** ❖

Zapraszamy osoby dorosłe
zainteresowane nauką języka polskiego
na kurs dla początkujących!



ZAJĘCIA: raz w tygodniu
CZAS TRWANIA: 1,5 godziny



MIEJSCE:
Dom Polski w Auckland



KURS ROZPOCZNIE SIĘ
po zebraniu minimum
4 uczestników.

DO WYBORU DWA TERMINY:



SOBOTA
11:00–12:30



WTOREK
17:30–19:00

Zainteresowany(-a)?

Skontaktuj się bezpośrednio z nauczycielem:

Ania Biegańska



polish.school.in.auckland@gmail.com



W wiadomości prosimy o podanie,
który termin Ci odpowiada.
Jeśli pasują Ci oba terminy,
również zaznacz to w swojej odpowiedzi.

Polish Language Course

FOR ADULTS

❖ **BEGINNER LEVEL** ❖

We warmly invite adults who are
interested in learning Polish to join
our beginner-level course!



CLASSES: once a week
DURATION: 1,5 hours



LOCATION:
Polish House, Auckland



THE COURSE WILL START
once a minimum of
4 participants have enrolled.

CHOOSE FROM TWO TIME OPTIONS:



SATURDAY
11:00 am – 12:30 pm



TUESDAY
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Interested?

Please contact the teacher directly:

Ania Biegańska



polish.school.in.auckland@gmail.com



When you email, please let us know
which class time you prefer.
If both options work for you,
please mention that as well.

ZAPRASZAMY
DO WSPÓLNEJ NAUKI
JĘZYKA POLSKIEGO!



please email: polish.school.in.auckland@gmail.com
for more information! Lets start learning!



Polish Heritage Trust Museum

Upcoming events

Invitation to join us

1st November 2-3pm
for a **coffee & catchup**
to remember the arrival to
NZ of the Polish children &
their caregivers 82 years ago.

Open to all.
RSVP not required.
Polish Museum,
125 Elliot St, Howick,
Auckland.



Image: Arrival of the Polish children 1.11.1944.

John Pascoe collection, Turnbull Library Ref: 1/2-003634-F



**Polish Heritage
Trust Museum**



Polish Heritage Trust Museum

Fundacja-Muzeum Dziedzictwa Polskiego

125 Elliot Street, Howick, Auckland 2014, New Zealand

Phone 0064 9 533 3530 phtmuseum@outlook.com www.polishheritage.co.nz

Official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Polish-Heritage-Trust-Museum-in-Howick-New-Zealand-1447087388936695/>

PHT of NZ is a registered charity (CC29274)



PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a small team whose main objective is to rebuild in Auckland, the Polish Parish headed by the priest. We are trying to bring a priest from Poland, but the task is difficult because of the shortage of priests. The soul of this effort is Małgosia Rozmus who facilitates negotiations between the bishop responsible for Polonia, Robert Chrzęszcz in Warsaw, and the Bishop of the Auckland Diocese Stephen Lowe (not to mention the various Polish missionary orders). When we sometimes manage to bring over a priest to say a single Mass we notify the people on our email address list.

In addition to such a long-term activity, the Pastoral Council attempts to be of some use to the Auckland Polish community. We support initiatives of the Auckland Polish Association. We offer transport to people who cannot get by themselves to the Polish Mass or Polish house. We translate Polish forms for persons applying for Polish passports. We are acting as a link between the Polish Catholics spread around the various Polish groups.

Our activities bring us closer to the Polish community in Auckland. We welcome anyone who would like to help us even in a slightest manner. We also welcome information about the people who need help.

If you wish to receive our announcements,
please send us your email address.

Our contacts are:

Chairman Andrzej Bohdan Tomecki (tomecki@xtra.co.nz)
Secretary Małgorzata Rozmus (rozmus@xtra.co.nz)

Written by Andrzej Tomecki





RADA DUSZPASTERSKA

Rada Duszpasterska składa się z kilku osób których głównym celem jest odrodzenie w Auckland polskiej parafii z księdzem na czele. Usiłujemy sprowadzić księdza z Polski, co jest trudnym zadaniem ze względu na ogólny brak księży. Duszą tego przedsięwzięcia jest pani Małgosia Rozmus która rozmawia z Biskupem do Spraw Polonii Robertem Chrząszczem w Warszawie, Biskupem Auckland Stephenem Low i polskimi zakonami misyjnymi. Czasami udaje nam się sprowadzić do Auckland księdza na jednorazowe odprawienie Mszy Świętej. Zawiadamiamy o tym osoby na naszej liście adresów email.

Oprócz takiej długoterminowej akcji staramy się być użyteczni dla Polonijnej społeczności w Auckland. Wspieramy inicjatywy Stowarzyszenia Polaków w Auckland. Oferujemy transport osobom które nie mogą same dostać się na polskie Msze Święte lub na uroczystości w Domu Polskim. Tłumaczymy dokumenty Polskiego Konsulatu osobom starającym się o polski paszport. Jesteśmy łącznikiem między polskimi katolikami rozproszonymi w różnych grupach.

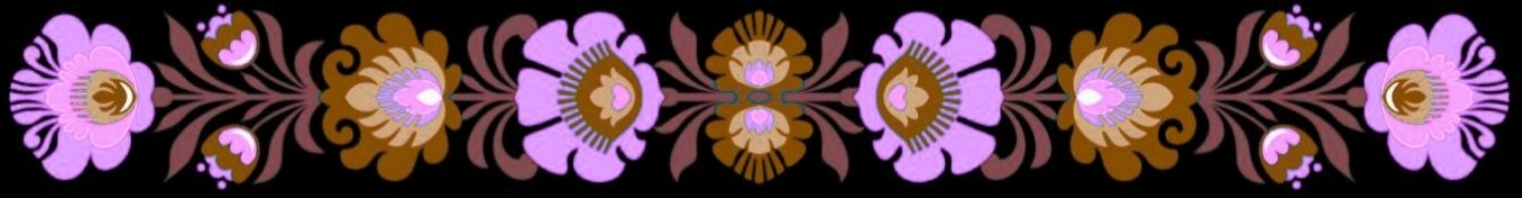
Tego rodzaju działalność zbliża Radę Duszpasterską do polskiej społeczności w Auckland. Chętnie witamy każdego kto chciałby nam pomóc choćby w najskromniejszy sposób i o informacje o osobach potrzebujących pomocy. Prosimy też o adresy email osób które chcą otrzymywać nasze zawiadomienia.

Nasze kontakty to:

Sekretarz Małgorzata Rozmus (rozmus@xtra.co.nz) i

Przewodniczący Andrzej Bohdan Tomecki (tomecki@xtra.co.nz)





Interested in learning more about Polish people in New Zealand?

The first “brilliant but cranky” Pole arrived in Dusky Sound with his son in March 1773 with Captain Cook’s ship, Resolution.

During the next 100 years, mostly single men—adventurers—followed, but it was not till 1872 that the first significant groups of Polish families arrived, and started their lives in a land that was as foreign to them as they were to it.



Read about them, and the rich tapestry of Polish lives in New Zealand since then at:

<https://polishhistorynewzealand.org/>

POLISH HOUSE EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE....

**Polish children of Pahiatua
Sunday 18th October 1pm**

**Polish Christmas party / Opłatek
Sunday 29th November**

**Polish Christmas Market
Sunday 6th December**

Polish School for children - ongoing

Polish Schools for adults – please email to enquire

**For further information, please contact
info@poloniaauckland.co.nz**

Join us Become a member!

Auckland Polish Association Membership

Prospective and returning members are invited to fill out the application form, and send to the Auckland Polish Association - Membership fees:
Adult (\$30), Senior Citizen, Beneficiaries & Student (\$15) for the year.

Stowarzyszenie Polskie Auckland Członkostwo

Osoby zainteresowane członkostwem oraz te, których członkostwo wygaśło są proszone o wypełnienie formularza zgłoszeniowego i przesłanie do Stowarzyszenia Polaków w Auckland - opłaty członkowskie dla dorosłych (\$30), seniorów i studentów (\$15).

