

Next Sunday 17 March 2024 - 5th Sunday of Lent

FIRST: The prophet Jeremiah 31:31-3 **PSALM:** 50
SECOND: Letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9 **GOSPEL:** JOHN 12:20-33

PRAYER In charity we pray for those who died recently and for Terry Dunleavy, Bergin Campbell and Francis Gilchrist whose anniversaries occur

PRAYER FOR THE SICK Margaret Todd, Denis Trotman, Sue McHardy, Ken Sharkey, Liz Smith, Aurora Madrigal, Michael Dobbryn, Raphael Ponce, Irene LeFort, Rosemary Allardice, Mal Green, Fran Meredith, John LeFeuvre, Ken Derrick, Gerard & Jane McNaughten, Sonia Lewis, Jean Ulberg, Heather Gannon, Troy Angelo Madrigal, Celia McLoughlin, Annabelle Sia, Clara Jung-Hwang, Paige Donovan-Smith, Gladys Lloyd, Elizabeth Hennelly, Rima Bennett, Belinda Chamassian, Jane Barrita

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ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 10 DOMINION ST, TAKAPUNA

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7.30am, 10.30am (live-streamed) and 6pm

Youth Mass: 3rd Sunday at 6pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 9.15am (live-streamed)

Saturday Mass 9.00am (live-streamed) Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

Exposition and Holy Hour—every Saturday after 9am Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, CNR FENWICK AVE & SHAKESPEARE RD, MILFORD Mass - Sunday at 9am

Korean Community Mass - every Saturday at 7.30pm

St JOHN PAUL II - Holy Cross Anglican Church

222 Dairy Flat Highway, Albany, (access via Oteha Valley Rd. Extension)

Mass - Sunday at 5.30pm



HERE IS THIS WEEK'S KIDS KORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS

Celebrating Fourth SUNDAY of LENT <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Celebrating-Fourth-SUNDAYof-lent.pdf>

God makes a DIFFERENCE. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/GOD-MAKES-A-DIFFERENCE.pdf>

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 March, 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

2nd book of CHRONICLES 36:14...23

God inspires Cyrus—pagan ruler
to let Jews go home, rebuild the temple

PSALM 136

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord on alien soil?
if I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave my mouth
if I remember you not.
If I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Letter to EPHESIANS 2:4-10

By God's kindness (not our merit)
we are a new creation in Christ

GOSPEL— JOHN 3:14-21

We are saved by God's love
.. in Jesus 'lifted on the Cross'



If hope has made you walk
farther than fear,
you will raise your eyes.
Then you will be able to hold firm
until you reach the sun of God.

If anger caused you to clamour for justice for
all, your heart will be wounded.
Then you will be able to struggle
along with the oppressed.

If weakness made you fall along the way,
you will know how to open your arms.
Then you will be able to dance
to the rhythm of forgiveness.

If destitution made you search in the hungry
night, you will have an open heart.
Then you will be able to give
the bread of poverty.

If suffering made you shed tears of blood,
you will have cleansed eyes.
Then you will be able to pray
with your brother on the cross.

If sadness has made you doubt
on one evening you felt abandoned,
you will know how to carry your cross.
Then you will be able to die
in step with the God-Man.

- Poem for Sunday

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

Vacancy Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha) – Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Northland Region Corrections Facility. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 5 April 2024.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession

On Good Friday 29th March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email samuelb@cda.org.nz

Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross The ecumenical partners of Auckland, and Christians in more than 100 cities around the world, have come together and launched the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Stations of the Cross. This is to pray, raise awareness and assist the suffering people of Gaza. More information is available at: <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>, scroll down the page to 'Join a walk' and click on Aotearoa/NZ for updated details of the pilgrimage. This is to be a Lent prayerful pilgrimage, meant to be 41 km long (as the length of Gaza Strip), with 14 stations of the Cross. It is planned for **Saturday, 16 March, with start at 6am from Holy Sepulchre Church, 2 Burleigh Street, in Grafton, Auckland.** People are welcome to walk, cycle or roll in some or all stations if they prefer. Please book this date in your diary, if you would like to join us in this international event. Let us be active, present, and advocates for Peace and Justice.

ALPHA RETURNS – Alpha is a forum which every parishioner can attend and have a refresher on the basics of our faith. It is also an opportunity to invite friends and family who are not Christians, or who are not coming to church - to come and kick-start or reignite a faith in Jesus, in a friendly and informal environment. Participants will enjoy good food, meet new friends, and learn more about faith and God. There is no charge. Starts Tuesday 9th April, 7pm in the St. Joseph's hall (for 9 Tuesdays). To REGISTER please contact Deacon Steve Fraser; email: stephenf@cda.org.nz – Ph 021 439 407 OR Engelbert Dsouza; email: engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com – Ph 021 0234 6853.

Filipino Fashion Cultural Show Catwalk of Kindness Runway for a cause

Saturday 23rd March 3.00PM MANGERE ARTS CENTRE, Cnr Bader Drive and Orly Avenue, Mangere. Tickets are available on Eventfinda ticketing.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—WOODCRAFT & REFLECTIONS Saturday, 23 March, 10-11am
Maria Assumpta Parish Hall 198 Beachhaven Road, Beach Haven. For more information: www.studyjoy.nz and on Church Noticeboards.

NZCatholic 10–23 March edition available in church foyers today—\$4. Some headlines for this issue: New Zealand Catholic Church faces engagement and giving challenges, survey shows; Wellington priest appointed seminary rector.

MORNING TEA after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall hosted by Milford Church Group #1 Carmela, Alex and friends

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN MARCH AT 7PM

Wed 13th St John the Evangelist, Orewa
Thurs 14th St John, Mairangi Bay
Tues 19th St Mary, Northcote
Wed 20th St Thomas More, Glenfield
THURS 21ST ST JOSEPH, TAKAPUNA
Fri 22nd Maria Assumpta, Beach Haven
Sun 24th St Francis & All Souls, Devonport

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 for children 8 years old and older starting this coming May 2024. Preparation for first Reconciliation, Confirmation and first Holy Communion. Registration Forms are available from the parish office.

Friday 22 March at 2pm is the final date to register.

Caritas Lent Appeal 2024

Examples of our Work: In Timor-Leste, Hamahon Feto Timor (HAFOTI) works with over 600 members across 7 provinces to enable women to grow and process food to provide for their families and access small loans to support their business endeavours. Through partnership with HAFOTI, Caritas helps to provide agricultural training which in turn supports women as household decision-makers, productive small business owners and community leaders.

E te Atua o te Aroha God of Love, thank you for your unending love that we experience as your sons and daughters. We know that you loved us so much that you were prepared to give your only son so that we could have life everlasting. Reveal how love could become a common language for us all to understand

PASSION PLAY At St Joseph's Church Tuesday 26th March at 7pm performed by Rosmini & Carmel College Students.

ANGELUS CHOIR INVITATION (for children ages 5 and up) No auditions required. Rehearsals are after 10:30am Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month, upstairs in the church. **If interested, please contact Rosalie:** salietionloc@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Feast at St Benedict's Parish Sunday 7th April at 5:30pm. 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Free parking at Wilson carpark and street parking on Sun.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening (7pm) during Lent at St Joseph's. Any groups who wish to lead the Stations of the Cross please contact the Parish Office 489 6486.



PRESENTATION BY MARK BOND ON Consistent Ethic of Life – Part 2 to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 14 March at 7pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COURSE We continue through the course and we believe people are enjoying it. It is still not too late to take part. We have a brief summary of the basics at every session and then a period of meditation. There is still a good chance to try this special way of meeting God in stillness and silence. Meeting again on Tuesday 12th March at 7-30pm in the parish meeting room. Call Graham on 09 489 4389 for any more information.



ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY, TUESDAY 19 MARCH

To commemorate the Feast of St Joseph the Legion of Mary will sponsor a 9 day Novena from 10 March til 18 March - Monday to Friday 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 3pm.

On the 19th March we have the 9.15am Mass and a special 7pm Mass followed by a gathering in the Hall. Finger food, wine! available and Amigos Coffee and Real Fruit Ice Cream from the Pereira family Food Truck! Let's celebrate our patron Saint's Feast Day together.

St Mary's College A friendly reminder that enrolments close on Friday 15 March. Please visit www.stmaryak.school.nz for enrolment information and online application form. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Enrolments Officer: enrolments@stmaryak.school.nz