

**FIFTH SUNDAY ORD TIME
5TH FEBRUARY 2023**

First Reading
Isaiah 58: 7-10
Responsorial psalm
Psalm 111: 4-9
Second reading
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
Gospel
Matthew 5: 13-16

EXPLORING THE WORD

To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it (you could read these together first). In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peacefulness and somewhat inward-looking.

To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and to let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the way that Christians live and act—their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven. This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God.

Readings for next week

SIXTH SUNDAY ORD TIME 12.02.2023

First Reading
Sirach 15: 15-20
Responsorial psalm
Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Second reading
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Gospel
Matthew 5: 17-37

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BAPTISM ENQUIRES 2023

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.

Enquire with Nick at the Parish Office.

EXTRA PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASS

Friendly reminder there is plenty of parking available via the Te Irirangi entrance to the Schools. Only a short walk through the school and less traffic congestion. Thanks in advance.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

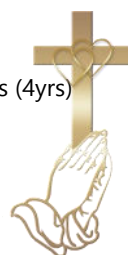
Recently Deceased: Peter Noronha, Elsa Watkinson, Alberto Laurena, Mila Bilowwan, Gui Lan Ma, Siuaki Pule'anga, Baby Klein, David Solia, Rogelia Rodulfa, Boboy Guevara, Patrick McBride, Ramon Elepano

Anniversaries of Death: Jacob P., Nila Lavilla, Bernard & Melissa Williams (4yrs) Gloria Diwa (40 days), Tony Williams (1st yr), Eileen Pauline Abrahams, Valerio Amang Lopez & Milagros Aguzar (1st yr), Pablito Santos

For the Sick: Marie Ripley, Shashi Prasad (Recovery),

Special Intentions: Francis, Jose & Gloria Macapagal (60yrs Anniversary), Raju Makil (Thanksgiving)

Birthdays: Babsy Hoeden Pereira, Canuto Garcia Jr.,



PARISH COLLECTIONS

29th JAN 2023
1st Collection: \$3,103.60
2nd Collection: \$1,260.10

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Year to Date, our loan balance is now sitting at \$2,085,503.00; Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our 2nd Collection.

PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary: Our Lady of Victories Presidium

Madel 027 889 5679
Meetings are every Tuesday 7pm

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CHILDRENS & YOUTH CHOIR

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PARISHIONER REGISTRATION



Check it out on our Parish Website, by scanning this QR Code.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

NO RIGHT TURN

To help alleviate the congestion after each weekend mass please do not make a right turn as you exit onto Chapel Road. Thanks for your Understanding and cooperation.

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12TH FEBRUARY 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Patricia Toilolo	Sean Carlos	Trisha Faye De Jesus	Joseph Mukkada	Thomas George
			Rebecca Guarin	Shane Fernandes	
		Genevieve Fernandes		Eden Feagaiga	
			Johannes Klaessens	Glaine M Geralde	
8:30AM	Madel de Vera	Johannes Klaessens	Caying Ramos	Jana Lopez	Joaquin Fallar
			Joey Lazatin	Colin Kirkwood	
		Cherrie Lapaz		Keilah Terrobias	
			Helen Lesa	Erin Gizelle Taruc	
10:30AM	Alexa Lazatin	Joey Lazatin	Jermaine Daclan	Johnathan Aviet	Devon Hayes
			Cherrie Lapaz	Samuel Dsouza	
		Helen Lesa		Andrei Johan Isiro	
			Teresa Croker	Edzel Lazatin	

Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish!



ST LUKE'S CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIR OPEN DAY WORKSHOPS

Calling all 5 - 10yr old children!! Come & join the St Luke's Children's choir. All are welcome to the open day workshop.

The St Luke's Youth Choir is also holding a vocal workshop.

Saturday 11th February, Parish Lounge:-
Youth Choir: 10am - 12pm
Children's Choir: 2 - 4pm

This is a great way for your children to serve in the Parish!!
Hope to see you there!
If you have any questions contact: liralecias@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for volunteers to lead our Children's Liturgy during the 8.30am Mass.

If you have experience with primary aged children and are interested please get in touch with Nick from the parish office.

BISHOP STEVE'S CARING FOUNDATION FLOOD APPEAL

Bishop Steve has launched an emergency flood relief appeal to provide vital funds for the flood recovery. The Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an **online donation** today so that assistance can get to families quickly.

<https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/>

Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services.

"Please join with me in keeping those in need in our prayers as they start the process of rebuilding their shattered lives. Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd, Steve Lowe"

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 2023

St. Luke's Parish invites everyone to participate in JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 2023
(Holy is His Name)

A Lenten programme provided by St. Paul Centre of Biblical Studies.

This is a Video Series of 6 Thursdays during Lent Starting on 23 February 2023 in the Parish Lounge at 7:30PM

For more details, please contact Cyril Siasoco on 021 1014574
live.share.christ.2022@gmail.com



You can use this QR code to register

RCIA & RCIC

Our RCIA & RCIC (Rite to Christian Initiation for Adults & Children) will resume on Sunday 12th February 2023, 9.30am.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The sacramental program for **Confirmation** sessions will start back on Sunday 26th February 2023, 9.30am.

Session 1- 26th Feb
Session 2 - 5th March
Session 3 - 12th March
Session 4 - 19th March

For any queries Contact:
Nick on pastoral@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday Masses:
February 22nd
9am & 7pm

Reconciliation:
Every Friday during Lent 6.30 - 7pm

Stations of the Cross:
Every Friday during Lent 7 - 7.30pm
24th Feb, 3rd March, 10th March,
17th March, 24th March, 31st March

NZ CATHOLIC

Headlines for this issue:



- *Remembering Pope Benedict XVI – young Kiwis reflect on WYD2008.
- *Holiday Masses on NZ islands.
- *Catholics in New Year honours.
- *Polish links to Otago church.

BREAST SCREENING

FREE BREAST Screening is returning to Flat Bush - appointments only.

Look for the mobile unit at St Luke's Parish Car Park 260 Chapel Road, Flat Bush

7th February - 24th February 2023
Free for women aged 45-69 years

Freephone 0800 270 200
For more information visit www.timetoscreen.nz