

**SIXTH SUNDAY ORD TIME
12TH FEBRUARY 2023**

First Reading

Sirach 15: 15-20

Responsorial psalm

Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel

Matthew 5: 17-37

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY ORD TIME 19.02.2023

First Reading

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Responsorial psalm

Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel

Matthew 5: 38-48

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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: Casimera Suralta Reyno, Peter Noronha, Elsa Watkinson, Alberto Laurena, Mila Bilowwan, Gui Lan Ma, Siuaki Pule'anga, Baby Klein, David Solia, Rogelia Rodulfa, Boboy Guevara, Patrick McBride

Anniversaries of Death: Harold Straker, Teresa Dias (1 month), Ramon Elepano (100 days), Josephine Freemantle, Jacob P., Peter, Joseph, Theresa, Maria, Pablito Santos

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

Special Intentions: Jeffrey Heng, Francis, Raju Makil (Thanksgiving)

Birthdays: Cora Noblejas



PARISH COLLECTIONS

5th FEB 2023

1st Collection: \$2,897.70

2nd Collection: \$1,263.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Year to Date, our loan balance is now sitting at \$1,975,503.00; 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

SLYAC / IGNIS

stlukes.yac@gmail.com

CHILDRENS & YOUTH CHOIR

Lira: liralecias@gmail.com

St Lukes Youth Group

assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

Live & Share Christ

live.share.christ.2022@gmail.com
Cyril 021 101 4574 or Rita 021 0271 3172

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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19TH FEBRUARY 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Kyle Damodara	Karl Guarin	Chase Dylan Lardizabal	Oliver Tamayo	Zachary Guevara
			Maryjane Wong Ling	Owen Tamayo	
		Vernon Velayo	Jirus John Wong Ling	Janet Wigmore	
			Zoe Martis		
8:30AM	Dominic Carlos	Niel Kulkarni	Phillip Ah Kau	Abigail Rodrigues	Nathan Pereira
			Diana Carrillo	Camille Ramos	
		Shandel Ngan Woo	Calvin Chong	Claire Raubenheimer	
			Hezekiah Faletagoai		
10:30AM	Mike Parcon	Kara Schmidt	Rylie Lesoa	Hannah Dangatan	Kelly Cheah
			Devon Mah-kawan	Tess Elepano	
			Mercy Magele-Rees	Virginia Lesa-Toala	
		Blace Sayas	Alexis Pender	Barbara McGivern	
			Julius Pender	Alisa Magele - Rees	

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



ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday Masses:

February 22nd
9am & 7pm

Reconciliation:

Every Friday during Lent 6.30 - 7pm

Followed by

Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent 7 - 7.30pm
24th Feb, 3rd March, 10th March,
17th March, 24th March, 31st March

PASTORAL COORDINATOR

A huge thank you to Nick for the past 3 years for your service to our Parish as the Pastoral Coordinator. Nick is moving back to the corporate world and taking up a position as an IT Consultant.

As a result of Nick moving on we are looking for a Pastoral Coordinator for the busy Parish of St Luke's. If you would like a copy of the job description, please speak with Fr Craig.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling any trained pianists interested to serve in our Music Ministry here at St Luke's. Please see Fr Craig or the Parish Office for more information.

"Sing praise to the Lord who is good; sing to our God who is loving; to God our praise is due." - Psalm 147:2

ST LUKE'S CHOIR MEMBERS

If you are looking to serve in our parish and enjoy singing, our St Luke's Choir are looking to expand their group. They sing on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 8.30am Mass and practice twice a month on Wednesday evenings here at the parish. Please make contact with Natasha to enquire about joining our St Luke's Choir.

natasha.rodriques@serviceiq.org.nz or 021 611 042

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Caritas are in contact with partners on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs at this time.

They are also accepting donations for this:
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>



NZ CATHOLIC

Headlines for this issue:



- *Auckland Bishop starts appeal to help flood victims.
- *Replica of Fatima chapel planned for Samoa.
- *Crisis of love is crisis of vision.
- *The importance of the sacrament of Penance.

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