

**SEVENTH SUNDAY ORD TIME
19TH FEBRUARY 2023**

First Reading

Levitivcus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Responsorial psalm

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8+10, 12-13

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel

Matthew 5: 38-48

EXPLORING THE WORD

As we heard from our Gospel passage today, what is important for us as Christians to do with our lives is essentially to love, to be filled with God's love, which in itself is already obeying God's Law and commandments. The Lord Jesus Himself in another occasion, before the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law had summarised the Law as a whole into two main commandments, that is to love God first and foremost with all of our hearts and strength, and then to love our fellow brothers and sisters in the same way, just as much as we love ourselves. It is our Christian calling and vocation for all of us to be always grounded in love, in our every words, actions and deeds, so that by our love everyone may truly know God's love and that we truly belong to the Lord, and hopefully more and more people may be inspired to follow our examples and believe in the Lord as well.

We have to love sincerely and generously, and as the Lord mentioned in our Gospel passage today, we should not just love because there is something in it for us, or that we stand to benefit from loving that person, as that kind of love is not the kind of true, Christian love that we are called to show.

Readings for next week

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Genesis 2: 7-9, 16-18, 25, 3.1-7

Responsorial psalm

Psalm 51: 1-4, 10-12+15

Second reading

Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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PARISH GROUPS
The Legion of Mary: Our Lady of Victories Presidium

Madel 027 889 5679
Meetings are every Tuesday 7pm

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BAPTISM ENQUIRES 2023

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

Enquire with 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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Fr John Erumeda, 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: Anna Lee (14yrs), Helena Odevilas (40 days) & Lino, Peter Rudd (4 yrs) Nelson Calampiano, Rudolf Nickel (11yrs), Harold Straker, Sister Malia Iosefina (2nd), Pablito Santos, Dean Mark & Alicia Garcia

For the Sick: Pelagia Mallari (Healing & Recovery), Marie Ripley (Samoa),

Special Intentions: Kaye Sanchez, Adique Family (Wedding Anniversary)



PARISH COLLECTIONS

12th FEB 2023

1st Collection: \$2,466.80

2nd Collection: \$992.00

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.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
26TH FEBRUARY 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish! 
5:00PM	Kyle Guarin	Lydia Lobo	Mikhail Magayanes	Johann Ang	Oliver Tamayo	
		Natasha Martis	Zach Nguyen Asher Nguyen Maxie Realon	Justin Ang Aidan Chan		
8:30AM	Sharon Naidoo	Semisi Paletua	Allan Ah Kau Diego Carrillo	Makerita Ropati Michelle Smith	Daniel Pereira	
		Siosiana Paletua	Ariana Hall Bella Leauai	Lloyd Weldschidt		
10:30AM	Utita Sakalia	Josephine Nickel	Elaine Penaflor Yoshua Angelo Quedi	Lou Garcia Thea Garcia	Esperanza Reyes	
		Alexa Lazatin	Leila Sila Denzel Sila	Mel Nepomuceno Rita Nepomuceno		
			Sean Serdenia	Cora Noblejas		

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

St Luke's parish wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Parish Priest to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programs (RCIA, RCIC, Baptism program, sacramental program, children's liturgy, coordinating the music groups) and assisting with Sunday morning Masses. Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential.

Applicants must have the right to work in New Zealand.

For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email craig_dunford@xtra.co.nz

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

If you know of any family in need any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Fr Craig or the parish office.

We are here to help.

BISHOP STEVE'S

CARING FOUNDATION FLOOD APPEAL

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/>

Dear Fr Craig and the Flat Bush parish community,

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Flood Relief Appeal. Your \$1000 donation is already helping so many people affected by the floods: Families who are only left with the clothes on their backs. People who can't return to their homes. People who are too ashamed to ask for help.

These families and more will be given a helping hand thanks to your wonderful donation. Thank you so much for responding to Bishop Steve's call for help.

We know the recovery will take time but thanks to wonderful supporters, just like you, we can make a difference. Together, we can help their recovery. Your donation will provide food, shelter, clothing, essential services and more.

Fr Craig and the Flat Bush community, our heart-felt thanks.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are looking for anyone interested in serving as a pianist or in our music ministry. 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

021 611 042

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



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.

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>

