

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
26TH FEBRUARY 2023**

**First Reading**

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

**Responsorial psalm**

*Psalms 51: 1-4, 10-12+15*

**Second reading**

*Romans 5: 12-19*

**Gospel**

*Matthew 4: 1-11*

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

In our Gospel passage today, we heard how the Lord Jesus Himself was tempted by Satan after He was baptised in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist, at the beginning of His ministry in this world. In this quite well known story, at that time, the Lord Jesus went through a period of forty days of physical fasting and spiritual exercise in the wilderness and desert, where Satan came to Him and tried not just once but three times to tempt Him to stop His work and mission in this world, by offering Him the same kind of persuasions and temptations that He had once tempted our ancestors with. Satan struck with all of his persuasions, tempting the Lord with all sorts of the most dangerous temptations, by first striking at Him with the satisfaction of the flesh through food, and pride, and yet again another one through hubris, ego and pride, and finally the greed and desire for worldly glory and fame. May God be with us always and may He empower us all throughout this Lenten season so that we may continue to serve Him and to walk in His presence, now and always. May God bless us all in our every good works, efforts and endeavors for His greater glory. Amen.

**Readings for next week**

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading**

*Genesis 12: 1-4*

**Responsorial psalm**

*Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20+22*

**Second reading**

*2 Timothy 1: 8-10*

**Gospel**

*Matthew 17: 1-9*

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Ballicao, Arlene Pereira, Josephine Nickel.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Fr Craig, Lydia Lobo, Tony Noronha, Mike Pope, Nicola Crestanello, Utita Sakalia

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** Thomas Pereira, Alzira Rodrigues, Fr Craig, Shaad Karmani, Cora Noblejas, Errol Aviet, Celia Hunkin, Cherrie Lapaz, Joval Moredo, Patricia Smith.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Christian Meyers, Gloria Trevino, Bong de Vera, Claire Raubenheimer, Allan Stowers, Fr Craig, Leanne Brighthouse, Justin Dickson

**BAPTISM ENQUIRIES 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Ripley (Samoa), Casimera Suralta Reyno, 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:** Sylvia Aviet (1 month), Renato Cruz, Flora, Guiying Wu (11yrs), Anna Lee (14yrs), Edward Castelino (1st yr), Peter Noronha (1 month), Pablito Santos, Helena Odevilas (40 days) & Lino, Peter Rudd (4 yrs), Nelson Calampiano,

**For the Sick:** Pelagia Mallari (Healing & Recovery)

**Special Intentions:** Adique Family (Thanksgiving)



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

19th FEB 2023

1st Collection: \$3,020.20

2nd Collection: \$1081.30

**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**

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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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
5TH MARCH 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Janet Wigmore	Anne Chan	Santiago Duque	Crisha Cruz	Owen Tamayo
		Ton Quiballo	Mateo Duque	Mary Corboy	
8:30AM	Benita Pereira	Nathan Pereira	Trisha De Jesus	Joseph George	Daniel Pereira
			Cedric Piggan	Shane Fernandes	
		Jas Lopez	Joaquin Fallar		
10:30AM	Rosalina Abrugena	Cherrie Lapaz	Caying Ramos	Jana Lopez	Sapna Mathews
			Colin Kirkwood	Callista Prom	
			Julia Tominiko	Melanie Regino	
		Joey Lazatin	Bernadette Tominiko	Ann Del Rosario	
		Tino Wu	Ethan Siao		
Anthony Xu	Blace Sayas				

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



## 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 [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)**

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is an opportunity for us to turn again to God. It is much more than a time to 'give something up'. We are called to a change of mind and heart. We are called to look at where we are at and where we ought to be.

Are we living the life Jesus calls us to?

Here are some ways to join the journey through Lent to Easter:

### PRAYER

- Spend time with God - make time to pray.
- Try to attend weekday Mass.
- Set aside time before meals to pray as a family.
- Pay an extra visit to the church, outside of normal Mass times.
- Spend a short time each day reflecting on your life and seeking God's help.

### ALMSGIVING

- Donate non-perishable food to the needy (place in the basket in the foyer)
- Donate our time to support a needy person or a good cause.
- Donate to the Lenten Appeal 'Caritas'

### FASTING

- Help around the house more
- Volunteer to visit the elderly
- Donate to the needy toys or clothes they've outgrown of
- Try to be kind to a child at school who needs a friend

## WEEKDAY MASS UPDATE

There will now be a Tuesday 9am Daily Mass available at St Lukes, starting 28th Feb 2023.

## EASTER RAFFLE 2023

The Fundraising Committee are preparing for our Easter Raffle. If any of you are able to sponsor a prize, please get in touch with the Parish Office this coming week.

Many thanks in advance.

## SUPPORT LOCAL

Team Name: *Pinoy Mavs*

*Participating in NBTC Basketball Tournament in Philippines from March 15 to 19, 2023.*

There will be a sausage sizzles fundraising on Sunday, 26th Feb from 9am to 4pm

The Warehouse Botany.

Thank you Kindly.

## Reconciliation Rite I:

Every Friday during Lent 6.30 - 7pm

## Followed by

## Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday during Lent 7 - 7.30pm

## Reconciliation Rite II:

Thursday 23rd March, 7pm

## 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*

## DOCTRINE CLASS FOR ALL

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? Come & join us every 4th Monday of the month as we study the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

7.30 - 8.30pm St Luke's Parish Lounge.

Contact Cyril 021 101 4574

See you on 27th Feb

## 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](mailto:live.share.christ.2022@gmail.com)



You can use this QR code

## NZ CATHOLIC



Headlines for this issue:

- \*After cyclone, Auckland Bishop starts appeal for Hamilton and PN dioceses.
- \*Kiwi vice-chancellor speaks on Palestinian plight.
- \*Flooding survivor tells her family story.
- \*Daughter of saint coming to NZ.

## 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>

