

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

**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*

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

The Genesis reading considers the call of Abram: a call to radical change, to leave everything he knew and go to another place that God would show him. God promised that Abram would be a blessing to those with whom he came into contact. The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent focus on our personal encounter with God. The psalm is "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.", which echoes the theme of trust heard in the first reading.

The second reading reminds us that God is always present in our lives, giving us strength. And in the gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration, when Peter, James, and John encountered Jesus in all of his glory. The Gospel reading traditionally for the second Sunday of Lent is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John up to a mountain, and before their very own eyes they saw his Essence. They saw his connection to the past, the present with them, and his future mission. They were stunned and afraid and didn't know what to think or do. However, Jesus reassured them and asked them not to speak of it until later. So now it is our time and place.

We don't have to be silent.

**Readings for next week**

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading**

*Exodus 17: 3-7*

**Responsorial psalm**

*Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-9*

**Second reading**

*Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8*

**Gospel**

*John 4: 5-42*

**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

**Anniversaries of Death:** Andre Quezet, Mary Lee SF, John & Alice Lim, Anne Abbot, Souls in Purgatory, Victoria & Nicholas Beardow, Aramalai & Fly, Christina Chua, Sylvia Aviet (1 month), John Aviet, Renato Cruz, Flora, Anna Lee (14yrs), Edward Castelino (1st yr), Peter Noronha (1 month), Pablito Santos

**Special Intentions:** Andrei O'Campo (Thanksgiving of job offer), Feagaiga family (Anniversary), Victor Family (Thanksgiving)



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

26th FEB 2023

1st Collection: \$2,956.40

2nd Collection: \$2,061.10

**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

Cyrl 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
12TH MARCH 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Cyril Siasoco	Patricia Smith	Eden Feagaiga	Thomas George	Aaron Chan
			Glaine M Geralde	Owen Tamayo	
		Sean Carlos	Jimah Hernandez	Lydia Lobo	
			Jacob Hernandez		
8:30AM	Nicola Crestanello	Penina Schmidt	Jodek Lopez	Sage Fernandes	Joaquin Fallar
			Daniel Pereira	Herschele Hendricks	
		Niel Kulkarni	Keilah Terrobias	Megan Noronha	
			Erin Gizelle Taruc		
10:30AM	Ysabel Kis-ing	Utita Sakalia	Alistar Bautista	Derek Sayas	George Hayes
			Kathrina Bacay	Marina De Silva	
			PJ Afamasaga	Lily Tanyag	
		Kara Schmidt	Matthew Cortez	Narciso Tanyag	
			Miguel Cortez	Shaad Karmani	

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.
- 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' Envelopes (Foyer)

### 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

### Other Suggestions:

- Arrive to Mass on time
- Read the 'Exploring the Word' section in the newsletter
- Join Journey through Lent program
- Join one of our Community groups

## WEEKDAY MASS UPDATE

There will now be a Tuesday 9am Daily Mass available at St Lukes.

## 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.

### 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, 7 - 8pm

## SAVE THE DATE: WORKING BEE

A great Lenten opportunity to serve and spruce up the grounds in time for Easter. Please bring gardening equipment to weed, trim hedges, water blaster to wash exterior windows, cloths/rags for dusting and cleaning inside the church. And of course the elbow grease.

Date: Saturday 25th March 2023  
10am - Midday

Sausage sizzle will be provided at the end.  
Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to our Assistant Priest Fr Daniel who will be celebrating his 30th anniversary of ordination on Wednesday 8th March 2023.

Thank you for your service to priesthood.

All are welcome to join for morning tea after 10.30am Mass, Sunday 5th March 2023.

## ST LUKES YOUTH EVENT

MARCH 18 2023

# FUN DAY

WITH CHRIST

WHO: 12 TO 19-YEAR-OLDS

WHEN: SAT 18 MARCH - 1-5PM

WHERE: ST LUKE'S CHURCH

WHAT TO BRING: WEAR SPORTS/ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE CLOTHING, A HAT, SUNSCREEN, WATER BOTTLE.

FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED

CONTACT: SLYFLATBUSH@GMAIL.COM

## 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