

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

**First Reading**  
*Exodus 17:3-7*  
**Responsorial psalm**  
*Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9*  
**Second reading**  
*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*  
**Gospel**  
*John 4:5-42*

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

In today's first reading, we learn that the Israelites had escaped their slavery in Egypt and found themselves facing the harsh realities of life in the wilderness.

These moments of challenge are described as tests that God imposed to see if their allegiance to God was strong and true.

In the preceding chapters of today's second reading, Paul gives an intensive but somewhat abstract teaching on justification by faith. Here he focuses on the gifts that justification brings to believers who trust in the power of God on their behalf. In the broadest sense, it means "the condition that is acceptable to God."

In today's Gospel reading the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman shows us something of how Jesus relates to all of us. He meets us where we are and in the ordinariness of our daily lives... and he perseveres in reaching out to us. A couple of chapters later on in John's gospel, Jesus continues on the theme of water, saying 'Let anyone who is thirsty, come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink'. He wants us to drink the living water, so that it may well up into eternal life for us.

Readings for next week  
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**First Reading**  
*1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13*  
**Responsorial psalm**  
*Psalm 23: 1-6*  
**Second reading**  
*Ephesians 5: 8-14*  
**Gospel**  
*John 9: 1-41*

**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.

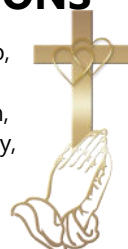
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Leo, Marie Ripley (Samoa), Casimera Suralta Reyno, Alberto Laurena, Mila Bilowwan, Gui Lan Ma.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Bencarlo Dimson, 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:** Fr Mario Dorado (Sick), Elsa Watkinson (Interment of Ashes).

**Birthdays:** Persia Hunkin, Soul of T.P Joseph, Stevie Pe, Esperanza & Edward Dee.



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

*5th MAR 2023*  
*1st Collection: \$3,226.60*  
*2nd Collection: \$1,318.30*

**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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**CHILDRENS & YOUTH CHOIR**

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**St Lukes Youth Group**

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**Live & Share Christ**

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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
14TH MARCH 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Rebecca Guarin	Lydia Lobo	Chase Dylan Lardizabal	Louis Magallanes	Joseph George
			Maryjane Wong Ling	Jacob Mukkada	
		Kyle Damodara	Jirus John Wong Ling	Joseph Mukkada	
			Zoe Grace Martis		
8:30AM	Dominic Carlos	Lauretta Weldschidt	Allan Ah Kau	Lloyd Weldschidt	Nathan Pereira
			Diego Carrillo	J L Lopez	
		Madel de Vera	Ariana Hall	Abigail Rodrigues	
			Bella Leauai		
10:30AM	Josephine Nickel	Mike Parcon	Sophie Cong	Johnathan Aviet	Devon Hayes
			Cian Da Silva	Jean Balicao	
			Jermaine Daclan	Hennessey Catayas	
		Lesley Dickson	Samuel Dsouza	Grace Chiu	
			Andrei Johan Isiro	Teresa Croker	

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)

## EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets available this weekend in the foyer.  
Thank you for your support.

The Tongan Community  
of St. Luke's Parish Flat Bush sponsors a

### EASTER RAFFLE 2023

for the benefit of the church building fund of St. Luke's Parish

**1st Prize:** \$2,000 Furniture Voucher (T&C applicable)  
Sponsored by Furniture Shop Ltd, 7A Wanstead Way, Mangere

**2nd Prize:** \$1,000 Grocery Gift Card

**3rd Prize:** IGLOO BMX 49L Chilly Bin filled with Easter treats  
(Value \$500)

Raffle draw date: **Sunday 9th April 2023**

Ticket price : **\$10.00**

## 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

- 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

### 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.

## HOLY WEEK 2023 MASS TIMETABLE

Friendly reminder to use the School Carpark during Holy Week to reduce congestion.

APRIL 2	PALM SUNDAY	5PM VIGIL 8.30AM & 10.30AM
APRIL 6	HOLY THURS	7PM The Last Supper
APRIL 7	GOOD FRIDAY	10AM Stations of the Cross 3PM Veneration of the Cross
APRIL 8	HOLY SATURDAY	7PM Easter Vigil
APRIL 9	EASTER SUNDAY	8.30AM & 10.30AM

Thanks in advance.

## 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](mailto:SLYFLATBUSH@GMAIL.COM)

## PRAY FOR FR MARIO DORADO

We invite you all to is the Novena Prayer asking for God's grace of healing for Fr Mario through the intercession of Suzanne Aubert. God our creator, The life of Suzanne Aubert powerfully expressed the compassion of Jesus for the sick. Now we ask you to grant, through her intercession, the complete cure of Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap. In gratitude we pray the prayer of Suzanne Aubert

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE  
AND IS DOING FOR US.

**Suzanne Aubert pray for us (3).**