

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
19TH MARCH 2023**

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

EXPLORING THE WORD

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Sunday as we mark the Fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, all of us notice that today we have a somewhat more festive and joyful atmosphere in our celebration of the Holy Mass, as we mark the occasion of Laetare Sunday, one of the only two days in the whole liturgical year that the colour rose is used as the colour of the day. Together with Gaudete Sunday during the season of Advent, this Laetare Sunday marks the moment when amidst the more penitential and sombre nature of both Advent and Lent, we remind ourselves of the great joy and the exultation that we are expecting and looking ahead towards in Christmas and Easter respectively. Thus, as we continue to progress ever closer to the coming of the Holy Week and the Easter season, all of us ought to remember what we have been preparing ourselves for in this upcoming celebration and festivities, and remind ourselves of our penitential practices this Lent which are meant to prepare ourselves wholly for the great celebrations to come.

Readings for next week
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading
Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Responsorial psalm
Psalm 103: 1-8
Second reading
Romans 8: 8-11
Gospel
John 11:1-45

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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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: Anthony Peterson (1yr), Teresa Dias, Mr W., Mary Lee SF, Ben Carlo Dimson, John & Alice Lim, Anne Abbot, Souls in Purgatory, Aramalai & Fly, Victoria & Nicholas Beardow, Christina Chua, Sylvia Aviet (1 month), John Aviet, Renato Cruz, Flora, Anna Lee (14yrs), Edward Castelino (1st yr), Pablito Santos.

Special Intentions: Rubiales Family, Baby Gia Agam Denis & Family, Safe travels for Dee Family, Jon & Emy Pe (36th Wedding Anniversary),

Birthdays: Bienvenida Pe, Alice Yao, Marife Ricofrente, Josefina & Leticia & Lucio Tapia, Marilyn Madrid, Stevie & Raymundo Pe, Esperanza & Edward Dee,



PARISH COLLECTIONS

12th MAR 2023
1st Collection: \$3,342.00
2nd Collection: \$1,054.50

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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
26TH MARCH 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Karl Guarin	Kyle Guarin	Mikhail Magayanes	Fiat Siasoco	Thomas George
			Zach Nguyen	Irene Siasoco	
		Natasha Martis	Asher Nguyen	Oliver Tamayo	
			Maxie Realon		
8:30AM	Genevieve Fernandes	Johannes Klaessens	Phillip Ah Kau	Camille Ramos	Semisi Paletua
			Diana Carrillo	Makerita Ropati	
		Shandel Ngan Woo	Calvin Chong	Michelle Smith	
			Hezekiah Faletagoai		
10:30AM	Blace Sayas	Alexa Lazatin	Edzel Lazatin	Hannah Dangatan	Kelly Cheah
			Helen Lesa	Tess Elepano	
		Rosalina Abrugena	Rylie Lesoa	Virginia Lesa-Toala	
			Devon Mah-kwan	Barbara McGivern	
		Mercy Magele-Rees	Alisa Magele - Rees		

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

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

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**
No:

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

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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic Faith?

Come and join us this Monday 20 March as we study the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 7:30pm-8:30pm at the parish lounge - Everyone is welcome.

Poster located in parish foyer noticeboard.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

A Lenten programme provided by St. Paul Centre of Biblical Studies.

This coming week will be on Tuesday 21st March in the Parish Lounge at 7:30PM

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both

primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Auckland Diocese. Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest for further information. Application forms for this assistance are

available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>