

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

**First Reading**  
*Ezekiel 37: 12-14*  
**Responsorial psalm**  
*Psalms 130: 1-8*  
**Second reading**  
*Romans 8: 8-11*  
**Gospel**  
*John 11: 1-45*

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Sunday we mark the occasion of the Fifth Sunday of Lent and therefore we are reminded that it is just another one week from the beginning of the Holy Week and two weeks from the glorious season of Easter. As we come closer to the most solemn and important parts and celebrations of our whole entire liturgical year, each and every one of us are reminded at this point and juncture, of what we have to do as Christians, in living our lives in accordance with the way of the Lord and in having His Presence in our lives, to be filled with His Spirit and His love. Each and every one of us have been blessed with many great and wonderful gifts from God, and it is truly up to us whether we want to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the Lord or not. This Sunday, as we enter into this time of deeper reflection, all of us are reminded that if we have not yet done so, we should make good use of the remainder of this time of Lent to re-examine our path, our actions and way of life.

Readings for next week

**PALM SUNDAY**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 50: 4-7*

**Responsorial psalm**

*Psalms 22: 7-8, 16-19, 22-23*

**Second reading**

*Philippians 2: 6-11*

**Gospel**

*Passion Matthew 26: 14-27.66*

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

**Anniversaries of Death:** Buena Hurcomb (2nd), Marilyn Madrid (1st), Mary Margaret Rose (10yrs), 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:** Joseph Goh, Joe Moralejo (Thanksgiving), Rubiales Family, Baby Gia Agam Denis & Family, Jon & Emy Pe (36th Wedding Anniversary).

**Birthdays:** Mikayla Fuavao (3yrs), Bienvenida Pe (90th), Alice Yao, Marife Ricofrente, Josefina & Leticia & Lucio Tapia,



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

*19th MAR 2023*

*1st Collection: \$3,100.60*

*2nd Collection: \$1,259.60*

**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.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**2ND APRIL 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Mariane Mudaliar	Ton Quiballo	Santiago Duque	Owen Tamayo	Zachary Guevara
			Mateo Duque	Janet Wigmore	
		Cyril Siasoco	Trisha De Jesus	Johann Ang	
			Shane Fernandes		
8:30AM	Sharon Naidoo	Semisi Paletua	Colin Kirkwood	Sue Kubala	Nathan Pereira
			Diego Carrillo	Joaquin Fallar	
		Cedric Piggan	Keilah Terrobias	Jana Lopez	
			Jodek Lopez		
10:30AM	Lesley Dickson	Joey Lazatin	Edzel Lazatin	Lou Garcia	Esperanza Reyes
			Alexis Pender	Thea Garcia	
			Julius Pender	Mel Nepomuceno	
		Rosalina Abrugena	Elaine Penaflor	Rita Nepomuceno	
			Yoshua Quedi	Melanie Regino	

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



## 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

## 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

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Available to collect in the foyer this weekend.

Please collect your envelope pack.

Thank you for your continued support.

## WORKING BEE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the many of you who participated in our Parish Working Bee this weekend leading up to Easter Holy Week. We are truly grateful and humbled by your service to the parish.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:17*

## 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.

Last session in the Parish Lounge  
Thursday 30th March 7:30PM

## 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.

## 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/>

## NZ CATHOLIC

Headlines for this issue:

- \*Needs shift for Cyclone Gabrielle flood victims.
- \*Parish renewal is an adventure which brings new life.
- \*Agent selling St Gerard's has personal connection.
- \*Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2023.
- \*Giant window brought back to life in Methven.

