

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

16TH APRIL 2023

First Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

Responsorial psalm

Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel

John 20: 19-31

EXPLORING THE WORD

After his resurrection, Jesus continues to appear to his friends and followers. Through appearing to the men and women who were his friends and followers, he encourages and strengthens them; he calms their fears. When he appears to them, he says, **Peace be with you, do not be afraid.**

Thomas is not with them when Jesus appears. The others tell him that Jesus had appeared to them and spoke to them. But he does not believe and he is not convinced and so 'Doubting Thomas' is born.' I think we have to be careful about over criticising Thomas for his apparent lack of faith. Perhaps we should admire and applaud him for his honesty and conviction.

He is honest with himself and others. He desperately wants to meet and experience the risen Jesus for himself. None of us go through life without struggles and doubts. There are times when we are at our weakest, whether physically, emotionally our spirituality. Difficult as it can be, we have to believe and trust that Jesus is with us just as was with Thomas. Jesus is always with us, especially when we feel we are most alone and doubting. When we are struggling to believe, it can help to realise that we are not in control and neither are we on our own.

It can be a time of growth for us as we reach out and ask God to help us with our doubts and whatever we are struggling with.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Gloria Trevino, Bong de Vera, Fr Craig, Claire Raubenheimer, Allan Stowers, Leanne Brighouse, 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.

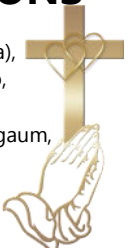
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Makil Alexander Raju, Ferdie Tejada (Philippines), Baiju (India), Fr John Tolla, Teresa Dias (Interment of Ashes), Simi Roberts (Samoa), Fr Mario, Fr Leo, Casimera Suralta Reyno, Alberto Laurena.

Anniversaries of Death: Lino, Chloe & Jose Sr, Asuncion Laguros, Bonifacio Digaum, Celso Sr Abrau, Jesusena Lopez, Halatafuatama Tafua (2nd), Claro Jose, Elisa Labustro, Alejo Labustro Senior, Cecilia Rina, Irenimo Lesoa (28th), 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, Pablito Santos.

Special Intentions: Wong Lai Far (surgery), Attalla Family—Baha & Salwa, Rubiales Family,

Birthdays: Luis Lopez, Teresa Schmidt



PARISH COLLECTIONS

9th APR 2023

1st Collection: \$4,363.60

2nd Collection: \$2,733.50

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

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23RD APRIL 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Sean Carlos	Rebecca Guarin	Chase Lardizabal	Joseph George	Owen Tamayo
			Maryjane Wong Ling	Thomas George	
		Kyle Guarin	Jirus Wong Ling	Lydia Lobo	
			Zoe Grace Martis		
8:30AM	Madel de Vera	Genevieve Fernandes	Erin Gizelle Taruc	Claire Raubenheimer	Semisi Paletua
			Phillip Ah Kau	Makerita Ropati	
		Johannes Klaessens	Diana Carrillo	Sage Fernandes	
			Calvin Chong		
10:30AM	Rosalina Abrugena	Blace Sayas	Anthony Xu	Shaad Karmani	George Hayes
			Andre Bautista	Johnathan Aviet	
			Kathrina Bacay	Jean Balicao	
		Kara Schmidt	Matthew Cortez	Hennessey Catayas	
			Miguel Cortez	Grace Chiu	

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



EASTER RAFFLE UPDATE

Thanks again to all who supported our Easter Raffle.
A total of \$16,600 was raised to go towards our parish building mortgage.
Special thank you to the generous parishioners who donated the amazing prizes.

Congratulations to our 3 prize winners.

EASTER MESSAGE

I would like to thank the many people who have made our Triduum celebrations so beautiful and prayerful, I am sure all those who attended the Easter liturgies here at St Luke's has a good experience.

On behalf of Celia, Joseph, Paulette & Bob (seminarian),
I pray you all have a happy and Holy Easter.

God Bless,
Fr Craig

VOLUNTEER GARDENERS

Thank you to our garden fairies who you would have noticed have re-planted the front gardens where the water fountains are. If you have a spare hour of the week and would like to commune with God in the church garden,
please contact the parish office for more information.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are looking to expand the fundraising committee.
If you are interested in helping the parish's fundraising events please enquire with the Parish Office for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling any trained pianists interested to serve in our Music Ministry here at St Lukes.
We need assistance with the 5th Sunday of the Month at 8.30am Mass.
Please see 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

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 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Available to collect in the foyer this weekend.
Please collect your envelope pack.
Any unclaimed packs will be allocated to the waiting list.
Tax receipts will be available from May onwards.
They will be sent out upon request.
Enquire with the Parish Office.
Thank you for your continued support.

ST LUKE'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY GATHERING



Mabuhay! The St. Luke's Filipino Community would like to invite all the Filipinos in the parish to a lunch gathering filled with fun and laughter on **Saturday 22nd April 2023, 12pm Noon here in the Parish Lounge.**
A great opportunity to connect and fellowship more with each other. We look forward to meeting with you. Kita Kits!

Please bring a plate to share.

ANZAC DAY MASS

As we embark towards the national commemoration:
All are welcome to the 9am Anzac Mass on
Tuesday 25th April.
A day of remembrance for the fallen of all wars and acknowledge the sacrifice of returned and current servicemen and women, past and present.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 25th April for ANZAC DAY

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REMINDER

For those who are currently enrolled in the parish sacramental program: the sessions for First Holy Communion will start back on Sunday 7th May.
For any enquires please contact Paulette:
pastoral@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

BREAST SCREENING

FREE BREAST Screening is returning to Flat Bush - appointments only.
Look for the mobile unit at St Luke's Parish Car Park 260 Chapel Road, Flat Bush
1st - 11th August 2023
Free for women aged 45-69 years
Freephone 0800 270 200
For more information visit www.timetoscreen.nz

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), Mon 24th April
7:30pm-8:30pm at the parish lounge -
Everyone is welcome.
Poster located in parish foyer noticeboard.