

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
23rd APRIL 2023

First Reading
Acts 2: 14, 22-28
Responsorial psalm
Psalms 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11
Second reading
1 Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel
Luke 24: 13-35

EXPLORING THE WORD

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. He asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes. We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God's will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives. Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations. Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust *and hope*.

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Meetings are every Tuesday 7pm

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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.

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.

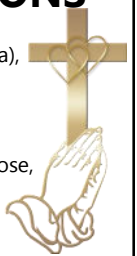
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Makil Alexander Raju, Ferdie Tejada (Philippines), Rajju (India), Fr John Tollan, Simi Roberts (Samoa), Fr Mario, Fr Leo, Casimera Suralta Reyno

Anniversaries of Death: Miriam Bergonia, Oscar Ulep, Daniel Marasigan, Crisanta Sanuose, Genaro Gonzales, Lino, Chloie & 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), Teresa Dias, Buena Hurcomb (2nd), Marilyn Madrid (1st), Mary Margaret Rose (10yrs), Anthony Peterson (1yr), Pablito Santos.

Special Intentions: Camilla & William, Rubiales Family

Birthdays: Oscar David Ulep, Crighton Patu Pule-anga, Christina Dio, Philomena Lim Kim Neo



PARISH COLLECTIONS

16th APR 2023
1st Collection: \$2,624.60
2nd Collection: \$941.20

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
30TH APRIL 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Karl Guarin	Lydia Lobo	Mikhail Magayanes	Jacob Mukkada	Joseph George
		Natasha Martis	Zach Nguyen	Joseph Mukkada	
8:30AM	Niel Kulkarni	Penina Schmidt	Asher Nguyen	Louis Magallanes	Siosiana Paletua
		Lauretta Weldschidt	Diego Carrillo	Lloyd Weldschidt	
			Allan Ah Kau	Michelle Smith	
10:30AM	Ysabel Kis-ing	Alexa Lazatin	Hezekiah Faletagoai	Herschele Hendricks	Devon Hayes
			Ariana Hall	Sophie Cong	
		Lesley Dickson	Cian Da Silva	Hannah Dangatan	
			Jermaine Daclan	Tess Elepano	
			Samuel Dsouza	Virginia Lesa-Toala	
Andrei Johan Isiro	Barbara McGivern				

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



CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

BE JOYFUL!

"Ignis" East Auckland Young Adults is inviting all **18-35** year olds to an evening of fellowship, a talk, discussion and praying the Holy Rosary together

We'd like to call it "Mater Misericordiae" - Mother of Mercy With May being the month of Mary, we'd like to dedicate this first Sunday to learning about Her as our Mother, and what Her life and love for us means as young Catholics

When? - **Saturday 6th May**

Where? - Right here at our very own **St Luke's Church**

What time? - Join us for the **5pm Vigil Mass**, and then in the Lounge Space from **6pm onwards**

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.

ST LUKES YOUTH

Thank you to all who turned up to our youth evening last Saturday. Special thank you to the leaders and chaperones - without your dedication and commitment this would not happen. Please keep a look out for our upcoming Youth dates in our newsletter, foyer noticeboard and social media pages.

"...to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." - *Ephesians 3.21*:

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

A beautiful series that delves into the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

We start by looking deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and finish by delving into the Apostles Creed.

This series opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss and fulfilment in Christ. Sat 27th and Sun 28th May 2023, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. For more information and to register please visit: www.theologyofthebody.nz

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

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.

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

NZ CATHOLIC



Some headlines for this issue:

- * Three in national seminary first year.
- *Oceania speaks on synod document.
- *Abuse in Care Royal Commission report date extended by eight months.
- *Challenges about Church property.

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.