

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME  
20.08.2023**

**First Reading**  
*Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7*  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalm 67: 1-2, 4-7*

**Second Reading**  
*Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32*

**Gospel**  
*Matthew 15: 21-28*

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlight that God wills all of the world to be saved. In the first reading the Israelites learn that foreigners who follow the decrees of the Lord also worship God. In the second reading Paul speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles. And in the gospel Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman. Jesus' interaction with the Canaanite woman highlights God's love for all people, transcending cultural and ethnic boundaries. This encounter emphasizes that God's compassion extends to everyone, regardless of their background or nationality. The encounter with the Canaanite woman underscores Jesus' mission to restore and heal humanity.

By showing mercy and granting the woman's request, Jesus demonstrates His divine power to bring healing and deliverance to those in need.

(resource from <https://young-catholics.com>)

**Readings for 20.08.2023**

**21st SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

**First Reading**  
*Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23*  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalm 138*

**Second Reading**  
*Romans 11: 33-36*

**Gospel**  
*Matthew 16: 13-20*

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

*Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Ballicao, Arlene Pereira, Christina Pender.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** *Fr Craig, Lydia Lobo, Tony Noronha, Mike Pope, Nicola Crestanello, Utita Sakalia*

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**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**  
*Gloria Trevino, Bong de Vera, Fr Craig, Claire Raubenheimer, Allan Stowers, Judith Vitolio, Leanne Brighthouse, Justin Dickson.*

**BAPTISM ENQUIRIES**

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.

**Note: There are no baptisms during Lent.**

If you need a Baptism or Sacrament Certificate to be re-printed there will now be a charge of \$5 per certificate.

Your original certificate is free of charge, please keep it in a safe place.

**Enquire with the Parish Office**

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**



**New to the area??  
Want to join a ministry  
or community group.**

Check it out on our Parish Website, by scanning this QR Code.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:**

Are you getting married?  
Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course  
[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/)

Please book 1 year (married in NZ ) or 18months (married overseas) in advance your wedding date. The 3 part course takes about 30 hours to complete. This is usually spread over 3 months.

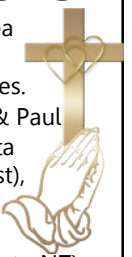
For more information email:  
marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz  
Gerry M:021 0224 7442 / gerrys@cda.org.nz

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Joaquin Vmayao, Walter Moran. Beverly Bracken, Hosea Trevino, Luafa Feagaiga, Sia Liong Ting, Kevin Sitten, Egbert Carvalho (India), Christine Chong, Michael Joseph Hannah, Dennis Langhauser, Benedicta Andres.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Mark O'Callaghan (5th), Elpidio Pitogo (1st), Lilly & Paul Mathias, Valderma Meyers (1month), Chloe, Lorena Delfin Calampiano, Emelita Velayo (2nd), Serafin de Ocampo, Janet Netto, Pablo Prudencio De La Cruz (1st), Jocelyn Flores (2yrs), Jose Sotto (15yrs), Gloria Alontava, Erlina Corpuz (1st), Prudencio Cancino (1st), Pablito Santos.

**Special Intentions:** Elton, Liska, Bookln & Nicolai; Jody Abraham (Welcome to NZ), Andre, Earl & Leah Victor (Thanksgiving), Edward Abraham (Safe Travels), David Singh (Health), Peter Kim (Health), Soana & Family.



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

*13th AUGUST 2023*  
*1st Collection: \$3,990.70*  
*2nd Collection: \$1,458.30*

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

Year to Date, our loan balance is now sitting at \$1,850,503.00 ; Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our 2nd Collection.

**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
27TH AUGUST 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR	
5:00PM	Zoe Martis	Vernon Velayo	Trisha Faye De Jesus	Julyan Balicao	Zachary Guevara	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish! Please contact Thomas  for any roster queries: coordinator <a href="mailto:@flatbushcatholic.org.nz">@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</a>
		Dominic Carlos	Shane Fernandes	Joshua Araos		
8:30AM	Madel de Vera	Niel Kulkarni	Sydney Santos	Crisha Cruz	Joaquin Fallar	
		Genevieve Fernandes	Guiliana Taruc	Erin Gizelle Taruc		
			Diana Carrillo	J L Lopez		
10:30AM	Kara Schmidt	Alexa Lazatin	Calvin Chong	Jana Lopez	Kelly Cheah	
			Hezekiah Faletagoai	Doris		
			Brea Baring			Allison Serdenia
		Utita Sakalia	Jacen Mejica	Emilie Jeab Abuyan		
			Cian Da Silva	Rian Jenise Reyes		
Edzel Lazatin	Faapine Pupualii	Grace Chiu	Hannah Dangatan			

## ST LUKE'S PARISH CORPORATE DINNER



*Hosted by the  
St Luke's Samoan  
Community*

**Sat 26th Aug 2023  
6pm - 11pm  
Sancta Maria College  
Auditorium**

319 Te Irirangi Drive,  
Flat Bush

Table of 8 \$1,000 or \$125  
per ticket.

Limited seats available.

Enquire now with the  
parish office.

Special acknowledgements to all the sponsors.  
This event would not have been possible without the  
generous support of our business partners below:

### **Gold Sponsors:**

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## ETHNIC CHAPLAINCIES ANNUAL FESTIVAL

It's all happening at Sancta Maria School & St Luke's  
Church, Flatbush, **Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023**.  
The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up  
and Shine showcasing their "riches of nations" in  
Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the  
Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples.

Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic  
communities! Participate in the beautiful message of  
Isaiah 60. Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies  
Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there!

If you want to be involved in the  
organising/volunteer email [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz).

Flyer located on the parish noticeboard in the foyer.

## CONFIRMATION ONLY ENQUIRES

The parish is planning on providing a course  
For those who have not yet received the Sacrament of  
Confirmation either teenagers or adults.  
Enquire with Christina Pender (new Pastoral Coordinator)  
from the Parish Office.

## THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS OF OUR DEVOTION TO THE BESSED VIRGIN MARY

A talk by Rev Fr Kevin Waldie sm  
Catholic Theological College.

23rd August 2023, 7pm

\*A light dinner will be served at 6.30pm)

Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
4 Lucia Glade, Meadowbank

## PARISH BANK ACC UPDATE

The bank account numbers that many of you donate into have  
changed to the below details:

Parish Account 02-0108-0708780-000

(Operating costs such as power, cleaning, staff)

Building Fund Account 02-0108-0708780-003

(Goes toward the payments of the mortgage and also the long-term  
upkeep of the church building)

**Particulars:** *First Name Code: Last Name*

**Ref:** *Contact number*

**Note: Disregard the banking details on the back of the newsletter.  
Our old bank accounts will close on the 21st August.**

We wish to encourage, those that can, to think about the amount of  
your donations and perhaps adjust the donation a little to  
reflect the current times. These collections are the main source of  
income for our church, and we thank you all, every little bit helps.

*Warm Blessings from the St Lukes Parish Finance Committee.*

## SPECIAL MASS FOR LOSS OF A CHILD

A special Mass will be offered for those who have  
experienced loss of a child. Spiritual and  
psychological healing is necessary after the loss of a  
child and the. Catholic Sacraments of Reconciliation  
and Eucharist help to facilitate healing and to fully  
know God's love and mercy.

St Michael's Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera  
Saturday 2nd September at 5pm; Reconciliation &  
Adoration from 4.30pm. Contact: Brenda Brightwell,  
St Michael's Parish, 027 641 5615

## SMCPS ENOLMENTS

**Enrolments for 2024** close on 31 August 2023.  
If you have a child who is turning 5 years of age next year  
(2024) it is time to collect an Application Pack from the  
school office, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3.00pm.  
Further information can be found on the website:  
[www.sanctamariaprimary.school.nz](http://www.sanctamariaprimary.school.nz)

For a preference certificate please contact the office  
for an appointment.

## HAROLD PLUMLEY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Choose to remember your loved ones in  
a tranquil and prayerful memorial garden  
on the grounds of St. Luke's parish.

Please contact the Parish Office.