

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORD TIME
27.08.2023**

First Reading
Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138
Second Reading
Romans 11: 33-36
Gospel
Matthew 16: 13-20

EXPLORING THE WORD

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God's wisdom is not the same as our own wisdom. In the first reading we hear that God has the power to remove the mighty from their positions of leadership. In the second reading Paul tells us that we cannot know the mind of God, as his wisdom and knowledge are beyond us. And in the gospel Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus declares that this is a revelation from the Father. In this passage, Jesus engages His disciples in a conversation about His identity. He asks them who people say He is and then asks them directly who they believe Him to be. Through this dialogue, Jesus affirms His authority as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, demonstrates a significant act of faith.

This confession reveals Peter's recognition of Jesus' divine nature and purpose.

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

**Readings for 03.09.2023
22nd SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

First Reading
Jeremiah: 20, 7-9
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 63: 1-8
Second Reading
Romans 12: 1-2
Gospel
Matthew 16: 21-27

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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/

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: Phuoc Ngo, Jill Agnew, Joaquin Vmayao, Walter Moran. Beverly Bracken, Hosea Trevino, Luafa Feagaiga, Sia Liong Ting, Kevin Sitten, Egbert Carvalho, Christine Chong, Michael Joseph Hannah, Dennis Langhauser, Benedicta Andres.

Anniversaries of Death: Joe Jugo (12th), Bonifacio, Bob Shennan (1yr), Shee Lai-Ying (26 yrs), Dulce Catayas, Jose Catayas Senior, 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: Bobby Gantias (health recovery), Naveen & Selja Jolly (Wedding Ann), Elton, Liska, Bookln & Nicolai; Jody Abraham (Welcome to NZ), Andre, Earl & Leah Victor (Thanksgiving), Edward Abraham (Safe Travels), David Singh.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

20th AUGUST 2023

1st Collection: \$1,890.50

2nd Collection: \$2,107.40

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.

**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3rd SEPTEMBER 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR	
5:00PM	Kyle Guarin	Rebecca Guarin	Roger Wong Ling	Mary Corboy	Oliver Tamayo	
		Lydia Lobo	Boston McFall	Joseph George		
			Eden Feagaiga	Thomas George		
8:30AM	Johannes Klaessens	Sharon Naidoo	Makayla Morris	Joaquin Fallar	Siosiana Paletua	
			Ariana Hall	Allan Ah Kau		
		Semisi Paletua	Jas Lopez	Herschele Hendricks		
10:30AM	Rosalina Abrugena	Ysabel Kis-ing	Arwyn Batungbakai	Felipe Elecanal	Esperanza Reyes	
				Chloe Park		Gennie Rudd
				Samuel Dsouza		Junior Wong Ling
		Mike Parcon	Andrei Johan Isiro	Mary Wong Ling		
				Johnathan Aviet		
			Edzel Lazatin	Jean Balicao		
		Grace Chiu				

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



for any roster queries:
coordinator
@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

ST LUKE'S PARISH CORPORATE DINNER

Hosted by the St Luke's Samoan Community

St Luke's Catholic Parish would like to acknowledge and thank all our families and friends that supported our corporate dinner fundraising event on 26 August 2023.

Also, a special thanks all our sponsors who contributed immensely to the success of this event.

Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

Gold Sponsors:

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Samoa Realty Ltd

Jovi Studio

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Yvapa Panel & Paint

Johnson Paul Lawyers

Solidity Financial Services

Fa'afetai, Fa'afetai tele lava!

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 at the end of the month of 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.

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.

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.

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 (new Pastoral Coordinator) from the Parish Office.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Invitation to all:

Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby would like to invite you to join in our celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Bishop Michael Gielen will be presiding. Mass will be celebrated at **7pm on Monday, 11 September 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland.** Light refreshments will be served at **Holy Cross Seminary, 44 Vermont Street, Ponsonby, Auckland** after Mass. Any Parishioners who wish to join us, are most welcome.

McAULEY HIGH SCHOOL 60TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

September 23rd 2023

An invitation to all past students and teachers to attend. It's your ONE chance to catch up so don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Email: alumni@mcauleyhigh.school.nz
for more details

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