

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME
10.09.2023**

First Reading
Ezekiel 33: 7-9
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-9
Second Reading
Romans 13: 8-10
Gospel
Matthew 18: 15-20

EXPLORING THE WORD

The readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focus on a conversion of heart. We are encouraged to overcome sinfulness and to go beyond merely following the letter of the law and to truly love. And we are to support each other along the path to holiness and help each other overcome our sinfulness. The passage underscores the importance of addressing conflicts and sins within the community. This theme resonates with the concept of conversion, as it invites individuals to examine their hearts, admit wrongdoing, and seek reconciliation. Jesus' assurance of His presence when two or three gather in His name underscores the theme of divine presence within a united community. This highlights the significance of communal worship, prayer, and decision-making.

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

**Readings for 17.09.2023
24TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

First Reading
Sirach 27: 30-28
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 103
Second Reading
Romans 14: 7-9
Gospel
Matthew 18: 21-35

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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

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Gloria T, Bong d. V, Fr Craig, Claire R, Allan S, Judith V, Leanne B, Justin D, Manu L

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.

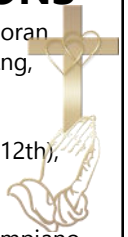
For more information email:
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Cole, David Musham, Phuoc Ngo, Jill Agnew, Walter Moran, Joaquin Vmayao, Beverly Bracken, Hosea Trevino, Luafa Feagaiga, Sia Liong Ting, Kevin Sitten, Egbert Carvalho, Christine Chong, Michael Joseph Hannah

Anniversaries of Death: Francis Joseph (5yrs), Jesusa G. Clemente (6yrs), Deacon Gilbert Jimmie (14yrs), Jose Luis Trevino Castillo (1 month), Joe Jugo (12th), Bonifacio, Rob 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, Pablito Santos.

Special Intentions: Kara Hannemann-Lologa (Birthday), Sheeja R (Birtday), Joseph Chin (illness), Lene Fua Siu, Bobby Ganas (health recovery), Peter Kim (Health)



PARISH COLLECTIONS

3rd SEPTEMBER 2023
1st Collection: \$3,685.20
2nd Collection: \$1,567.30

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Year to Date, our loan balance is now sitting at **\$1,745,503.00** ; Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our 2nd Collection.

**24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17th SEPTEMBER 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish! Please contact Thomas for any roster queries: coordinator @flatbushcatholic.org.nz
5:00PM	Janet Wigmore	Ton Quiballo	Jirus John Wong Ling	Joseph Mukkada	Joseph George	
			Mikhail Magayanes	Fiat Siasoco		
		Vernon Velayo	Zach Nguyen	Julyan Balicao		
			Asher Nguyen			
8:30AM	Julia Dutt	Nathan Pereira	Guiliana Taruc	Ane Kauhalania	Daniel Pereira	
			Keilah Terrobias	Abigail Rodrigues		
		Nicola Crestanello	Phillip Ah Kau	Camille Ramos		
			Diana Carrillo			
10:30AM	Alexa Lazatin	Joey Lazatin	Brea Baring	Emilie Jeab Abuyan	Devon Hayes	
			Jacen Mejica	Rian De Los Reyes		
			Matthew Cortez	Virginia Lesa-Toala		
		Lesley Dickson	Miguel Cortez	Alisa Magele - Rees		
			Sophie Cong	Thea Garcia		
				Callista Prom		
Ann Del Rosario						

NEW SUNDAY 5PM MASS

Due to our growing numbers at our parish, especially at our 10.30AM Mass time, the Parish Council, Liturgy Committee & Parish Office has requested permission from the Bishop to introduce a 4th Sunday Mass Time of 5PM on Sunday evening. The Bishop has granted this request and our new Mass time will start on **Sunday 15th October**.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during the coordinating and adjusting of this new Mass time.

SUNDAY VACANCY

With the introduction of a new Mass time, the parish office needs to expand and is looking for a parishioner to be employed part time on Sundays 8am - 6pm. The role involves assisting with Sunday Masses, Facebook & website management & office adhoc duties. Enquire directly with Fr Craig / Celia
Ph: 359 4750 E: office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

HAPPY TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK



Malo e lelei from our Tongan Community of St Luke's Flat Bush.

We will celebrate our culture this Sunday 10th Sept at the 8.30am Mass.

'I he huafa 'oe Tamai (*In the name of the father*)
moe 'Alo (*and the Son*)

Moe Laumalie Ma'oni'oni (*and the Holy Spirit*)
Ameni.

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.

MARY VISITS LUKE LAUNCH

You are all invited to our **Living Rosary Event** to launch our 2024 cycle of the Mary Visits Luke Family Rosary Program.

Saturday, 23rd of September 2023

St Luke's Parish Church - 3PM.

This is a great opportunity for families and friends to gather around and pray in a giant life-size Rosary.

Registration will be available in the foyer after Sunday Masses, alternatively you can email:

maryvisitsluke@gmail.com

YOUTH EVENT

The next youth event is scheduled for

Saturday 16th September

5PM Mass - 8.30PM

THEME: Social Justice

Open to all, bring a friend for a night of Fun, Faith & Fellowship!!

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note: The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 12th September and will re-open on Wednesday 13th September.

Thank you for your understanding.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Lay led prayer ministry will be available next Saturday 16th September after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

This is an opportunity if you would like to be prayed for with one of our trained lay prayer ministers.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The fundraising committee are looking ahead to our Christmas raffle and are looking for assistance for a 1st prize. Please contact the parish office if you have any contacts.

Thank you in advance for your support.

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE DAY SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

The Scholarship meets the value of Attendance Dues payable during its tenure. Its purpose is to assist with the Catholic education of children entering **Year 9 or above**, whose parents may otherwise face financial hardship meeting the cost of their Catholic education. Get in touch with Fr Craig through the parish office, if you know parishioners of St Luke's Flat Bush that would be benefit from this scholarship. Nominations close Wednesday 25th Oct 2023.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

A message from the CDA Justice & Peace Commission: In this Season of Creation, we pray that "justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures."

- Pope Francis.