

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME
17.09.2023**

First Reading
Sirach 27: 30-28
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 103: 1-4, 9-12
Second Reading
Romans 14: 7-9
Gospel
Matthew 18: 21-35

EXPLORING THE WORD

The readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A focus on mercy and forgiveness. In the first reading we are told we must forgive each other for "wrath and anger are hateful things". The psalm reminds us that God shows us mercy. The 2nd reading tells us to live for Christ instead of ourselves. In the Gospel Jesus teaches about forgiveness using a parable of a servant forgiven a huge debt but who then refuses to forgive a smaller debt. The master, angry at this hypocrisy, punishes him. Jesus warns that we must forgive others wholeheartedly. Jesus tells parables about mercy and tells Peter that we must forgive

"seventy times seven" times.
(resource from <https://young-catholics.com>)

**Readings for 24.09.2023
25TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

First Reading
Isaiah 55: 6-9
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Second Reading
Philippians 1: 20-24, 27
Gospel
Matthew 20: 1-16

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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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: Sesilia Samu, 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.

Anniversaries of Death: Sotero Cruz (2nd yr), Professor Anselm (1st yr), Wilialma Diwa Antonio (40 days), 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, Pablito Santos.

Special Intentions: Charles & Soane Kauhalaniua (birthday), Joseph Chin (illness), Lene Fua Siu, Bobby Gantias (health recovery), Peter Kim (Health)



PARISH COLLECTIONS

10th SEPTEMBER 2023
1st Collection: \$3,100.70
2nd Collection: \$1,275.20

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.

**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24th SEPTEMBER 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR
5:00PM	Lydia Lobo	Sean Carlos	Jakob Bolante	Irene Siasoco	Thomas George
		Patricia Smith	Gianna Prasad-Khan	Joshua Araos	
			Maxie Realon	Johann Ang	
8:30AM	Madel de Vera	Siosiana Paletua	Mercy McKinney	Claire Raubenheimer	Nathan Pereira
		Diego Carrillo	Jonarren Pulevaka	Makerita Ropati	
			Calvin Chong	Michelle Smith	
10:30AM	Patricia Nepomuceno	Angenith Roche	Arwyn Batungbakal	Mel Nepomuceno	Kelly Cheah
			Chloe Park	Rita Nepomuceno	
			Cian Da Silva	Cora Noblejas	
		Utita Sakalia	Jermaine Daclan	Melanie Regino	
			Samuel Dsouza	Felipe Elecanal	
			Gennie Rudd		
				Junior Wong Ling	

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



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

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.

Applications close Friday 29th September.

Enquire directly with Fr Craig / Celia

Ph: 359 4750 E: office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

CANDLE MASS

In preparation for our upcoming Candle Mass in November, if you would like to share a photo of your loved one that has passed on in the past 12months, please email Joseph:

assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

These images will be part of the slideshow presentation to display at all our Candle Mass times.

Thank you in advance.

PARISH GARDENERS

Thank you to our garden fairies who continue to maintain 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 help teach children to nurture this area with respect and appreciation.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Thank you in advance.

CATHOLIC BREAKFAST TALK

Cy Kellet, Catholic Author and Apologist with CatholicAnswers.com, visits East Auckland to share on the topic of; **Christ and Joan**. Saint Joan of Arc is one of the most remarkable people in history. But her story is also one of the strangest in Catholic history.

Date and time: 4th October 7 - 8AM **Venue-**St Marks Pakuranga Parish Centre, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga

Cost: \$30 limited spaces so please **register:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2023joan>

Event sponsored by Evangelion Catholic Evangelisation

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please note that the next intake for the children's sacramental program for 2023/2024 will take place with 2 registration dates:

Wednesday 18th October - 7pm

Sunday 22nd October - 12pm

here at our St Luke's Church.

(For children aged 8yrs and older by 01.10.23)

This is a compulsory 1-hour formation and registration session **for parents and caregivers only**.

*If you would like to register your child to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, you must attend **this** session.

Your child does not need to attend this session.

*If your child was not baptised at St Luke's Church, you **MUST** bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate during registration.

*Registration fee is \$75.00 per child for all 3 Sacraments. This covers expenses for books, stationery and other expenses throughout the Sacramental Program.

FRIDAY 1.30PM MASS

There will be no Friday afternoon mass during the Term 3 school holidays.

Thank you for your understanding.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2023

Māori Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975. This special week is an opportunity for the concentrated celebration and promotion of te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language.



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

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.

NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS

Please note that the bank accounts listed on the back of the newsletter are now closed.

Please enquire with the office if you have any planned giving queries.

Thank you kindly for your understanding.

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.

