

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

**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*

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlight God's generosity. In the first reading we are told that God does not think the way we think.

The psalm praises God's compassion, justice, and mercy. The second reading reminds us that we must labour to imitate Christ. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable about the workers in the vineyard and the generous landowner who paid them all the same wage. The gospel offers a divine perspective on matters of compensation and worth. It paints a picture of God's generous character. It emphasizes that even those who come to faith later in life are equally deserving of God's grace. This message encourages us not to resent their inclusion, but to celebrate the boundless mercy that God extends to all. It's a reminder that God's compassion exceeds our expectations, inviting us to find joy in this truth.

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

**Readings for 01.10.2023**

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

**First Reading**  
*Ezekiel 18: 25-28*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalm 25: 4-9*

**Second Reading**  
*Philippians 2: 1-11*

**Gospel**  
*Matthew 21: 28-32*

**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*

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** *Thomas Pereira, Alzira Rodrigues, Fr Craig, Shaad Karmani, Cora Noblejas, Errol Aviet, Celia Hunkin, Cherrie Lapaz, Joval Moredo, Patricia Smith, Christina Pender*

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**  
*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 be an admin charge. Your original certificate is free of charge, please keep it in a safe place.

**Enquire with the Parish Office**

**NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS**

**FLAT BUSH BUILDING**

02-0108-0708780-03

**FLAT BUSH PARISH**

02-0108-0708780-00

Particulars: *First Name* Code: *Last Name*  
Ref: *Contact number*

**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/)

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

**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.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

17th SEPTEMBER 2023

1st Collection: \$2,880.50

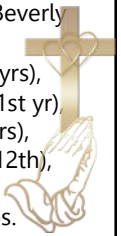
2nd Collection: \$1,989.50

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Peter Pereira, Felipa Rima Carranceja, Sesilia Samu, Cole, David Musham, Phuoc Ngo, Jill Agnew, Walter Moran, Joaquin Vmayao, Beverly Bracken, Hosea Trevino, Luafa Feagaiga, Sia Liong Ting, Kevin Sitten

**Anniversaries of Death:** Reynaldo Rafael Abas Sr. (1yr), Yvette Lawrence (5yrs), Paul Mathias (5yrs), Lilia Gamboa (2yrs), Sotero Cruz (2yrs), 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), Pablito Santos.

**Special Intentions:** Margarita Basco (Knee Surgery), Meggie Cruz (Thanksgiving), Helena (Recovery)



**26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**1st OCTOBER 2023**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	PROJECTOR
5:00PM	Dominic Carlos	Karl Guarin	Persia Hunkin	Justin Ang	Zachary Guevara
		Zoe Martis	Gabbie Dungog	Crischa Cruz	
			Santiago Duque	Mary Corboy	
8:30AM	Shandel Ngan Woo	Johannes Klaessens	Mercy McKinney	Allan Ah Kau	Semisi Paletua
		Niel Kulkarni	Ariana Hall	Erin Gizelle Taruc	
			Jas Lopez	Sage Fernandes	
10:30AM	Mike Parcon	Ysabel Kis-ing	Kurt Factor	Faapine Pupualii	Esperanza Reyes
			Josh Lazatin	Rohan Rodrigues	
			Andrei Isiro	George Dio	
		Rosalina Abrugena	Edzel Lazatin	Bernadette-Rose Tominiko	
			Helen Lesa	Ann Del Rosario	
		Ethan Siao			
		Blace Sayas			

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



for any roster queries:  
coordinator  
[@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:@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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## WARM WELCOME

Welcome to Fr Terry from Our Lady Star of the Sea (Howick) & Fr David Dowling from the Holy Cross Seminary to the parish while Fr Craig is away on a well deserved break. All parish appointments will be on hold until Fr Craig returns in 2 weeks.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS

### AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND GENERAL ELECTION 14 OCTOBER 2023



"The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland has put together this leaflet to consider some election issues in the light of our faith. The Gospels and Catholic Social Teaching point to a care and concern for our neighbours especially the poor and vulnerable. This is what should inform our vote."  
– Bishop Steve Lowe

## FRIDAY 1.30PM MASS

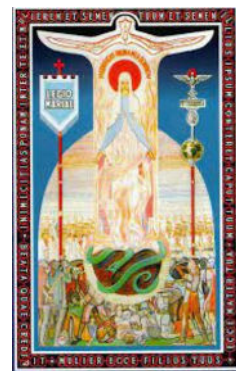
There will be no Friday afternoon mass during the Term 3 school holidays.

*Thank you for your understanding.*

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary needs your help to expand. They meet and pray every week on **Wednesday 7pm**, here at the parish.

If you would like to enquire please get in touch with Maria Denis - *details listed on the parish notice board.*



## 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.