

33RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 19.11.2023

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

EXPLORING THE WORD

In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time. Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. *(Source: Loyola Express)*

34TH SUNDAY 26.11.2023

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6

Second Reading Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

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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*

The old bank accounts from the back of the newsletter have been closed.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is

\$1,735,503.00

Thank you for supporting
our 2nd Collection.

COLLECTIONS 12 NOVEMBER 2023

1st Collection:

\$4,085.10

2nd Collection:

\$1082.20

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Clement, Carolina Mondelo Claraball (Philippines), Tevita Leger (Tonga), Ineen Reynolds (Paeroa), Elicia Enriquez, Peter Kim, Fa'atui Imeleta Penn (Sydney), Lesa Tominiko (Samoa), Tarcisio Leonila, Margaret Warham, Bonifacia Leechin Ortega (Philippines), Joan (South Africa), Joseph Peter Pereira.

Anniversaries of Death: For all the departed souls of the Legionaries, Ernesto Evangelista, Maximo Rojas & Julieta R. Bendijo, Dr. Alexander Arellano (5th), William Aguzar, Luis Lopez, Katreen Samantha Eustaquio (2nd), Mary Lee Sin Foong (20th), Dennis Enriquez & Felix Vileacastiin, Rene Canlas Felizardo (4th), Esteban Junior (10th), Glenn Batimana, A. C. Antony, Jose Luis Trevino (3 months), Felicito Guiyab (7th).

Special Intentions: Howard Sarah Smith (Recovery), Maxelorenz Banson (Healing), Honney (Thanksgiving), Howard & Betty Everson (67th Wedding Anniversary), Howard Everson (93rd Birthday), Gloria Francisco (Sick), Jacob, Bon, Ronan & Robin's Family, Gerald Tan & Family, Pafusi Lo (Hospice), Mala (sickness), Rosalie Leal (recovery), Margarita Basco (recovery).



PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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

Check it out on our Parish website or
scanning this QR Code.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US !!!



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

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

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish! Please contact Thomas for any roster queries: <i>coordinator</i> @flatbushcatholic.org.nz
5:00PM	Vernon Velayo	Patricia Smith	Santiago Duque	Joseph Mukkada	Thomas George	
			Mateo Duque	Oliver Tamayo		
		Karl Guarin	Shane Fernandes	Julyan Balicao		
			Eden Feagaiga			
8:30AM	Niel Kulkarni	Shandel Ngan Woo	Mercy McKinney	Janet Kulkarni	Daniel Pereira	
			Makayla Morris	Joaquin Fallar		
		Benita Pereira	Henri Morris	Jana Lopez		
			Jonarren Pulevaka			
10:30AM	Utita Sakalia	Lesley Dickson	Yoshua Angelo Quedi	Rian Jenise De Los Reyes	George Hayes	
			Leila Sila	Johnathan Aviet		
			Sean Andrei Serdenia	Emilie Jean Abuyan		
			Julia Tominiko	Jean Balicao		
		Ysabel Kis-ing	Florance Tominiko	Bernadette-Rose Tominiko		
				Alisa Magele - Rees		

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023

Raffle tickets are available in the foyer this weekend.
The draw is on Sunday 17 DEC 2023!

GRAB SOME TICKETS!!!

We are looking for more helpers to sell raffle tickets in the foyer at 10:30am Sunday Mass.

Please contact the parish office to get involved!

The Filipino Community
of St. Luke's Parish, Flat Bush Sponsors a
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023
For the benefit of the church building fund of St Luke's Parish

1st Prize: Masport 6 Burner BBQ – value of \$1200
\$600 Pak n Save Gift Cards

2nd Prize: Photography package – value of \$500
Family or Engagement shoot (T&C's applicable)
\$500 Pak n Save Gift Cards

3rd Prize: IGLOO BMX 49L Chilly Bin & Christmas Hamper
– value of \$500

Raffle draw date Ticket Price: \$10
Sunday 17th December 2023

THANK YOU

Huge thanks to St Luke's Tongan community for organising the monthly Food Stall this weekend! Also thanks to you all for supporting this fundraiser event that goes towards the benefit of the church building fund.

Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School Resource & Library Assistant

We require a caring and committed person to work in our library and resource room. Duties are varied and include collation and management of books and resources.

A well organized and flexible person who is able to work independently with good computer knowledge is a requirement. 20 hours per week, Monday – Thursday, term time only, to commence Term 1 2024.

Please send CV and covering letter to:

principal@sanctamariaprimary.school.nz

Closing date: 4 December 2023.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Religious Christmas cards are available from the Parish Office

\$15 for a pack of 5.



MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We will remember the Holy Souls at all Masses. Please click to the link or scan the QR code below to add names of your loved ones.

bit.ly/holysouls2023



There will also be a box stationed in the front of the altar.

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.

ADVERTISING

BACK PARISH NEWSLETTER - 1 spot available only

We are about to pre-print our newsletter for the next print cycle. If you would like to support the parish and have your business advertised on the back of the parish newsletter, please confirm a spot ASAP with Ambi at INKPRINT 09 441 6011.
Reference St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush.

PARISH WORKING BEE SAT 9 DEC 10AM

A great opportunity to serve and spruce up the grounds in time for Christmas. Please bring gardening equipment to weed, trim hedges, water blaster to wash exterior windows, cloths/rags for dusting and cleaning inside the church.

And of course the elbow grease.

Sausage sizzle will be provided at the end.
Your support will be greatly appreciated!

PARISH ASSISTANT VACANCY

The Parish of St Luke's in Flat Bush is on the hunt for a Parish Assistant to join the team. As one of the largest growing parishes in Auckland, we wish to employ a person for 25 hours a week as the parish assistant.

This role is to assist the Parish Priest to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for assisting with Sunday Masses.

The applicant would assist with office administration, adult faith formation, co-ordinate music ministry and have a good grasp of social media.

Applicants should be active Catholics and able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church.

Good communication, strong planning and organization skills are essential.

Applicants must have the right to work in NZ and have a NZ drivers licence.

For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email

office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

The Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you, and it is for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level.

Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. Registrations are closing!

www.lifeteen.nz

Gaudete: Advent & Christmas Carols

3pm - 5pm Saturday, 25th November 2023 Sir Woolf Fisher Arena (770 Great South Road, Manukau 2104)

For All Ages | Donation / Entry by Koha | Free Parking

Available Come and enjoy great singing at this diocesan party.