

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 21.01.2024

First Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-9

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel

Mark 1: 14-20

EXPLORING THE WORD

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B invite us to be transformed by the call of Jesus. In the first reading, Jonah hears God's call and sets off for Nineveh. Both Jonah's message to Nineveh and Jesus' proclamation in the Gospel emphasize the need for repentance.

This theme invites the faithful to reflect on their own lives and the need for ongoing conversion.

The psalm asks God to show us the path he desires for us. Psalm 25 speaks to seeking and trusting in God's guidance, emphasizing the importance of humility and faith in God's paths and truths.

The second reading tells us that the world as we know it is passing away.

From 1 Corinthians, there is an emphasis on the fleeting nature of earthly experiences and the importance of focusing on eternal truths.

The Gospel recounts Jesus call for repentance and the call of Simon Peter and Andrew. The immediacy with which the disciples respond to Jesus' call in the Gospel of Mark reflects the urgent nature of embracing the Gospel and following Christ.

4th SUN ORD TIME 28.01.2024

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 9

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel

Mark 1: 21-28

5th SUN ORD TIME 04.02.2024

First Reading

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147: 1-6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Gospel

Mark 1: 29-39

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Balicao, Arturo Chan Mow, Arlene Pereira.

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ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS

Filipino Community: Cora Noblejas, Erna Balbas, Harold Balicao, Nieda Chiu, Joval Moredo, Cherrie La Paz.

Samoa Community: Allan Stowers, Tuala Ben Silva, Leanne Brighouse, Judith Vitolio, Arturo C.M.

Tongan Community: Soana Kauhalanuia, Sioeli Vaiangaina, Alo Puleanga.

Indian Community: Jose Paul, David Singh.

Kiwi & Other Nationals: Michelle Cammell, Doreen Wakefield, Mike Pope.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is

\$1,620,503.00

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

COLLECTIONS 14 JANUARY 2023

1st Collection:

\$3,675.70

2nd Collection:

\$1,140.50

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/

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Kevin Sitten, Angel Labrador (Philippines), Dorothy Mackay (South Africa), Ernestina Virtuadazo (Philippines), Nineva Vaitupu (Dunedin), Marc Oliver, Joan, Kalameli Lesa (Samoa), Laurie Richardson, Clement, Carolina Mondelo Claraball (Philippines), Ineen Reynolds (Paeroa), Elicia Enriquez, Peter Kim.

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Noronha (1st), Gualeberto Ilao (40days), Pelegia, John Lim, Anne Abbot, Joseph, Buena Hurcomb (3yrs), Teresa Dias (1st), Yvonne Gunther (3rd), Elsa Watkinson (1st), Teresita Piramide (17th), Natividad Oporto Monsanto, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Lim Family (Thanksgiving), Mala (sickness),

Birthdays: Dominic, Rebecca, Nicholas, Anne Marie & Fly,



**Thank you to all our ministry
Volunteers for your service
to our Parish!**



**There will be no rosters
published in the newsletter.
If you are attending Mass
during January and are available
to minister, please see the Mass
coordinator in the foyer.**

**Fr Craig's 22nd
ANNIVERSARY OF
PRIESTHOOD**
next Friday 26th January

*Wishing you
wonderful celebration!
Thank you for all you do for
the parish. Praying 2024 will
treat you well!!*



WELCOME NEW PARISH OFFICE STAFF

A very warm welcome to our new staff members to the parish office team:

Fr Larry Rusia will join the Parish as Assistant priest.

Fr Larry was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral in 2011. He has served at a number of parishes in the Auckland Diocese and most recent at St. Joseph's Kaitia as the parish priest for 4 yrs.

Fr Larry was born in the Philippines where his family are located. Fr Larry will join the team in early February.

Sister Lyra Manalo will join our parish staff as the new Pastoral Coordinator. She is one of five siblings and is of Filipino descent. Sr Lyra belongs to the Sisters of Mercy NZ religious order and is undergoing studies.

Sr Lyra is eager to share her gifts and get to know the St Luke's family.

Tagilima Moefana (Lima for short) has joined our team as the assistant administrator. She is the eldest of three, born in Samoa, raised in South Auckland. Lima has been a parishioner of the St Luke's Parish for many years. Lima is a family orientated person who enjoys traveling and cooking.

All our new staff members are excited to embrace this new opportunity to serve to ever growing and vibrant Community.

MANY CULTURES OF ST LUKES

If you are new to our parish, check out our noticeboard map. Let the parish office staff know to place a pin on your nation.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Join the excitement! We're on a mission to make a positive impact, and we need your energy on our fundraising committee. Be part of the change—lets create memorable moments and support our parish together!!

Email your interest to the parish office
office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

FRIDAY 1.30PM MASS

Friday afternoon mass will resume on the 9th February 2024.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meet and pray every week **Wednesday 7- 8.30pm**, here at the parish. If you would like to have the Legion of Mary Mother statue visit your home please contact Maria Denis on 021 991 833.

This service is for everyone.

FOOD STALL FUNDRAISER

The next parish food stalls will be on **Sunday 18th February 2024** after 8.30am & 10.30am Mass, hosted by St Luke's INDIAN community. ***Eftpos & Cash will be available.***

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHURCH FUNDRAISING

If there is anyone who wishes to be involved and/or is able to assist in any way please contact the leaders listed on the foyer noticeboard.

BAPTISM DATES

The next baptism date is the **10th February 2024**. Please contact the parish office for more information.
09 359 4750

There are no baptisms during Lent from the 14th Feb to 23rd March 2024

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

Exciting Opportunity for Teenagers!

Presenting... Theology of the Body for Teens! Join us for a 5-part course on St. Pope John Paul II's profound teachings on the meaning of human love, relationships, and the beauty of life!

Dates: February 11, 18, 25, and March 3, 10

Time: 3pm to 6pm

Location: St Mark's Church, Pakuranga

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to grow spiritually, connect with fellow teens in the East Auckland region, and navigate the journey of life with a solid foundation. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there!

To reserve a spot, the course fee is \$10 which can be made into St Mark's Parish bank account 02-0108-0708684-00 by 7th February with reference [TOB *full name*]. Please send a screenshot of your payment to annaelizabethgeorge99@gmail.com along with your teen's name and age to confirm their registration.

For more information, please contact Sydney Causer [021 02575903](tel:02102575903) or Adam Salamoun [027 2963230](tel:0272963230)