

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18.02.2024

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,6-7, 8-9

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel

Mark 1: 12-15

EXPLORING THE WORD

In today's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert, the prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25.02.2024

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Wayne Cammell,

Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Balicao, Arturo Chan Mow, Arlene Pereira.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Lydia Lobo, Tony Noronha, Mike Pope, Utita Sakalia, Nicola Crestanello, Fr Craig.

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

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Gloria Trevino, Bong De Vera, Allan S, Judith V, Manu Latu, Fr Craig.

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 Brighthouse, 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
\$1,615,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

COLLECTIONS 11 FEBRUARY 2023

1st Collection: \$3,683.90
2nd Collection: \$1,380.20

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

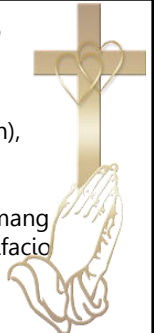
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Roland Young, Pearl Dharmai, Gualberto Ilao

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Rudd, Chippy Rosales, Chang Yeung (14th), Maximo, Cipriano, Angelina, Minerva, Concepcion, Innocencia, All Souls in purgatory especially the forgotten ones, Purificacion Meer (12th), Josephine Freemantle, Sr Malia Iosefina Iosefo SMSM (3rd), Milagros Aguzar, Valerio Amang Lopez, Jose Alontave, John Kuruvila (5th), Fe Opiana (14th), Martin Lee, Bonifacio Digaum (1st), Ester Nisperos, Nila Lavilla, Bernard & Melissa Williams, Jun Corpuz, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Koreti Gibson, Vincent (Healing & Good health), All Grandparents & Ancestors, Constante Ulep (successful operation), Uttankar Family, (Tereja, Francis, Vijay, Rajiv in India), Lim Family

Birthdays: Tony Leasi, Jason Mikea Falelavaki, Chanel Moefana, Kymani David, Kaye, Baby Gia Agam Denis, Archie Anog, Roberto Anog, Owen Tamayo, Amaia Tangifua, Karen Mac Ulep (39th)



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 25 FEBRUARY 2024

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Ninoshca Remedios	Patricia Smith	Eden Feagaiga	Irene Siasoco	Aaron Chan
			Glaine M Geralde	Oliver Tamayo	
		Janet Wigmore	Persia Hunkin	Owen Tamayo	
			Chase Lardizabal		
8:30AM	Siosiana Paletua	Penina Schmidt	Colin Kirkwood	J L Lopez	Nathan Pereira
			Guiliana Taruc	Joaquin Fallar	
		Cedric Pigginn	Keilah Terrobias	Claire Raubenheimer	
			Phillip Ah Kau		
10:30AM	Utita Sakalia	Ysabel Kis-ing	Devon Mah-kwan	Felipe Elecanal	George Hayes
			Elaine Penaflor	Gennie Rudd	
			Yoshua Angelo Quedi	Doris Shennan	
		Jimel Mejica	Leila Sila	Junior Wong Ling	
			Sean Andrei Serdenia	Mary Wong Ling	
				Faapine Pupualii	
5:00PM	Johannes Klaessens	Pearl Felongco	Maxie Realon	Chanté Parker	Sapna Mathews
			Chloe Park	Theresa Feagaiga	
		Mariane Mudaliar		Lima Moefana	

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

Please contact Thomas for any roster queries:



coordinator
@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Reconciliation

Every Friday during Lent 6.30pm-7pm

Followed by **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent 7pm-7.30pm

Feb 16, 23 and March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

PARISH RECONCILIATION RITE II

March 14th 2024 at 7pm

HOLY WEEK TIMES 2024

Palm Sunday: *Saturday March 23rd at 5pm*
Sunday March 24th at 8.30am & 10am

Holy Thursday: *March 28th at 7pm*

Good Friday: *March 29th*
10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Reading of the Passion and
The Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil: *March 30th at 7.30pm*

Easter Sunday: *March 31st at 8.30am, 10.30am & 5pm*

PARKING FOR EASTER MASSES

Please make use of the carpark at Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School to alleviate traffic congestion.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is an opportunity for us to turn again to God. It is much more than a time to 'give something up'. We are called to a change of mind and heart. We are called to look at where we are at and where we ought to be.

Are we living the life Jesus calls us to?

Here are some ways to join the journey through Lent to Easter:

PRAYER

- Spend time with God - make time to pray.
- Try to attend weekday Mass.
- Set aside time before meals to pray as a family.
- Spend a short time each day reflecting on your life and seeking God's help.

ALMSGIVING

- Donate non-perishable food to the needy (place in the basket in the foyer)
- Donate our time to support a needy person or a good cause.
- Donate to the Lenten Appeal 'Caritas' Envelopes (Foyer)

FASTING

- Help around the house more
- Volunteer to visit the elderly
- Donate to the needy toys or clothes they've outgrown of
- Try to be kind to a child at school who needs a friend

Other Suggestions:

- Arrive to Mass on time
- Read the 'Exploring the Word' section in the newsletter
- Join Journey through Lent program

CONFIRMATION ONLY ENQUIRIES

The parish is planning on providing a course for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation either teenagers or adults. Please enquire with the Sr Lyra.

5PM SUNDAY MASS VOLUNTEERS

Please enquire with the Parish Office Staff should you wish to serve your community by becoming a Minister of Holy Communion or a Minister of The Word. If you're already a Minister and attending this mass and would like to be permanently rostered for this Mass, please contact Thomas.

BAPTISM DATES

The next baptism date is the **27th April 2024**. Please contact the parish office for more information.
09 359 4750

RCIA & RCIC RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION

Join us in celebrating the dedication and journey of our RCIA & RCIC candidates and catechumens as they move closer to the Rite of Election this Sunday, February 18th. Your faith and commitment inspire us all. Let's continue to support and pray for them as they deepen their Catholic journey.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REMINDER

Classes start at 9.30am sharp on next Sunday, the 25th February 2024.

THANK YOU

Huge thanks to our St Luke's Indian Community for organising the monthly Food Stall this weekend! Also thanks to you all for supporting this fundraiser event! Hope you enjoy the food and drinks!

BARADENE COLLEGE

Open day tours: Feb 27th, 28th, 29th, 9am-10am
Book online www.baradene.school.nz from 9am, Feb 20th and before 3pm Feb 26th
Enrolments for Year 7, 2025 & for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now. Close March

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

Catholic Champagnat Marish School for Boys
Open day tour on Thursday March 7th 2024
9.30am or 1.45pm, Assembly in the College Chapel
Enrolments for Year 7, 8 and 9 in 2025
Limited enrolments at other levels

ST MARY'S COLLEGE

11 New St, Ponsonby
Open day on Thursday March 7th 2024
2.30pm & 6.30pm, Paul Keane Gymnasium
Closing date for 2025 applications March 15, 2024
For Yr 7 & 9 and a small number of places.