

**23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
08.09.2024**

First Reading
Isaiah 35:4-7
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 146:6-10 (R.1)
Second Reading
James 2:1-5
Gospel
Mark 7:31-37

EXPLORING THE WORD

In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

24th SUN IN ORD TIME 15.09.2024

First Reading
Isaiah 50-5-9
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9 (R.9)
Second Reading
James 2:14-18
Gospel
Mark 8:27-35

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

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ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS

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

Samoan Community: Allan Stowers, Tuala Ben Silva, Leanne Brighthouse, Judith Vitolio, Arturo C.M.

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

Indian & Sri Lankan Community: Jose Paul, Natasha Martis, Gayan Gunawardena, Douglas de Sourza.

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

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is
\$1,390,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

**CASH COLLECTIONS
01 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1st Collection:
\$4,504.10
2nd Collection:
\$1,616.90

**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@cdca.org.nz

BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

The next baptism date is on the
21st September 2024.
Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.
Enquire with the Parish Office for registration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Mose Lee-Sang, Estela Tupaz (Philippines), Richard Pule-anga, Gladys Pereira, Eric Laoh (Jakarta), Andrew Robertson, Bassim Petros, Kossey Bassim

Anniversaries of Death: Catalina Magallanes, Purisima Balbas (1st), Leonila Vispo (40th Day), Kristine Felizardo, Francis Joseph, Jesusa Clemente (7th), Manfred (9th), Jette (10th), Deacon Jimmie (15th), Lourdes Villapando, Bryan Baird (3rd), Jose Maria, Robert Shennan (2nd), Phuoc Ngo, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Firminus Park & Family, Gustav Santos (Healing), Faalele & Livi Kolia, John & Christine Sakalia, Mother Mary, St Joseph, St Jude, St Rita and all the Saints, Sagi Hendricks (Thanksgiving), Kapsi Ngan Woo (Sick), Doris Jimmie (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Susan Ahn (Sick)

Birthdays: Jorrie Villanueva, Baby Violet Natua, Mrs Flora Rauru, William Rauru, Esther Lim Kim Seok, Miyoko Pereira (10th)



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Vernon Velayo	Zoe Martis	Chase Lardizabal	Julyan Balicao	Aaron Chan	Butch Bolante
			Maryjane Wong Ling	Joseph George		Boy Banson
		Dominic Carlos	Jirus Wong Ling Jakob Bolante	Thomas George		Anish Martis Clyde Fernandes
8.30AM	Niel Kulkarni	Shandel Ngan Woo	Jodek Lopez	Ane Kauhalaniua	Daniel Pereira	Lyall Tavener
			Amasa Paletua Renayee Nuia	Fehoko Kauhalaniua Sue Kubala		Steven Henkin Ponifasio McKinney
		Sharon Naidoo	Jas Lopez	Janet Kulkarni Joaquin Fallar		Luka Toki
10.30AM	Blace Sayas	Patricia Nepomuceno	Samuel Dsouza	Marina De Silva	Kelly Cheah	Cheenee Paras
			Kurt Factor	Grace Chiu		Baldwin Sayas
		Angenith Roche	Andrei Isidro	George Dio		Emmanuel Krakue
			Adriel Isidro	Tess Elepano		Kenneth Pascua
Emmanuel Kuriachen	Allison Serdenia Rian De Los Reyes Emilie Abuyan	Ralph Chavez				
5PM	Lia Tekiteki	Leilani Sakalia	Makayla Morris	Cathy Latu	Josie de la Cruz	Jojo Espinosa
			Henri Morris	Eva Frederickson		Earl Odevilas
		Prakash Jacob	Anthony Xu	Miguel Rodrigues		Noel Realon

Thank you to all our ministry volunteers for your service to our Parish!
Please contact coordinator@flatbushcatholic.org.nz for any roster queries.

FILIPINO FOOD STALL

If you'd like to contribute food to sell at the next food stall on September 15th, you can email the following

Filipino Community Leaders:

Nieda Chiu: niedac@yahoo.co.nz

Cherrie Lapaz: chellapaz08@gmail.com

Cora Noblejas: cora@versatile-images.co.nz

Harold Balicao: harold.balicao@gmail.com

Joval Moredo: jovalm@xtra.co.nz

Erna Balbas: jemantic@yahoo.com



BISHOP DENIS BROWNE

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved Bishop Denis Browne, 5th Bishop of Rarotonga, 10th Bishop of Auckland and Emeritus Bishop of Hamilton.

May we continue to carry forward his spirit of love and service. Please remember him in your prayers.

ST LUKES WELCOMES SEMINARIAN

We are pleased to announce that a Holy Cross Seminarian who will be visiting St Lukes for two weeks.

We welcome him!

ADVERTISING IN PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you would like to advertise your business in the parish newsletter, enquire with Ambi at INKPRINT 09 441 6011.

Reference: St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush.

ST LUKES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The most wonderful time of the year is just around the corner, and we're excited to plan ahead to celebrate the season with our annual Christmas Raffle! We're reaching out to you to contribute prizes or make a donation to help us purchase additional prizes for the raffle.

For enquiries please email the Parish Office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

8-14 September 2024

Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace.

This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace.

Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 2024-2025

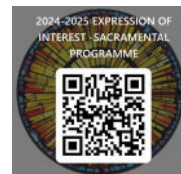
The next Sacramental Programme is starting this October. We are now accepting the Expression of Interest (EOI) of those who want their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

This is NOT the enrolment process.

Once EOI is submitted, parents/caregivers **MUST** attend the compulsory registration session either at 7 pm on 26 September or at 12 pm on 29 September with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. There is a fee of \$25 for each Sacrament enrolled in to cover the material and other expenses throughout the programme.

Email: pastoral@flatbushcatholic.org.nz for further questions.

Please scan the QRCode or go to the link <https://forms.office.com/r/nzhQZXHjKJ>
Closes 25th September 2024



COLUMBIAN ART CALENDARS 2025

These beautiful calendars are now available to purchase for \$15 from the Parish Office.

MARY VISITS LUKE

Family Rosary Program

Celebrate with us on our 12th year launch!

Living Rosary Event, Saturday, 28th Sept 2024, 3PM-4PM, St Luke's Parish Church.

2024-2025 Weekly Roster.

Registrations is also now open for Our Lady of Grace to visit a St Luke's family every week!

Sign-up after the Sunday Masses on

22nd & 29th September or

email maryvisitsluke@gmail.com.

First come, first serve!

NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOC.

NZ Catholic Medical Association Networking Event with Dr Mary English on 20 September, AT Mayne Wetherell, Bayleys House, Lvl 5, 30 Gaunt St, AKL.

The event will be for healthcare students and professionals and is an opportunity to connect with each other, learn and be inspired. Scan QR to register.



NEXT ST LUKES YOUTH NIGHT

Finding your Identity in Christ

Join our St Lukes Youth Group for Youth Night on Saturday, 21st September, 6pm-8pm at St Lukes, Parish Lounge.

Ever wonder what really defines you?

We all try to fit in but what if our identity is rooted in something greater? It's time to dig deeper - Literally!

Let's get down to the root of who we are as children of God.

Email Carmel at slyflatbush@gmail.com for Youth Group enquiries.