

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
02.02.2025**

**First Reading**  
Malachi 3:1-4  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 24:7-10  
**Second Reading**  
Hebrews 2:10-11, 13-18  
**Gospel**  
Luke 2:22-40

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

**5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 09.02.2025**

**First Reading**  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 138:1-8  
**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
**Gospel**  
Luke 5:1-11

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**Tongan Community:** Soana Kauhalaniua, Sioeli Vaingaina, Alo Puleanga.

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

**Kiwi & Other Nationals:** Yolette Bransby, Mike Pope, Doreen Wakefield.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE**

loan balance is  
**\$1,165,503.00**  
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

**CASH COLLECTIONS 26 JANUARY 2025**

1st Collection:  
**\$4,253.60**  
2nd Collection:  
**\$1,165.70**

**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**

Baptisms inquiries for  
**Easter Sunday (20th April) 2025**

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby. Enquire with the Parish Office for more information.

[assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)

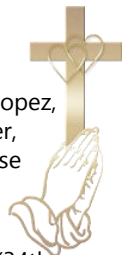
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Angraini Ratna

**Anniversaries of Death:** Luna De Jesus Macapagal, Teresa Dias, Amang Lopez, Milagros Aguzar, Bonifacio Digaum, Michael Anthony, Reynaldo Sr, P Sylvester, Natividad Valdez, Joe Moralejo, Gualberto Ila (1st), Anthony Joseph Brighthouse (8th), Myrtle-Ann Victor (4th), Gloria Diwa (2nd), Alberto Laurena (2nd), Soane Kauhalaniua, Jose Trevino (16 mnths), Joan Keals, Pablito Santos

**Special Intentions:** Martyna & Jonathan (Wedding), John & Tina Tiongco (34th Wedding Ann.), Narciso & Lily Tanyag (40th Wedding Ann.), Shaniqua, Jovish, Maryelle, Mattias, Batungbakal Family (Thanksgiving), Romina Banson, Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovia (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Ponifasio Smith (Recovery), Emily Goh (Healing), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

**Birthdays:** Lee Musham (50th)



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 09 FEBRUARY 2025**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Natasha Martis	Ton Quiballo	Glaine Geralde	Oliver Tamayo	Aaron Chan	Joseph Cruz
			Maryjane Wong Ling	Joseph Mukkada		Dennis Guarin
		Karl Guarin	Jirus Wong Ling	Julyan Balicao		Omar Tamayo
			Jakob Bolante			TBA
8.30AM	Shandel Ngan Woo	Sharon Naidoo	Hezekiah Faletagoai	Janet Kulkarni	Lynn Hunkin	Ponifasio McKinney
			Mercy McKinney	Claire Raubenheimer		Chris Motulalo
		Penina Schmidt	Amasa Paletua	Deon Saunders	Isabella & Sapphire	Vaea Motulalo
			Marialutu Paletua	Lentine Fidow		Steven Henkin
10.30AM	Kara Schmidt	TJ Reyes	Cian Da Silva	Junior Wong Ling	Kelly Cheah	Mike Pope
			Jacen Mejica	Mary Wong Ling		Emmanuel Krakue
			Kurt Factor	Lily Tanyag		Dan Lapaz
		Utita Sakalia	Devon Mah-kwan	Narciso Tanyag		Aaron Rodrigues
			Elaine Penafior	Rohan Rodrigues		Queenie Paras
				Virginia Lesa-Toala		Abraham Fruean
5PM	Maxie Realon	Nathan Viegas	Chloe Park	Bernadette-Rose Tominiko	Kimi Realon	Kervin Balanay
			Arkhan Mercadero	Sophia Kim		Jojo Espinosa
		Carol Viegas	Anthony Xu	Cathy Latu		Earl Odevilas
			Nathan St. Ana			Bubba Reuyan

## A MESSAGE FROM FR CRAIG

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to present a gift, express their gratitude, and provide a plate for my farewell celebration last week.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness made the occasion truly special, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity. Please know that I will carry you all in my prayers as I move on to the next chapter of my ministry.

Wishing you all continued blessings and peace.  
Fr Craig

## ST LUKE'S WELCOME ASSISTANT PRIEST FR. JEAN PAUL ABOU NAOUM

Marahaba, Hello! A very warm welcome to Fr Jean Paul who joins us as Assistant Priest. Fr Jean Paul was ordained a priest in Lebanon in 2014 and has been a parish Priest at St Elias in Manurewa since 2018.

He looks forward to meeting and serving the lovely parishioners of St Lukes.

## PROJECTIONIST REQUIRED

We are seeking reliable projectionist to assist with the visual presentations at our Vigil Masses.

If you are interested in serving in this important ministry and don't mind being rostered then please email the Parish Office at [coordinator@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)



## YOUNG LEADERS MASTERCLASS

Youth Ministry Leaders are invited to a quarterly event dedicated to equipping, empowering and energising you for ministry. The 1st Masterclass for 2025 will feature two workshops focused on helping you make the best possible start to your ministry year!

Keep an eye on the socials for announcements, presenters and topics of the workshop. As always, there will be fantastic (free!) food and plenty of opportunities to connect with other young leaders. Build relationships, share experiences, and be part of a support network that will help you grow in your ministry.

**Sunday, 23rd February 2pm-6pm**  
**30 New St, Ponsonby**

Go to [www.facebook.com/AKCYM](https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM) or email [youthmin@cda.org.nz](mailto:youthmin@cda.org.nz) for more info and to register.

## RCIA/RCIC

A friendly reminder that the RCIA/RCIC Program starts back up next Sunday, 9th February 2025 at 9.30am. Please pray for all the participants and sponsors who will be walking and guiding them in their faith journey.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday 6th February  
Waitangi Day

## WAITANGI DAY 2025 MASS

All are welcome to the 9am Mass on Thursday, 6th Feb to pray for our nation as we acknowledge the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840.

## SCHOOL TERM 1 BEGINS

Welcome back to school, students and teachers! We hope everyone had a relaxing break and returned feeling recharged. May this term bring you growth, inspiration and success in all that you do. Have an amazing start to the year!

## HOLY COMMUNION

As we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, we want to remind you of a few important guidelines:

**Say Amen** - When you receive Holy Communion, please respond with a heartfelt "Amen" after the priest or Minister presents the Body of Christ.

**Receiving in Front of the Minister** - It is important that you receive Holy Communion directly in front of the minister, not taking it back to your seat. This ensures that the sacred moment is properly observed and helps maintain the reverence of the liturgy.

**Accompanying Children** - We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult during this time to ensure their proper guidance and understanding of the sacrament. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

## PARKING FOR ALL MASS TIMES

Please avoid double parking especially in front of the entrance doors and make use of the carpark at Sancta Maria Catholic Primary to alleviate traffic congestion.

## COMMISSIONING MASS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry with our Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass!

**Sunday, 23rd February, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral**

Bishop Steve Lowe will be celebrating the mass and commissioning our young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2025. If you're a youth leader you're an essential part of this mass! We invite Catholics from across the Diocese to join us for this celebration. Unite with our young leaders in faith, hope and joy as we commence another incredible year of youth ministry.

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