

**2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
19.01.2025**

First Reading
Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 96:1-4, 7-10
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel
John 2:1-12

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's Gospel reading describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

Jesus establishes the New Covenant. This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 26.01.2025

First Reading
Nehemiah 8:2, 4-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 19:7-9, 14 (R. Jn 6:63)
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel
Luke 1:1:1-4; 4:14-21

4th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 02.02.2025

First Reading
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 71:1-3, 5-6, 15, 17
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:31; 13:13
Gospel
Luke 4:21-30

5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 09.02.2025

First Reading
Isaiah 60:1-2, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel
Luke 5:1-11

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BUILDING FUND UPDATE

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

CASH COLLECTIONS 12 JANUARY 2025

1st Collection:
\$3,729.10
2nd Collection:
\$1,100.40

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

Baptisms inquiries for **Feb 2025**

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.

Enquire with the Parish Office for more information.

assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

Note: There are no baptisms during Lent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Angraini Ratna

Anniversaries of Death: Michael Anthony, Reynaldo Sr, P Sylvester, Natividad Valdez, Joe Moralejo, Gualberto Ilao (1st), Anthony Joseph Brighouse (8th), Myrtle-Ann Victor (4th), Gloria Diwa (2nd), Alberto Laurena (2nd), Soane Kauhalaniau, Jose Trevino (16 mnths), Joan Keals, Vaisioa (9th), Cecilia D'Lima (8th), Sr Edward (17th), Fortunata, Michael Anthony, Eileen Abrahams (2nd), Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Ponifasio Smith (Recovery), Emily Goh (Healing), Lemo Tovia (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Janet Kulkarni, Wilfredo Rina



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

There will be no rosters published in the newsletter. Please refer to your January Rosters. If you are attending Mass during the holiday period and are available to serve, please see the Mass Coordinator in the foyer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
on 27th December
&
23RD ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD
on 26th January
to Fr Craig!

Wishing you wonderful celebration!
Thank you for all you did for the parish. Praying 2025 will treat you well!



CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Next weekend, January 25th and 26th we will come together to not only farewell Fr. Craig but also to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of his presence and leadership among us for the past eight years. It has truly been a blessing to have him as our shepherd.

To celebrate this occasion we invite everyone to bring a plate of food to share with everyone at the Saturday 5pm Vigil, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and at the 5pm Mass.

Please bring finger food on disposable plates and leave them in the kitchen with our volunteers.

After each of these Masses, we will gather to enjoy some time together and enjoy Fr Craig's company for his final Sunday.

Let us unite in gratitude and joy as we honour Fr. Craig and give thanks for all the blessings he has brought to our parish. We look forward to celebrating with you all.

TRIBUTE TO FR CRAIG

Due to the large volume of submissions, we are no longer able to accept additional files. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who submitted and shared their cherished memories, photos and videos with us.

Your support and contributions helped us create a beautiful tribute to the many special moments we've shared with him over the years.

DONATION BOX FOR FR CRAIG

As we prepare to say farewell to Fr. Craig, some of you have asked what would be an appropriate gift.

For those who are unsure, a Donation Box for monetary gifts has been placed underneath the statue of Mary.

The box is clearly marked for your convenience. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to do so.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CELEBRATION

If you would like to help with the setup, pack down and clean-up for the Celebration of Thanksgiving, please see Celia from the Parish Office or email her at assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz to let her know you're available to assist and kindly inform her of which Mass time you'd like to help at.

PARKING AT ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL

If you would like to attend Mass at the Cathedral, it is advisable to download the ParkMate App to obtain discounted parking in the weekend. More information and instructions can be found by following this link:

<https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/about-the-cathedral/parking/>



FRONT GARDENS

Please help to preserve our beautiful front gardens and remind children not to walk over the plants, throw stones or put stones inside the fountain holes.

RCIA/RCIC

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

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.

ST LUKES YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Did you know that we have activities for your children?



Youth Group

Email: slyflatbush@gmail.com

Youth Choir and the Childrens Choir

Email: stlukesjuniormusic@gmail.com

JUBILEE SING JUBILEE

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Jubilee in 2025. There will be international events, diocesan events that you can check out at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/> and we are also called to be pilgrims of hope as local and domestic Church.

Check out some ways this can be through our first Jubilee Jottings <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf>

And if you have your own ideas about how Jubilee Year can be celebrated please let us know through pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSES

Human Love in the Divine Plan: Adult and Young Adult Beginners Course: Sat 15 & Sun 16 Feb, Mission Bay.

Young Adult Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love: Wednesday evenings starting 12 February 2025; Hillsborough.

To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

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.