

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN O.T
02.03.2025

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92:1-2, 12-15

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

EXPLORING THE WORD

The final part of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable.

They are all about how to be a good disciple. The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Don't try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart. The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 09.03.2025

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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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 23 FEBRUARY 2025

1st Collection:

\$3,513.10

2nd Collection:

\$1,087.40

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

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

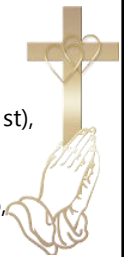
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Chacko Varghese

Anniversaries of Death: Peter Taylor (4th), Baby Gia (2nd), Joseph Goh (31st), Angel Tuyay (1st), Nita Abrau (1st), Suka Naeata, Angel Junior Quero (1st), Teofila Quero (21st) Winifred Forsyth, Ruben J. Enriquez (2nd), Anna Lee, Erwin Abrea (1st), Fe Garcia (40th Day), Ma Christina Sevilla, Jess Alo Borromeo, Edward William Castelino (2nd), Robert Shannan, Peter Rudd (6th), Brian Miller (2nd), Segundo, Everly Cruz, Oon Kew (34th), Lourdes Reyes, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Tony, Simon & Steven Tiong, Alicia Aquino (healing), Arielle Cheng & Jacky Family, Annemarie (surgery) Diep Truong (Sick), Maria Isabel Chua, Maxelorenz Banson, Earl Victor, Sioeli V. (baby), Romina Banson, Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovia (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Henry Harrison (5th)



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 09 MARCH 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Karl Guarin	Natasha Martis	Trisha Faye De Jesus Alejandro Hernandez	Mary Corboy Joseph George	Zachary Guevara	Joseph Cruz Dennis Guarin Omar Tamayo Philip Chai
		Ton Quiballo	Eden Feagaiga Sydney Santos	Lydia Lobo		
8.30AM	Penina Schmidt	Shandel Ngan Woo	Hezekiah Faletagoai Mercy McKinney Amasa Paletua	Janet Kulkarni Theresa Gantias Claire Raubenheimer	Ivy Sagaral	Ponifasio McKinney Chris Motulalo Vaea Motulalo
		Sharon Naidoo	Marialutu Paletua	Deon Saunders Lentine Fidow	Isabella & Sapphire	Stephen Henkin
10.30AM	Utita Sakalia	Rosalina Abrugena	Cian Da Silva Jacen Mejica Kurt Factor	Junior Wong Ling Mary Wong Ling Lily Tanyag	Kelly Cheah	Mike Pope Emmanuel Krakue Dan Lapaz
		Alexa Lazatin	Devon Mah-kwan Elaine Penaflor	Narciso Tanyag Mel Nepomuceno Rita Nepomuceno Abraham Fruean		Aaron Rodrigues Queenie Paras
5PM	Carol Viegas	Sonasi Moefana	Chloe Park Nathan St. Ana Arkhan Mercadero	Sapna Mathews Sophia Kim	Josie Dela Cruz Yoshua Quedi	Kervin Balanay Bubba Reuyan Noel Realon
		Nathan Viegas	n/a	Cathy Latu		Roger Balanay

PARISH RECONCILIATION RITE II

Come and experience the grace of reconciliation. Take this opportunity to reflect, pray, and seek forgiveness. Whether it's been a while or you're seeking peace, this is a wonderful chance to reconnect with God.

Thursday 3rd April 2025 - 7pm

ANNOINTING / HEALING MASS

We invite you to join us for the Anointing of the Sick Mass, a special time for healing, prayer, and the grace of God's comfort. If you or a loved one is in need of physical or spiritual healing, this is a beautiful opportunity to receive the sacrament.

Wednesday 16th April 16th - 7pm

All are welcome to attend. Please bring those in need of prayer and healing.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

As we enter this season of Lent, we are called to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Please remember the following important Lenten obligations and you are most welcome to do more:

Days of Fasting & Abstinence:

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are called to fast (two small meals) and abstain from eating meat.

Fridays of Lent:

Each Friday during Lent, we are asked to observe fasting, limiting ourselves to two small meals.

Prayer during Lent:

Let us make a special effort to strengthen our prayer life this Lent. Consider setting aside time for family prayer in the evenings, bringing your loved ones together to reflect on this sacred season.

DAY OF PRAYER & PENANCE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE & VIOLENCE

On Friday, 7 March 2025, our bishops invite us to acknowledge the horrors of violence and cruelty inflicted on all those who suffered abuse within Catholic settings.

In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis invites the Church to be Beacons of Hope and Channels of Forgiveness, Peace & Reconciliation. As we gather in prayer on Friday, 7 March, let our voices be one with St Francis of Assisi:

*LORD, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

FLAT BUSH BLOOD DRIVE

St Lukes Church Tuesday 25th March 2025
12pm to 5pm
Please bring photo I.D.
Book Now—0800 GIVE BLOOD
nzblood.co.nz



ASH WEDNESDAY

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF OUR MASS TIMES

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

5th March 2025

9am, 6pm & 8pm



As we prepare for a busy Ash Wednesday we encourage you to make use of the carpark at Sancta Maria Catholic Primary as it will help reduce traffic around the church.

Please avoid double parking especially in front of the church entrance doors & on the yellow lines. Disabled parking require a visible parking pass.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30-7pm

ADORATION 7-8pm

led by Community Groups

Friday 7 th March	Samoan
Friday 14 th March	Filipino
Friday 21 st March	Kiwi & Other Nationals
Friday 28 th March	Indian & Sri Lankan
Friday 4 th April	Tongan
Friday 11 th April	Youth
Friday 18 th April GOOD FRIDAY 9am	Priest

Reconciliation Rite I

7pm-8pm every Friday during Adoration.

Please note that there will be no Exposition on the First Saturdays as we will have it on Friday nights.

CARITAS LENTEN ENVELOPES

Caritas envelopes are available in the foyer.

You may place these envelopes in the usual Sunday Collection bag or send a donation directly to Caritas.

SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY

On Wednesday 12th March at 9am or 1pm for a guided tour and presentation in the Auditorium & Enrolment Pack.

For Yr 7 to Yr 13. Registration is not required.

PREFERENCE FORMS

For a preference certificate please contact the office for an appointment.

Processing times vary so don't delay!!

ALTAR SERVING REFRESHER TRAINING

Saturday 15th April - 10am