

SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T
16.02.2025

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8 **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Mount. The mountain top is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed.

In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation... these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 23.02.2025

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4, 8-10, 121-13

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS

Filipino Community: Agnes Peralta, Harold Balicao, Niede Chiu, Joval Moredo, Cherrie La Paz

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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 09 FEBRUARY 2025

1st Collection:

\$3,644.60

2nd Collection:

\$1,927.30

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: Lina Limijati

Anniversaries of Death: Robert Shannan, Peter Rudd (6th), Brian Miller (2nd), Segundo, Everly Cruz, Oon Kew (34th), Lourdes Reyes, Martha Lin (6th), Josephine Freemantle, Carmencita, Teresa Dias, Luna De Jesus Macapagal, Amang Lopez, Milagros Aguzar, Bonifacio Digaum, Michael Anthony, Reynaldo Sr, P Sylvester, Natividad Valdez, Joe Moralejo, Gualberto Ilao (1st), Anthony Joseph Brighouse (8th), Myrtle-Ann Victor (4th), Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Maria Isabel Chua, Maxelorenz Banson, Earl Victor, Sioeli V. (baby), Elianna Saavedra (Recovery & Good Health), Ka Waz Jacky Cheng, Arielle Boya Cheng, Anya (Thanksgiving), Romina Banson, Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovio (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Tony Leasi, Bridget Meyers



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23 FEBRUARY 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Vernon Velayo	Julia Dutt	Gianna Prasad-Khan Yuna Jimenez Kim	Owen Tamayo Martha Chuardy	Oliver Tamayo and Earl Santos	Joseph Cruz Dennis Guarin Omar Tamayo TBA
		Ton Quiballo	Roger Wong Ling Boston McFall	Eddy Chuardy		
8.30AM	Sharon Naidoo	Nicola Crestanello	Gabriel Ranathunga Ariana Hall	Louis Magallanes Deon Saunders	Semisi Paletua	Lyll Tavener Chris Motulalo Vaea Motulalo
		Siosiana Paletua	Amasa Paletua Marialutu Paletua	Claire Raubenheimer Janet Kulkarni Theresa Gantias	Isabella & Sapphire	Stephen Henkin
10.30AM	Katherine Gray	Claryn Gray	Samuel Dsouza Kurt Factor	Donna Afano Clara Gray	George Hayes	Mike Pope Emmanuel Krakue Dan Lapaz
			Devon Mah-kwan	Allison Serdenia		
		Angenith Roche	Cian Da Silva	Don Velasco Grace Chiu		Aaron Rodrigues
			Brea Baring	Abraham Fruean Joaquin Fallar		Queenie Paras
5PM	Sonasi Moefana	Callum McLeod	Chloe Park Nathan St. Ana	Alisa Magele-Rees Daphne Melville	Josie de la Cruz and Yoshua Quedi	Kervin Balanay Jojo Espinosa Earl Odevilas
		Maxie Realon	Arkhan Mercadero	Chant'e Parker		Roger Balanay
			Mercy Magele-Rees			

ST LUKE'S WELCOME BISHOP PETER BROWN

It is with great joy and warmth that we welcome Bishop Peter Brown, who joins us as our new Administrator. Bishop Peter brings with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the service of the Church.

Ordained as a priest in 1981, he served faithfully as the Bishop of American Samoa and Oceania from 2013 for 10 years. After retiring in 2023, Bishop Brown was reappointed as the Apostolic Administrator of Samoa, Tokelau, and Oceania until 2024, continuing his devoted leadership in the region.

We are blessed to have him with us at St. Luke's, and we look forward to his guidance and spiritual leadership in the weeks ahead.

Please join us in offering Bishop Peter Brown a heartfelt welcome!

INDIAN & SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY THANK YOU

Thank you to the Indian & Sri Lankan Community for serving morning tea last weekend as we welcomed Bishop Peter Brown.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Due to the growth of the parish we have introduced an extra Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

March 5th 2025
9am, 6pm and 8pm

Reconciliation Rite I

Every Friday during Lent 6.30pm-7pm

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent 7pm-7.30pm
March 07, 14, 21, 28 and April 04, 11



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.

CAR PARKING

Please avoid double parking, especially in front of the entrance doors. Extra parking is available behind the church on the grass area when the weather is fine. Please make use of the carpark at Sancta Maria Primary to avoid traffic congestion.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference launched the renewed CathNews NZ project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews NZ website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.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.



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.

Go to www.facebook.com/AKCYM
or email youthmin@cda.org.nz for more info.

ST LUKES YOUTH PRESENTS
2025 GRAND SPORTS FEST
SAT 22 FEBRUARY: 1PM - 5PM | ST LUKES CHURCH
NETBALL | TOUCH | VOLLEYBALL | & MORE
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