

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN O.T**  
**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 6:17, 27-38

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy. In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

**8th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 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

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:**

Wayne C. Thomas P, Celia H, Harold B, Arturo C. Mow, Arlene P, Filipino M, Fr Jean Paul, Bishop Peter Brown

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**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** Gloria T, Bong De Vera, Allan S, Judith V, Malu L, Litiana L

**ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS**

**Filipino Community:** Agnes Peralta, Harold Balicao, Niedeia Chiu, Joval Moredo, Cherrie La Paz.

**Samoan Community:** Allan Stowers, Tuala Ben Silva, Leanne Brighouse, Judith Vitolio, Arturo Chan Mow.

**Tongan Community:** Soana Kauhalaniua, Sioeli Vaiangaina, 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 16 FEBRUARY 2025**

1st Collection:  
**\$3,736.30**

2nd Collection:  
**\$1,175.40**

**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/](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:** Dr Jerry Briones

**Anniversaries of Death:** 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, Martha Lin (6th), Josephine Freemantle, Carmencita, Teresa Dias, Luna De Jesus Macapagal, Amang Lopez, Milagros Aguzar, Bonifacio Digaum, Pablito Santos

**Special Intentions:** Diep Truong (Sick), 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 Tovia (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

**Birthdays:** Vianney Moefana, Ronnie Yambet (53rd), Mike Pope, Rene Felizardo,



**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 02 MARCH 2025**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS	
5:00PM	Ninoshca Remedios	Rebecca Guarin	Jermaine Daclan	Beatrice Basilio	Owen Tamayo and Earl Santos	Butch Bolante	
			Bryle Magayanes	Joshua Araos		Boy Banson	
		Zoe Martis	Jakob Bolante	Thomas George		Clyde Fernandes	
			Glaine Geralde			Sunil Serrao	
8.30AM	Nicola Crestanello	Madel de Vera	Phillip Ah Kau	Jana Lopez	Lynn Hunkin	Manny Magallanes	
			Annamarie Ah Kau	J L Lopez		Aldrin Dare	
		Genevieve Fernandes	Calvin Chong	Theresa Gantias		Isabella & Sapphire	Luka Toki
			Keilah Terrobias	Sue Kubala			Lyal Tavener
			Sage Fernandes				
10.30AM	Diego Carrillo	Rosalina Abrugena	Arwyn Batungbakal	Fa'apine Pupali'i	Devon Hayes	Cheenee Paras	
			Sean Serdenia	Donna Afano		Baldwin Sayas	
			Allyson Cahill	Emilie Abuyan		Jarius Factor	
		Jimuel Mejica	Brea Baring	Tess Elepano		Ralph Chavez	
			Leila Sila	Rian De Los Reyes		Clara Gray	Raden Chavez
						Melanie Regino	
5PM	Melvin Mathew	Liam Aumareva	Simi Tekiteki	Daphne Melville	Averill Realon	Kenneth Pascua	
			Matthew Espinosa	Carolyn Massey		Earl Odevilas	
		Johannes Klaessens	Ariabelle Odevilas	Miguel Rodrigues		Christopher D.	
			Anthony Xu			Jojo Espinosa	

## SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR PARISHIONERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding training is a policy requirement of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland the National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) for those volunteers working with children, youth and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is for everyone, we therefore encourage all parishioners to consider attending.

Volunteers and parishioners from all parishes are invited to attend.

For more information please contact Lisa-May Gray by email [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz) or phone: 09 360 3019.

The upcoming workshops are:

**February 27th at 7pm:** Face to Face Workshop at St Leo's Catholic School, 102 Victoria Rd, Devonport

**March 13th March at 7pm:** Online Workshop (Contact Lisa May to receive an online link to join)

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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

### \*\*\* NEW UPDATE \*\*\*

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent 6.30pm-7pm  
**March 07, 14, 21, 28 and April 04, 11**

### Adoration & Benediction

Every Friday during lent 7-8pm.

### 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.



## 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.

## PARISH CRISIS GROUP

We are working to establish a Crisis Group consisting of volunteers within our parish to support those in need.

If you are a Doctor, Nurse, Lawyer, Counsellor, or professional in any field that could assist others during difficult times, we invite you to join us.

Please email the Parish Office at [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz) to offer your help, including your details and your background. Together, we can provide meaningful support to those who need it most.

## FRIDAY 1.30PM MASS

Just a friendly reminder that this Mass will recommence from Friday, February 28th at 1.30pm.

## CARITAS LENTEN ENVELOPES

During Lent, NZ's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. You can take an envelope from the table in the foyer and give once or weekly as you prefer. You may place these envelopes in the usual Sunday Collection bag or send a donation directly to Caritas.

## LENT IN SCHOOLS CARITAS AOTEAROA LOVE IN ACTION!

For Lent 2025, Catholic schools across Aotearoa New Zealand are sharing how they live out their faith by fostering hope and spreading love in their communities.

Caritas created a PowerPoint presentation showcasing images and stories from schools, as well as a video version featuring *Given to Me* by Adrienne Walter-Laulu from St Mary's College, Ponsonby.

For resources and information please go to the Caritas website link: [www.caritas.org.nz/lent-schools](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-schools)



## 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.



## LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. We turn away from our sinfulness and recommit ourselves to following Jesus. Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Lent. You are invited to go to the following website to access Ignatian resources, to help you prepare for Lent.

[www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/)