

**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

**EXPLORING THE WORD**

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16.03.2025**

**First Reading**  
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14  
**Second Reading**  
Philippians 3:17, 4:1  
**Gospel**  
Luke 9:28b-36

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**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 02 MARCH 2025**

1st Collection:  
**\$3,825.80**  
2nd Collection:  
**\$1,128.40**

**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  
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**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)

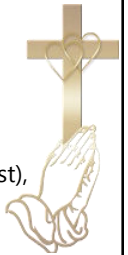
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** Sarah Dimson (Philippines)

**Anniversaries of Death:** Ritche Herradura (1st), Bencarlo Dimson, Benjamin Castros, Peter Taylor (4th), Baby Gia (2nd), Joseph Goh (31st), Angel Tuyay (1st), Nita Abrau (1st), Sukanaivalu 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, Pablito Santos

**Special Intentions:** Earl Victor, Andre Victor (Successful surgery), Arielle Cheng & Family, Jacky Cheng, Helen Sun, Tony, Simon & Steven Tiong, Alicia Aquino (healing), Arielle Cheng & Jacky Family, Annemarie (surgery) Diep Truong (Sick), Maria Isabel Chua, Maxelorenz Banson, Earl Victor, 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:** Denise Felizardo, Grant Dumlao (14th)



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 16 MARCH 2025**

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Kyle Guarin	Shane Fernandes	Glaine Gerald	Oliver Tamayo	Aaron Chan	Butrch Bolante
			Mary Jane Wong Ling	Joseph Mukkada		Boy Banson
		Anne Chan	Jirus Wong Ling	Julyan Balicao		Clyde Fernandes
			Jakob Bolante			Sunil Serrao
8.30AM	Benita Pereira	Nathan Pereira	Daniel Pereira	Ane Kauhalaniua	Semisi Paletua	Manny Magallanes
			Renayee Nuia	Fehoko Kauhalaniua		Aldrin Dare
		Salome Naeata	Guiliana Taruc	Theresa Gantias	Isabella & Sapphire	Luka Toki
			Persia Hunkin	Mabel Dsouza		Ponifasio McKinney
10.30AM	Mike Parcon	TJ Reyes	Andrei Isidro	Evelyn Singh	Alistair Bautista	Cheenee Paras
			Adriel Isidro	Katelyn Singh		Baldwin Sayas
			Emmanuel Kuriachen	Felipe Elecanal		Jarius Factor
		Angenith Roche	Edzel Lazatin	Gennie Rudd		Ralph Chavez
			Josh Lazatin	Doris Shennan		Raden Chavez
				Virginia Lesa-Toala		
5PM	Prakash Jacob	Lia Tekiteki	Simi Tekiteki	Chant'e Parker	Josie Dela Cruz Yoshua Quedi	Kenneth Pascua
			Matthew Espinosa	Theresa Feagiga		Earl Odevilas
		Leilani Sakalia	Ariabelle Odevilas	Ana Delluta		Christopher D.
			n/a			Jojo Espinosa

## 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.

## ADVERTISING IN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Reach a wide and engaged audience by placing your business advertisement in our parish newsletter. Simply email **Ambi** at **INKPRINT** at [ambi@inkprint.co.nz](mailto:ambi@inkprint.co.nz)  
**Reference: St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush.**

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to connect with the parish community!

## HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that we are role modelling the correct way to give Holy Communion to our children.

Please ensure to receive it in front of the Minister and children are to be accompanied during this time.

## YOUTH EVENT

**Saturday 15th March: 6 – 8.30pm**

Join us for an inspiring youth event next week!

Some themes: Letter writing, Lent sacrifice, and Relationship building.

**Bring a journal, pen, and Bible** if possible as we reflect, connect, and grow together in faith.

It's a perfect opportunity to strengthen bonds and deepen your spiritual journey.

See you there!!

## PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30-7pm

### ADORATION 7-8pm

### led by Community Groups

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Filipino
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Kiwi & Other Nationals
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Indian & Sri Lankan
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Tongan
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Youth
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## PRAYERS FOR RCIA/RCIC & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This Sunday, we lift up in prayer the catechumens and candidates participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral.

We also pray for the children recommencing the Sacramental Program, that they may grow in faith and love.

May the Holy Spirit guide them on their spiritual journeys.

## ALTAR SERVING REFRESHER TRAINING

**Saturday 15th March - 10am**

## TAX RECEIPTS

As we approach the end of the tax year, we are conscious of everyone who are requesting tax receipts from their donations. Please kindly wait until after Easter then approach our office staff or email us on [office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz) and we will process these for you.

## 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.

## FLAT BUSH BLOOD DRIVE

St Lukes Church Tuesday 25th March 2025  
12pm to 5pm

Please bring photo I.D.

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