

**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

EXPLORING THE WORD

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent, we move to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. Only Luke's Gospel indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to a bright white while the three disciples were sleeping. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death. As they awake, they see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. On witnessing this, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son. In our hearing of Jesus' Transfiguration, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 23.03.2025

First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel
John 4:5-42

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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 09 MARCH 2025

1st Collection:
\$3,969.20
2nd Collection:
\$1,336.00

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: Simon Low, Sarah Dimson (Philippines)

Anniversaries of Death: Lolita & Francisco Santos, Angelina Perido, Jose Mathew (1st), Ched L, Olivia Abuld, Ritcher 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), Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Thearith Thou, Kelvin Lu, Cecilia M, Earl Victor, Andre Victor (Successful surgery), Arielle Cheng & Family, Jacky Cheng, Helen Sun, Tony, Simon & Steven Tiong, Alicia Aquino (healing), Annemarie (surgery) Diep Truong (Sick), 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: Marilyn Madrid, Fatongia Frances Motulalo (17th)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 23 MARCH 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Dominic Carlos	Shane Fernandes	Zach Nguyen	Aidan Chan	Earl Santos	Butch Bolante
			Asher Nguyen	Mikyla Magayanes		Omar Tamayo
		Julia Dutt	Joshua Nguyen	Bond Tran		Joseph Cruz
			Bill Tran			Dennis Guarin
8.30AM	Siosiana Paletua	Genevieve Fernandes	Gabriel Ranathunga	Louis Magallanes	Lynn Hunkin	Lyll Tavener
			Ariana Hall	Theresa Ganias		Chris Motulalo
		Shandel Ngan Woo	Calvin Chong	Sue Kubala	Isabella & Sapphire	Vaea Motulalo
			Keilah Terrobias	Jana Lopez J L Lopez		Stephen Henkin
10.30AM	Blace Sayas	Patricia Nepomuceno	Samuel Dsouza	Gennie Rudd	George Hayes	Mike Pope
			Jacen Mejica	Fa'apine Pupuali'i		Emmanuel Krakue
		Kara Schmidt	Leila Sila	Allison Serdenia		Dan Lapaz
			Allyson Cahill	Don Velasco		Aaron Rodrigues
5PM	Maxie Realon	Sonasi Moefana	Devon Mah-kwan	Emilie Abuyan	Averill Realon	Queenie Paras
			Chloe Park	Joaquin Fallar		Kervin Balanay
		Callum McLeod	Nathan St. Ana	Bernadette-Rose		Bubba Reuyan
			Arkhan Mercadero	Cathy Latu		Noel Realon
		n/a				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 for Catholics 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**
Reference: St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush.

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

SAFEGUARDING ONLINE WORKSHOP

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 or phone: 09 360 3019.

The upcoming Online Workshop is on
Tuesday, 8th April at 7pm.

(Contact Lisa-May to receive an online link to join)

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30-7pm

ADORATION 7-8pm

led by Community Groups

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

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with the leaders.

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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Kiwi & Other Nationals Community for providing a delicious morning tea after the 10.30am Mass last Sunday.

CONFIRMATION ONLY ENQUIRIES

The parish is planning on providing a course for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation either teenagers or adults.

**The sessions are scheduled at 10am - 11am
on May 10th, 17th and 24th.**

Please send enquiries to:

pastoral@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

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 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.

We welcome Peter Garrick our guest speaker from the Auckland Diocese to talk about Caritas at all our Sunday Masses this weekend.

FLAT BUSH BLOOD DRIVE

St Lukes Church

Tuesday 25th March 2025

12pm to 5pm

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