

**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

EXPLORING THE WORD

In today's Gospel, the initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 30.03.2025

First Reading
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 23:1-6
Second Reading
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel
John 9:1-41

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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 16 MARCH 2025

1st Collection:
\$4,307.60
2nd Collection:
\$1,192.00

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: Helen, Arcelia Garcia, Fr James Alumkal, Leiola Finau, Simon Low, Sarah Dimson (Philippines)

Anniversaries of Death: Victoriano Valdez, Fe Bombase (3rd), Jacqueline Yee, Lilia, Lo Kwok Wai, Agnes Heng (7th), Nguyen Thi Loan, Tran Quang Chieu, Pham Van Tinh, Le Thi Lien, Pham Van Cuong, Mercedes Mangahas, Joseph Thomas, (41st Day), Mary Margaret Rose (12th), Couples for Christ: Kids for Christ Ministry National Family Conference 2025, Lolita & Francisco Santos, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Andre Victor (Surgery), Jimmy & Susan Beltran, Via & John (63rd Wedding Ann.), Thearith Thou, Kelvin Lu, Cecilia M, Earl Victor, Diep Truong (Sick), Romina Banson (Thanksgiving), Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovio (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Thanksgiving), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Victor Gibson, Margie Valdez



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 30 MARCH 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Shane Fernandes	Natasha Martis	Gianna Prasad-Khan Yuna Jimenez Kim Jirus Wong Ling	Owen Tamayo Martha Chuardy Eddy Chuardy	Zachary Guevara	Butch Bolante Boy Banson Clyde Fernandes Sunil Serrao
		Karl Guarin				
8.30AM	Shandel Ngan Woo	Nathan Pereira	Amasa Paletua Marialutu Paletua Ariana Hall	Sage Fernandes Ane Kauhalaniua Fehoko Kauhalaniua	Lynn Hunkin	Manny Magallanes Aldrin Dare Luka Toki
		Penina Schmidt	Renayee Nuia	Louis Magallanes J L Lopez	Isabella & Sapphire	Vaea Motulalo
10.30AM	Angenith Roche	Katherine Gray	Edzel Lazatin Josh Lazatin Emmanuel Kuriachen	Abraham Fruean Rian De Los Reyes Lily Tanyag	Devon Hayes	Cheenee Paras Baldwin Sayas Jarius Factor
		Claryn Gray	Kurt Factor Cian Da Silva	Narciso Tanyag Melanie Regino Clara Gray TBA		Ralph Chavez Raden Chavez
5PM	Leilani Sakalia	Melvin Mathew	Simi Tekiteki Matthew Espinosa Ariabelle Odevilas	Theresa Feagaiga Chant'e Parker Sapna Mathews	Josie Dela Cruz Yoshua Quedi	Kenneth Pascua Earl Odevilas Christopher Dometita Jojo Espinosa
		Lia Tekiteki	n/a			

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. **There's no 9am Mass this day.**

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.
ONE SPOT LEFT!

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please be advised that we will be phasing out the envelope system at the end of the next financial tax year, on **31st March 2026.**

If you wish to continue receiving your planned giving envelopes for the upcoming year, please contact the parish office during regular office hours. There are limited amount of packs and will be available upon request.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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 May then approach our office staff or email us on office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz and we will process these for you.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.30-7pm ADORATION 7-8pm led by Community Groups

Friday 28 th March	Indian & Sri Lankan
Friday 4 th April	Tongan
Friday 11 th April	Youth
Friday 18 th April GOOD FRIDAY 10am	Priest

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with the leaders. Details are on the notice board.

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.

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

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.

SAFEGUARDING ONLINE WORKSHOP

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)

FLAT BUSH BLOOD DRIVE

*St. Lukes Parish
260 Chapel Road*

**TUESDAY 25 MARCH
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