

**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

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. This man gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out this man and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 06.04.2025

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-8

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel

John 11:1-45

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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 23 MARCH 2025

1st Collection:
\$4,043.90
2nd Collection:
\$1,386.80

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: Nessie Acupido (1st), Simon Lee, Maria Yoo, Joseph Park, Francis Bang, Peter Yik (2nd), Samuel Dorairaj, Marusa C., Anthonyammal Ryan, Buena Hurcomb (4th), Anthony Gray (1st), 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, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Gloria Lee (Sick), SMCPS Peer Support Leaders & for the students travelling to Europe & Japan, Bajet Family (Thanksgiving), Maxelorenz Banson & Family (Thanksgiving), Gerald Tan & Family, Andre Victor (Surgery), Jimmy & Susan Beltran, Diep Truong (Sick), Romina Banson (Thanksgiving), Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovia (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Thanksgiving), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Anamaria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Mariel Joy Ulep (32nd)



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 06 APRIL 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Zoe Martis	Ninoshca Remedios	Jemaine Daclan	Beatrice Basilio	Aaron Chan	Joseph Cruz
			Bryle Magayanes	Joshua Araos		Dennis Guarin
		Rebecca Guarin	Jakob Bolante	Thomas George		Omar Tamayo
8.30AM	Genevieve Fernandes	Nicola Crestanello	Phillip Ah Kau	Jana Lopez	Ivy Sagaral	Philip Chai
			Annmarie Ah Kau	J L Lopez		Aldrin Dare
			Calvin Chong	Theresa Gantias		Stephen Henkin
		Madel de Vera	Keilah Terrobias	Sue Kubala		Luka Toki
				Sage Fernandes		Lyall Tavener
10.30AM	TJ Reyes	Jimuel Mejica	Arwyn Batungbakal	Fa'apine Pupuali'i	Kelly Cheah	Mike Pope
			Sean Serdenia	Donna Afano		Emmanuel Krakue
			Allyson Cahill	Gennie Rudd		Dan Lapaz
		Diego Carrillo	Brea Baring	Abraham Fruean		Aaron Rodrigues
				Rian De Los Reyes		Queenie Paras
			Elaine Penafior	Emilie Abuyan		
5PM	Johannes Klaessens	Melvin Mathew	Chloe Park	Daphne Melville	Kimi Realon	Kervin Balanay
			Nathan St. Ana	Cathy Latu		Bubba Reuyan
			Arkhan Mercadero	Bernadette-Rose		Noel Realon
		Liam Aumareva	TBA	Tominiko		Roger Balanay

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

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

Friday 4 th April	Youth
Friday 11 th April	Tonga
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 and no Reconciliation on Saturday mornings as we will have them on Friday nights.

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.

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**.

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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

This is a series of Talks touching on key topics in Christianity and living a Spirit-filled Christian life.

Starts on May 3rd, 2025 at 1pm

St. Mary's Church Hall

46 East St, Papakura

Contact Jason & Tin 0275668027

or Richie & Macor 0221893862

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

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday:

Saturday, April 12th at 5pm

Sunday, April 13th, at 8.30am, 10am, and 5pm

*Parishioners who attend the 10.30am Mass, please gather at the Mary Garden in the college quadrangle for the procession. **All are welcome to bring your own palms.***

Holy Tuesday:

April 15th at 7.30pm Chrism Mass

(St Patrick's Cathedral)

Holy Wednesday: April 16th at 7pm Healing Mass

(No 9am Daily Mass)

Holy Thursday:

April 17th at 7pm

(No 9am Daily Mass)

Good Friday:

April 18th

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Reading of the Passion & The Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil:

Saturday, April 19th at 7pm

Easter Sunday:

April 20th at 8.30am, 10.30am & 5pm

PARKING FOR ALL MASS TIMES

Please make use of the carpark at Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School to alleviate traffic congestion.



MASS INTENTIONS

To help avoid last-minute requests before the start of any Mass, please submit your Mass Intentions before the weekend or approach the staff well before Mass begins. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS

Calling teenagers between the ages of 14yrs and 17yrs to become Altar Server Leaders in our Parish.

Please register your interest by emailing:

Coordinator@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

Their Baptism, First Holy Communion/Confirmation certificates plus Parish Registration are required.

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.