

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

EXPLORING THE WORD

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life and to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we're called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him may remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

PALM SUNDAY 13.04.2025

First Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22:7-8, 16-19, 22-23
Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel
Luke 22:14-23.56

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

Tongan Community: Soana Kauhalaniau, 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
\$1,105,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

CASH COLLECTIONS 30 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/
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: Ierenimo Lesoa (30th), Primo Soriano, Mario Cavan, 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: Tay & Tay-Morrisson Families (Thanksgiving), Jose Benjamin Go, Emily & Justin Goh, 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), Diep Truong (Sick), Romina Banson (Thanksgiving), Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Lemo Tovio (Sick), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Gustav Santos (Thanksgiving), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Anamaria McKinney (Sick)



PALM SUNDAY - 13 APRIL 2025

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Ton Quiballo	Karl Guarin	Trisha Faye De Jesus	Mary Corboy	Earl Santos and Owen Tamayo (Supervising)	Butch Bolante
			Alejandro Hernadez	Joshua Araos		Boy Banson
	Natasha Martis	Eden Feagaiga	Thomas George	Clyde Fernandes		
		Sydney Santos		Sunil Serrao		
8.30AM	Sharon Naidoo	Nicola Crestanello	Hezekiah Faletagoai	Janet Kulkarni	Lynn Hunkin	Ponifasio McKinney
			Mercy McKinney	Theresa Gantias		Christ Motulalo
			Renayee Nuia	Claire Raubenheimer		Vaea Motulalo
		Penina Schmidt	Amasa Paletua	Deon Saunders		Manny Magallanes
			Marialutu Paletua	Lentine Fidow		
10.30AM	Kara Schmidt	Utita Sakalia	Emmanuel Kuriachen	Allison Serdenia	Alistair Bautista	Cheenee Paras
			Kurt Factor	Joaquin Fallar		Baldwin Sayas
			Jacen Mejica	Lily Tanyag		Jarius Factor
	Ysabel Kis-ing	Devon Mah-kwan	Narciso Tanyag	Ralph Chavez		
		Elaine Penaflor	Mel Nepomuceno	Raden Chavez		
			Rita Nepomuceno	Abraham Fruean		
5PM	Nathan Viegas	Johannes Klaessens	Matthew Espinosa	Sapna Mathews	Josie Dela Cruz	Kenneth Pascua
			Ariabelle Odevilas	Sophia Kim		Earl Odevilas
	Melvin Mathew	Anthony Xu	Theresa Feagaiga	Christopher Dometita		
		TBA		Jojo Espinosa		

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

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

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.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST 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

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. If it rains then we will return to the church.

All are welcome to bring your own palms.

HOLY TUESDAY: CHRISM MASS

April 15th at 7.30pm (St Patrick's Cathedral)

Our wonderful Samoan Choir has been honoured with an invitation to sing at this Mass and if you'd like to attend, it is advisable to download the [ParkMate App](#) to obtain discounted parking. Information and instructions can be found by following this link:

<https://www.stpatricks.org.nz/about-the-cathedral/parking/>

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. Please avoid double parking especially in front of the entrance doors. This area needs to remain clear for safety and ease of access.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised that the parish office will be closed from Good Friday, April 18th, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 29th. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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.