

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
15 MARCH 2026**

First Reading
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 28:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Second Reading
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel
John 9:1-41

EXPLORING THE WORD

The Gospel tells of Jesus healing a man blind from birth. When the disciples ask whose sin caused the blindness, Jesus shifts the focus from blame to God's work being revealed, reminding us that struggles are not always punishment but can become places where God's grace is seen.

After the healing, the religious leaders refuse to believe what happened. Ironically, those who can see remain spiritually blind, while the healed man grows in faith and recognizes who Jesus is.

The story shows that true sight is about the heart. Pride and fear can blind people to truth, while humility opens the way to understanding.

The healed man's simple testimony—"I was blind but now I see"—shows how personal encounters with God can be powerful witnesses. The Gospel invites us to reflect on where we might be blind and to allow Jesus to open our eyes to His truth and compassion.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22.03. 2026
First Reading
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalms
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 7b-8
Second Reading
Romans 8:8-11
Gospel
John 11:1-45

BUILDING FUND UPDATE
loan balance is
\$850,503.00

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

CASH COLLECTIONS
08 March 2026
1st Collection:
4,718.60
2nd Collection:
1,286.20

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recent Death: Monica Lo (Malaysia), Paulo Siasoco
Rest of Soul/Anniversaries of Death: Irudayam Francis (1st), Rosario Lee, Pablito & Priscilla Santos, Benjamin Castro Sr.
Intentions: Gracia Tiong, Wong Kie Yik (healing), The Ngo Family (for children)
Birthday: Alo Pule'anga



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INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION
New to the area? Want to join the Parish.



Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

**Wednesday, 25 March 2026
7:00PM**

LIGHTS ON LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Friday, 5:45PM –6:45PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00PM, On Fridays in Lent followed by Holy Mass

Note: There will be a collection during the Mass to support the Lenten Appeal by Caritas New Zealand.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE Sunday



The Church's liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ. The Church's liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the 'man born blind'. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ.

Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of **Easter Joy**. Knowing the ebb and flow of intensity even in our best efforts, God deals with us tenderly in rhythms of consolation and desertion. So today, thoughts of freedom and joy come in the middle of Lent. But the joy does more than cushion our failing energies and needle our lagging spirits. It is a positive, meaningful joy, born of our fruitful life in Christ and of our sweet freedom as His purchased children. The Eucharistic banquet of heavenly Bread, foreshadowed by the multiplied loaves and fishes and become now the Bread of Life for the whole Christian world, adds to our Laetare joy the quiet gladness of every festive meal.

God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Feast of St Patrick

17 MARCH

He was an influential saint 1,500 years ago. He was born around 385 in the British Isles.

When he was about 16, while he was tending his sheep some Irish raiders captured him and made him a slave. He eventually was able to escape and return to Britain. There he heard the call to return and bring Christianity to Ireland. He was ordained a priest, consecrated a bishop and came back to Ireland around 435 AD. In 444 he founded the metropolitan see of Armagh. St. Patrick died in 461. After fifteen centuries he remains for all Irishmen the great bishop whom they venerate as their father in the Faith.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, THE FOSTER FATHER OF JESUS AND THE SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 19 MARCH



Beloved father

Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. These are just a few of Saint Joseph's traits that explain why the People of God are especially devoted to him.

Tender and loving father

Joseph taught Jesus how to walk, holding Him by the hand. Jesus saw the tenderness of God in Joseph, the Just Man. In Joseph, Jesus saw a man of faith who knew how to view life with hope because, in the midst of the storm, God remains steadfast at the helm of the course of life.

Obedient father

God's plan was revealed to Joseph through dreams. He always responded promptly: at the moment of the Annunciation of the Lord, when Herod wanted to kill the Child, when Herod died. Joseph was guided by God and he obeyed. Jesus absorbed this filial "submission" to God from Joseph. He learned obedience from His parents.

Father in the shadows

As a father, Joseph introduced the Son of God to life's experiences and realities: not holding Him back, not confining Him, not possessing Him, but fostering His capacity of making choices, His freedom, eventually letting Him leave home. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom: Joseph's joy is the gift of himself. He made himself obsolete. At a certain point, he stayed in the background so that his Son could emerge.

Caritas Lenten Appeal

The **second collection** at the weekend Masses on March 21–22 will be taken to support Caritas Lenten Appeal.

Envelopes are available in the foyer.

HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29

Mass as usual

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 02

7PM

(Procession at all Masses.)

Palms are provided)

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 04

7PM - EASTER VIGIL

(Candles are provided)

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 03

CELEBRATION

OF THE PASSION

OF CHRIST

THERE WILL BE

NO 9AM MASS

ON HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 05

8:30AM

10:30AM

**WHERE IS LIFE'S JOURNEY TAKING YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? JOIN US FOR...**



Just parishioners chilling over breakfast — men and ladies, good vibes, and community moments with our parish priest.

Ladies'
Breakfast
SATURDAY
21 MARCH 2026 7:30AM

MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
28 MARCH 2026 7:30AM

Sequel, 16 J Bishop Dunn Place, Flat Bush, Auckland, 2013

THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

The Search is a 7-week journey exploring the intersections of life, death, science, and faith. Come for shared nibbles, stay for the films, and join in relaxed small groups conversations. Whether you want to dive into the discussion or just sit back and listen, you are most welcome.

Thursday nights
St. Luke's
parish lounge
23 APRIL
to
4 JUNE

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