

## PARISH NOTICES

Happy 56th birthday to our beautiful **Aiona Falemaka** who celebrated on Wednesday 15th February. Keep smiling as you do **Aiona**. God's blessings upon you always. Ofa lahi atu!

Birthday greetings to **Valerie Williams** who celebrated on Thursday 16th February. God bless you **Val**.

It was most beautiful to see our Married couples renewing their marriage vows last weekend being World Marriage Day. Such a blessing to get the opportunity. Abundant blessings on all married couples.

1. **Adorations** this **Sunday 19th February 2023**, at the usual time of 5.00pm.
2. **Finance committee meeting** Tuesday 21st February 2023 in the meeting room at 7.30pm
3. We will take up a second collection **next Saturday Vigil 25th & the two Sunday Masses 26th of February**, for any of our parishioners who were affected by the floodings that needs assistance. The Bishops office are also offering assistance if you should need it. **Contact Therese 09320-4558**.
4. **RCIA SESSIONS** - will continue every Thursday at 7pm in the meeting room.
5. **Sacramental Programme – 2023** - Enrolments for children 8 years and older to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation is now open. Please contact the **Office and Fathers** on **636 4647, 320 4558, 0210685181** or email [assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) Thank you.
6. **We continue to thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

1. **Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening):***  
**Genesis – In the Beginning...Part 1: The Creation Story** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>  
**Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua...** (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)
2. **Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 3rd March 7:00pm**  
**St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic.
3. Registration is now open for the next ***Theology of the Body Course*** based on Pope Saint John Paul II's beautiful catechesis on human love and dignity.  
**Beginners Course: Human Love in the Divine Plan:** Sat 4th and Sun 5th March 2023, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. This course is for adults (20 years and older). For more information and to register please visit: [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz) or email [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com)
4. "Receive Holy Spirit Power" Current of Grace 2023 Conference by Charis NZ @El Rancho Waikanae 24th to 26th March. Register now - [www.currentofgraceconference.info](http://www.currentofgraceconference.info)  
Speakers Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rae SM, Dr Mary Healy, Robert Falzon, with Archbishop Paul Martin SM celebrating final Mass.
5. **Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre**  
For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651  
**Franciscan Spirituality Series** - Join us every first Sunday of the month to learn about St Francis of Assisi and living the Gospel according to his spirit. Next session is this Sun 4 Feb 2pm - 4pm (Free)  
**Time Out Days** – For those who see a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Wed 22 Feb | Thu 23 Mar | Tue 18 Apr  
**24Hr Quietude** – For those who seek a short retreat – Fri 7pm – Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accomm + food) Mar 17th/18th | Jul 7th/8th

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

**Parish Priests:**  
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### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

<b>Daily Morning Eucharist:</b>	Monday - Friday 7.30am
<b>Daily Evening Eucharist:</b>	Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm
<b>First Friday Eucharist:</b>	7.30am and <b>also at 7.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday Eucharist:</b>	8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm
<b>Sunday Eucharist:</b>	8.30am & 10.00am
<b>Public Holidays:</b>	8.00am, <b>no evening Mass</b>
<b>Adoration:</b>	Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm
<b>Tongan Mass:</b>	2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm
<b>Samoan Mass:</b>	3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am
<b>Youth Mass:</b>	4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Every Sat at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm
<b>Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:</b>	Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm
<b>The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:</b>	Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm ( <b>Pavilion</b> )

### Reflection

(Lev 19:1-2, 17-18). This reading is made up of two extracts from chapter nineteen of Leviticus. In the first of these, the Israelites are told that the Lord is holy; therefore they, his people, must also be holy. The second part of the reading forbids the Israelite to nurture hatred of his fellow-Israelite. V. 18 contains the commandment: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself'.

(Mt 5:38-48). In Leviticus, the commandment 'You must love your neighbour as yourself' is restricted to fellow-Israelites. Here Jesus broadens it to include everyone. Gentiles as well as Jews, enemies as well as friends. His disciples are to love as God loves. Love within one's group or fellowship is merely a natural and universal human trait. It does not distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is their ability to love even their enemies. In this they are imitating the heavenly Father. He shows equal love towards good and bad, not because he is indifferent to morality, but because he loves without limit. Since God is holy, we are to be holy. We are holy when we imitate the generosity of God by not exacting vengeance, or bearing a grudge against another. As for 'turning the other cheek' - this is not meant to be taken literally. (Jesus didn't turn the other cheek when slapped on the face during his trial before Caiphas.

See Jn 18:22-23) exaggeration is a way of emphasising a truth.

The point Jesus is making is that violence breeds violence.

(1 Cor 3:16-23). Paul gives us the most profound reason of all why we should respect one another; we are the Temple of God. Individually and collectively the Holy Spirit dwells in us. This is also the basis of our unity.

## Readings for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 19th 2023

### First reading:

A reading from the book of Leviticus. 19: 1-2, 17-18

***You shall love your neighbour as yourself!***

### Responsorial Psalm: 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.



### Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 3: 16-23

***All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ,  
and Christ belongs to God !***

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever obeys the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.

**Alleluia!**



### Gospel:

A reading from the  
Holy Gospel  
according to  
Matthew. 5: 38-48

***Love your enemies  
and pray for  
those who  
persecute you!***

## **Readers for this week: Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February 2023**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Therese Ulberg	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Veronica Hagar	Ane Enosi Assumption Ilalio
<b>8.30am</b>	Savelina Mahoni	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Lily Ulberg	Grace Tu'inukuafe Joshy Thomas Jose
<b>10.00am</b>	Peta Sefo	1. Selesifina Taamale 2. Su'a Tagalao	Ane Enosi Eseta Oloa

### **Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week:**

#### **Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th February 2023**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don Hodges, David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Susifina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Loselika Laumea, Stan & Melanie Duarte

## **Readers for next week Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February 2023**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Veronica Hagar	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Pauline Calvert	Therese Ulberg David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Hulu Tu'inukuafe	1. Glen Hill 2. Su'a Tagalao	Fiesola Pifeleti Savelina Mahoni
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>School Sunday Mass</b>	1. <b>St Joseph pupil</b> 2. <b>St Joseph pupil</b>	

### **Extra–Ordinary Ministers for next week**

#### **Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February 2023**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don & Colleen Hodges
<b>8.30am</b>	Lily Ulberg, Hulu Tu'inukuafe
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Joseph Sunday School Mass</b>

### Anniversaries for the coming week 20th - 26th February

20. Meta Margarieta Brooke (1981)
21. Myrna Ganzon Mejia (1999)
22. James Cambell Hart (1980), Lourdes Catapang (2007)
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24. Francis Veronica Lane (1981)
25. Leonilda D'Silva (1984)
26. Raymond Patrick Letton (Layton) (1975), Dianne Patricia Coon (1981)  
Rogelio Pinon (1998), Thomas Kow (2012)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Collections: \$1398.10**

### Readings for Next Week (26/02/23)

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Genesis. 2:7-9,3:1-7  
Psalm: 51  
2nd Reading: Romans. 5:12-19  
Gospel: Matthew. 4:1-11

**Anniversaries of Deaths:** If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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