

## PARISH NOTICES

Happy birthday to our dear **Tony Atonio** who celebrated his 82nd on Wednesday 7th February. Thank you **Tony** for all that you do for our Parish. May God bless you with many more years.

Birthday blessings to **Emil Oldehaver** who celebrated his 86th birthday on Friday 9th February. Many thanks **Emil** for your faith and devotion to our Lord.

Heavenly birthday wishes to our dear **Taiaha Falemaka**, who turned 60 on Friday 9th February. We pray that God may keep you always in his love and care. We miss you **Taiaha!**

1. **Adorations** this **Sunday 12th February 2023**, at the usual time of 5.00pm.
2. **Liturgy committee meeting** Tuesday 14th February 2023 in the meeting room at 7.30pm
3. **RCIA SESSIONS** - will continue every Thursday at 7pm in the meeting room.
4. **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.
5. 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. **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/>  
**Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath.  
Wednesdays, 15/22 February and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm.  
Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. ZOOM.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>  
For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)
2. "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.
3. **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
4. **Resources from the Liturgy Centre** – the Diocesan Liturgy Centre holds a number of resources for our liturgical life and has recently created an online ordering form. It is also linked from the resources section of the website <https://form.jotform.com/220655497381867>
5. **Parish to Parish for BnB changes.**  
From 1st September 2022, for one guest \$50 per. night, each additional guest, \$30 each, e.g. two guests would be \$80 for one night. Due to COVID-19 some hosts may not be available for guests, please respect their wishes, books are available \$15, Marie Anderson, phone 03 3595 541, email: [Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“HAPPY  
ARE THEY  
WHO FOLLOW  
THE LAW OF  
THE LORD.”**

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

**Daily Morning Eucharist:**

Monday - Friday 7.30am

**Daily Evening Eucharist:**

Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm

**First Friday Eucharist:**

7.30am and **also at 7.00pm**

**Saturday Eucharist:**

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

**Sunday Eucharist:**

8.30am & 10.00am

**Public Holidays:**

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

**Adoration:**

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

**Tongan Mass:**

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

**Samoan Mass:**

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

**Youth Mass:**

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

**Reconciliation:**

Every Sat at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm

**Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:**

Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm

**The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:**

Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (**Pavilion**)

## Reflection

**(Sirach 15:15-20).** Sirach presents obedience to God's law as the road that leads to life, and rejection of that law as the path to death. The choice is set before man: he can opt for life or death. The New Testament good news of grace generously poured out in Christ will transform this stark and forbidding morality.

**(Mt 5:17-37).** In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew illustrates Jesus' attitude to the Law. Jesus does not dispense with the Law but asks for a deeper observance of it. Every small part of it is to remain, but only as radically interpreted by Jesus. His justice far surpasses the legalistic approach of the scribes and Pharisees. For the Pharisees the letter of the Law was everything. Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples. It is not enough for them to become better Pharisees. This justice is made explicit in six concrete examples. These deal with murder, adultery, divorce, oaths and vows, retaliation, and hatred of enemies. The first four are dealt with in today's Gospel, the other two in next Sunday's Gospel. Murder and adultery are born in the heart. Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions that may lead up to murder. And he reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires that may lead to sexual sin and infidelity. As for oaths: he encourages his disciples to behave in such a way that oaths are superfluous. The disciples are simply to be truthful. Jesus' intention is to bring us beyond legalism and a literal interpretation of the law and into the spirit of the law.

**(1 Cor 2:6-10).** Christians have a wisdom unknown to others. True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

## Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12th 2023

### **First reading:**

A reading from the book of Sirach. 15: 15-20

**The Lord has not commanded anyone to be wicked!**

### **Responsorial Psalm:** 119

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.



### **Second reading:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 2: 6-10

**God decreed wisdom before the ages for our glory!**

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**



### **Gospel:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. 5: 17-37

**You have heard what was said to those of ancient times; But I say to you...!**

## **Readers for this week: Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February 2023**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Assumption Ilalio	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Veronica Hagar	Therese Ulberg Pauline Calvert
<b>8.30am</b>	Glen Hill	1. Joshy Thomas Jose 2. Grace Tu'inukuafe	Susitina Tu'inukuafe Cheryl Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Eseta Oloa	1. Su'e Tapu 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Tafaomalo Leavasa Malia Apikotoa

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

#### **Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February 2023**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don Hodges, David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagalao
<b>10.00am</b>	Faumuina Lio, Elaine Williams, Kiliika Leavasa

## **Readers for next week Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2023**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Therese Ulberg	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Ane Enosi	Veronica Hagar 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 next week**

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

<b>6.00pm</b>	Tonga Enosi, David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Loselika Laumea, Stan & Melanie Duarte

### **Anniversaries for the coming week 13th - 19th February**

13. Kathleen Agnes Howley (1977), Nancy May Matthews (1982), Sr Mary Snelgar (2011)
14. James Duffy (1980)
15. Mary Ellen Catherine Shepherd (1981), Roy Augustine Sammons (1984), Jens Christian Torstein Jensen (2002)
16. Eileen Patricia Verrer (1996), Francis Anthony Donohoe (2010)
17. Thomas Leslie Williams (1981), Ann Theresa Hoffman (1984)
18. Sarah Edith Naden (1979), Albert James Maynard (1983), James Ivor William Kiddie (2000)
19. Francis Herbert Muir (1982)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Collections: \$1400.00**

### **Readings for Next Week (19/02/23)**

#### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

1st Reading: Levit. 19:1-17-18

Psalm: 103

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians. 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew. 5:38-48

**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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