

PARISH NOTICES

1. Will take up a second collection **this 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 help. **Contact Therese 09320-4558.**
2. **Adorations this Sunday 26th February 2023 will be CANCELLED.**
3. **Zumba** will run on Mondays & Wednesdays only in the Hall. Commencing **Monday 6th March 6.00pm** with a weight loss challenge, so come along and join the fun with family and friends. See you there!
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 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
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 or email 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
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 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.
Time Out Days – For those who see a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | 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.
6. Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby warmly invites you to the **blessing of the remediated Seminary Buildings** on Saturday, 11 March 2023, starting with Mass at 11:00 am. Cardinal John Dew has kindly accepted our invitation to preside over the celebrations. A special invitation is extended to all those who may be interested in vocation and religious life to priesthood. All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“BE MERCIFUL,
O LORD,
FOR WE HAVE
SINNED.”**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 26TH 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

(Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7). The first section of the reading deals with the creation of Adam and Eve. Though made of dust, man and woman are the pride of God's creation. Enlivened by his breath, God has destined them for happiness - they live in an idyllic garden. The second section deals with the tempting and fall of Adam and Eve. It illustrates the psychology of temptation.

The cunning serpent succeeds in portraying God as unreasonable and jealous. After that, the fall is inevitable. The source of all evil, the writer suggests, is man's foolish striving to be independent of god. Only by accepting their status as favoured creatures of a loving, caring creator, can man and woman find fulfilment. The result of their disobedience is that there is in human beings a sinful tendency which goes beyond personal sins we may commit. This basic tendency towards evil is part of the corruption that human beings introduced into the world, not an endowment of God. The story of the tempting of Adam and Eve prepares us to hear the tempting of Jesus in the Gospel.

(Rom 5:12-19). Paul portrays Jesus as the new Adam, who by his obedience to God restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam.

(Mt 4:1-11). The story of the temptations of Jesus is a highly contrived story. First of all, it looks to the past. Matthew sees Jesus as reliving the history of his people. He goes into the desert for forty days and forty nights. But the story also looks to the future. Jesus has come to inaugurate the kingdom of God. The story condenses into a single expression the struggle he endured at every step to be faithful to that mission. The first temptation is the same as that which confronted the Israelites: to doubt the power of God to provide for him. The second temptation is to turn his trust in God into crass presumption: if God cares for you, then you will come to no harm no matter what you do. The third temptation is to commit the sin of Israel of old, idolatry. The temptations are prognostic of eventual victory, for after Jesus has demonstrated that he is the Son of God who completely serves God's will the devil departs and angels wait on him.

Readings for The First Sunday of Lent Year A 26th 2023

First reading:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 2: 7-9;3: 1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin!

Responsorial Psalm: 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise

Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans. 5: 12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more!

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Man does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights!



Readers for this week: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Veronica Hagar	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Pauline Calvert	Therese Ulberg David Hagar
8.30am	Hulu Tu'inukuafe	1. Glen Hill 2. Su'a Tagaloa	Fiesola Pifeleti Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Carolyn Massey	1. Eunice Sullano 2. Miguel Mendoza	

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February 2023

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Lily Ulberg, Grace Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	St Joseph Sunday School Mass

Readers for next week Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	David Hagar	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Therese Ulberg	Veronica Hagar Pauline Calvert
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Susitina Tu'inukuafe 2. Cheryl Peters	Grace Tu'inukuafe Fiesola Pifeleti
10.00am	Lisa Schaumkel	1. Ane Enosi 2. Iutita Sefo	Eseta Oloa Fusi Mataele

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2023

6.00pm	Assumption Ilalio, Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Melanie Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 27th February - 5th March

- 27. Kathleen Mary Austin (1988), Pelenatate Talione Sikolo (2009)
- 28. Elizabeth Nina Raffles (1986), Warren Brian Harlick (2000), Malia Ivosa Va'afuti (2004)

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- 2. Zela Theodora Gertrude Williams (1982), Mary Christine Thorne (1985), Lena Ellen George (1985), Patrick Emmet Murphy (2007)
- 3. Victor Rupert Barchard (1986), Marjory Molly Bouzaid (1986), Michael Joseph Bouzaid (1986), Terese Marshall (2008)
- 4. Fr. Sebastian Palich (1989), Phyllis Margaret Beeson (1990), Kathleen Marjorie Hooker (1990)
- 5. Mary Ethel Patten (1986), Catherine Patricia Hetherington (1988), William Gregory Williams (2011), Maselino Toafa Poloie Tu'I (2012)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Collections: \$1547.80**

Readings for Next Week (05/03/23)

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis. 12:1-4
Psalm: 33
2nd Reading: Romans. 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew. 17:1-9

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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Phone: 320 4558 (Parish Office) 0210685181
Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm
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