

## PARISH NOTICES

**Happy birthday to Tafaomalo Peter Leavasa** who turned 56 years on the 20th March. May the good Lord bless you in all that you do for our Parish.

**Happiest of birthdays to our Jasmine Lealaogata (Sea)** who also celebrated her birthday on Monday the 20th March. May God bless you abundantly **Sea**, we love you.

**Happy birthday also to Malia Lemana (Tai)** who celebrated her birthday on Tuesday 21st March. God's blessings always **Tai**. Alofa atu!

1. **Adorations this Sunday 26th March 2023** will be at its usual time of 5.00pm.
2. **REMINDER PLEASE - that all Hall bookings are to come through the Parish Office, as there are necessary forms to be completed and also to prevent a date getting double booked. Thanks!**
3. **RCIA SESSIONS** - will continue every Thursday at 7pm in the meeting room.
4. **Anointing Mass - on Friday 31st March at 10am followed with a shared cuppa tea in the Hall.**
5. **Friday 31st March - Stations of the Cross - 6.30pm followed with Confessions for Easter.**
4. New set of envelope donations starting from **2nd April 2023**, are now available in the front table of the Church. Please take your envelopes as the **2nd of April starts next Sunday.**
5. **Sacramental Programme 2023** - 1st parent meeting of the children who have enrolled their child for the Sacrament Programme, is this **Sunday 26th March after the 10am Mass in the Church Hall.**
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... (Repeat on Special Request) The Creation Stories** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 20 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/in-the-beginning/>

**YouTube Recording - The Notion of 'Church'** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

2. If you are able to volunteer 2 hours per week and willing to **train as Marriage Educators**, then you are just the married couple we are looking for to join our Marriage Educators Team. We are looking for couples married for more than five years with strong Catholic faith to journey with couples preparing for marriage. We are especially interested in couples fluent in English or Māori, Samoan, Tongan, Mandarin, French or Spanish. For more information contact [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto:gerrys@cda.org.nz)
3. **Lenten Retreat** St Mark's Catholic Mission Parish, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. 4th & 5th April 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm Theme: Finding God in All the Wrong Places. Led by: Fr Johnny Go SJ. Join us on Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week in the Parish centre. Refreshments will be served. You can also join us via our Facebook page @OfficialStMarksPakuranga and YouTube channel @StMarkPakuranga
4. Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering the course **PM501 Prayer and Liturgy** on Saturdays 01 April, 06 May and 03 June in Ponsonby, Auckland. This course is ideal for people in the ministry or wanting to grow their faith. It can be credited towards a Certificate qualification or solely for personal interest. For schedule of fees, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Fees](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Fees). Email [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz) or call 09 3611053 to enquire or register
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6. **“A committed Catholic family is urgently seeking a 3 x bedroom rental property. Maximum rent: \$550.00 per week. If you can help, please contact 021 240 6454. Many thanks.”**

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### Parish Priests:

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**“JESUS THE  
RESURRECTION  
AND THE  
LIFE.”**

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 26TH MARCH 2023

**Daily Morning Eucharist:**

**Daily Evening Eucharist:**

**First Friday Eucharist:**

**Saturday Eucharist:**

**Sunday Eucharist:**

**Public Holidays:**

**Adoration:**

**Tongan Mass:**

**Samoan Mass:**

**Youth Mass:**

**Reconciliation:**

**Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:**

**The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:**

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm

7.30am and **also at 7.00pm**

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

8.30am & 10.00am

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

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

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

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

### Reflection

(Ezek 37:12-14). All three readings are concerned with resurrection to newness of life. In the First Reading Ezekiel describes the Babylonian exile of the Israelites and their promised restoration to their homeland in terms of death and resurrection. They are like a mass of dry bones strewn about a valley; but they will soon be reassembled and re-clothed with flesh and sinews. When the Spirit of Yahweh enters them, they will live again and inhabit their land once more.

(Rom 8:8-11). This contains one of the most forceful of Paul's expressions of Christian hope. The God who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us also because the same Spirit dwells in us. The present indwelling of the Spirit is an anticipation of the complete renewal of life that will come at the general resurrection.

(Jn 11:1-45). John's main aim here is to elicit faith in Jesus. Jesus says, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe.' And the story ends with the words: 'Many of the Jews... who had seen what he did, believed in him.' Martha is presented as a model of faith. In defiance of the evidence, she declares, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world.' Lazarus returned to earthly life. There is no suggestion that he was glorified, or that he wouldn't have to die again. He got a few more years added to his earthly life. But this was not Jesus' purpose in coming into the world. Jesus came to offer us the life that cannot be touched by death, the kind of life that only God possesses, and that Jesus as God's Son makes possible for those who believe in him. The key words in the story are: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die.' The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the master of life and death.

## Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent 26th March 2023

**First reading:** A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. 37:12-14  
*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live!*

**Responsorial Psalm: 129.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

**Second reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 8:8-11  
*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,  
then he will give life to your own mortal bodies!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

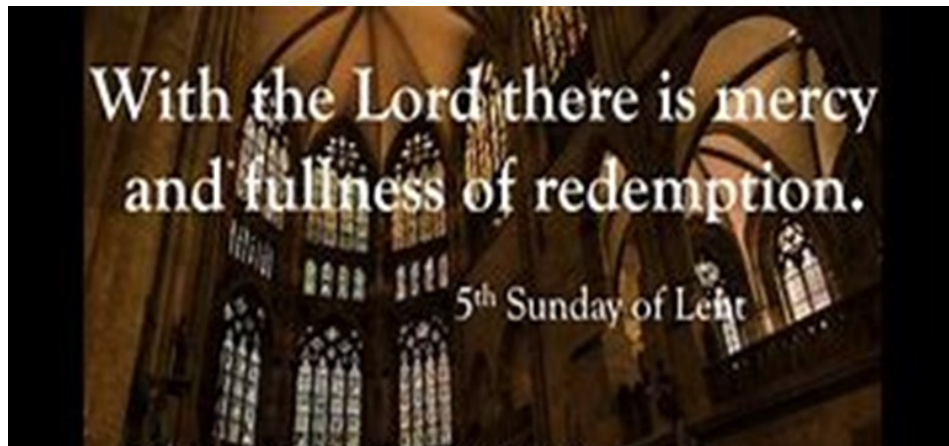
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: 11:1-45  
*I am the resurrection and the life!*



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

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Assumption Ilalio	1. Therese Ulberg 2. Veronica Hagar	Pauline Calvert Ane Enosi
8.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Su'a Tagaloa 2. Hulu Tu'inukuafe	Fiesola Pifeleti Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Vahe'a Falemaka	1. Tavite Mataele 2. Kiresa Mua	Kilikia Leavasa Diylnne Muller

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th March 2023

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Lily Ulberg, Glen Hill
10.00am	Michaela Duarte, Cory Apikotoa, Soane Jr Ahovelov

### Readers for next week Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Pauline Calvert	Therese Ulberg Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Glen Hill	Grace Tu'inukuafe Fiesola Pifeleti
10.00am	Lonili Sangster	1. Lisa Shaumkel 2. Iutita Sefo	Eseta Oloa Malia Apikotoa

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2023

6.00pm	David Hagar, Assumption Ilalio
8.30am	Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Stan Duarte

### Anniversaries for the coming week 27th March - 2nd April

- 27. Eliza Lean (1989)
- 28. Helen Hotchin (1978), Lucille Brennan (1988), William Peters (1989)
- 29. Mabel Alice Murphy (1992)
- 30. Teresa Vailea Hurrell (1989), Olwyn Maria Robinson (1991)
- 31. Myrtle Ruby Hill (1992), John Kevin Williams (1996)



### APRIL

- 1. James Samuel Geard (1976), Frances Ursula Franchi (1989), Tavite Mulitalo Mataele (2008)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Collections: \$1719.20**

### Readings for Next Week (2/04/23)

**Palm Sunday**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm:

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew. 26:14-27

**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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