

## PARISH NOTICES

1. **Adorations** this **Sunday 19th March 2023** will be at its usual time of **5.00pm**.
2. **RCIA SESSIONS** - will continue every Thursday at 7pm in the meeting room.
3. **New set of envelope donations starting from 2nd April 2023, will be available 26th March 2023.**
4. **Sacramental Programme 2023** - an early mention for the parents of the children who have enrolled their child for the Sacrament Programme, to save the below date. We will hold the first Parent meeting on **Sunday 26th March after the 10am Mass in the Church Hall.**
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. **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. **Divine Renovation (DR)** is a framework for parish growth and renewal - a tool for missionary discipleship. DR NZ are excited to announce an upcoming online event, ***Clothed in Power: Transforming Parishes Through the Holy Spirit***, which will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9 AM. Fr John Adams of Christchurch diocese is one of the panel of speakers.
3. **Lenten Reflections.** Earth Stations - two contemplative evenings on Zoom where the Stations of the Cross will be interwoven with Pope Francis’ Encyclical, “*Laudato ‘Si’*”. Tuesdays| 21st of March and 28th of March 7.00 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. with Lyndall Brown rsj Registrations to [lyndallb19@gmail.com](mailto:lyndallb19@gmail.com) 021 185 6750 Details for Zoom will be sent on the day
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. **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.
7. **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.
8. 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)
9. 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.

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**“JESUS  
THE LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD.”**

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 19TH MARCH 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 Tuesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (**Pavilion**)

## Reflection

**(1 Sam 16:1,6-7.10-13).** This passage tells the story of how Samuel identified and anointed David as the future king of Israel. The story shows the depth of God’s seeing. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart. This is illustrated in the fact that God chose David, the last and most insignificant of Jesse’s sons, to be king of Israel. Seeing is the connection with the Gospel.

**(Eph 5:8-14).** Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a life-style in keeping with their new state. They must shun the works of darkness and live as children of the light.

**(Jn 9:1-41).** On the surface this is a story about a blind man receiving sight.

But on a deeper level it is a story about a man coming to faith in Jesus. The man’s journey from blindness to sight symbolises the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light, as St Paul tells his converts at Ephesus: ‘Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord’. In particular, the story illustrates growth in faith. There is a beautiful progression in the man’s understanding of who Jesus is. At a first stage, he calls him ‘a man’. Then he calls him ‘a prophet’. The climax of the story comes when he calls him ‘the Lord.’ Notice how his faith grows stronger and deeper the more he is called upon to defend it. In the story of Jesus is proclaimed to be ‘the light of the world’. Not only does he give sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind. Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind. There is a clear baptismal dimension to the story.

As the blind man got sight by washing in the pool of Siloam, so we are enlightened by washing in the waters of Baptism.

## Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent 19th March 2023

**First reading:** A reading from the first book of Samuel. 16:1, 6-7,10-13  
*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel!*

**Responsorial Psalm: 22.**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
 he leads me beside still waters;  
 he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
 I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me**

in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
 my whole life long.

**Second reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 5:8-14  
*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

**Gospel:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored!*

**Arise! Shine!**

**For your light has come! - Isaiah 60:1**



**What would be a good image of light to use to depict that Jesus is the Light of our Way?**



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

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Pauline Calvert	1. Ane Enosi 2. David Hagar	Therese Ulberg Assumption Ilalio
8.30am	Savelina Mahoni	1. Joshy Thomas Jose 2. Fiesola Pifeleti	Lily Ulberg Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Selesitina Taamale	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Malia Apikotoa	Lonili Sangster Peta Sefo

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March 2023

6.00pm	Don Hodges, Tonga Enosi
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
10.00am	Loselika Laumea, Elaine Williams, Inoke Kata

## Readers for next week Saturday 25th and 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 Tagalao 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 next week Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March 2023

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

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

20. Iris Lois Irving (1985)
21. Lois Mary McCartney (1988)
22. Mary Veronica Smith (1981)
- 23.
- 24.
25. Harry McGlynn (1975), Harvey Aloysius Nicholson (1976), Kathleen Ena Vaughan (1989), Andrew (Tom) Sheehan (2004)



**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00**  
**Collections: \$1760.20**

### Readings for Next Week (26/03/23)

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 Psalm: 130  
 2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
 Gospel: John. 11:1-40

**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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