

## PARISH NOTICES

1. Adorations this Sunday 16th April 2023 will be cancelled.
2. **REMINDER PLEASE - Sacramental Programme 2023** - 1st session after the 10am Mass Sunday 23rd April in the Parish Hall.
3. **Multicultural Mass** and **Farewell for Fr Vijay Kumar** who's returning to India on the 30th April after the 10am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please come along, to show our love and appreciation for the past 7 years that Fr Vijay served as our assistant parish priest. All communities, groups and committees are more than welcome to perform an item. Please as the norm, Bring a plate to share!
4. **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 The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?*...** with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>  
**YouTube Recordings**  
Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)
2. **Divine Mercy Feast this Sunday 16th April 5:30pm at Good Shepherd Parish, 27 Telford Ave, Mt Eden.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. **Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.**  
**All Welcome**
3. **International Jazz Day Concert with Fr Chris Skinner sm** Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay 30 April 2pm. Suggested Koha \$10
4. 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)
5. 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.
6. **University Ministry Coordinator – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who can be the driving force behind a new project? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time University Ministry Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)
7. **Local Youth Ministry and Administration Support – Catholic Diocese of Auckland** Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? The Diocese of Auckland want someone to join our in the role of Local Ministry and Administration Support. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. For more information, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)
8. **Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life** a beautiful series that delves into the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We start by looking deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and finish by delving into the Apostles Creed. This series opens the eyes of our hearts to the hope of infinite bliss and fulfilment in Christ. Sat 27th and Sun 28th May 2023, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. For more information and to register please visit: [www.theologyofthebody.nz](http://www.theologyofthebody.nz)
9. **Our Lady Star of the Sea Howick Parish & School** are celebrating **175 years of history** Friday 11th to Tuesday 15th August 2023 More details via our parish website: [www.howickcatholic.org.nz](http://www.howickcatholic.org.nz)

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**BLESSED ARE  
THOSE WHO HAVE  
NOT SEEN  
AND YET  
BELIEVE!**

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (**DIVINE MERCY**) YEAR A 16TH APRIL 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

Easter, the most important feast of the liturgical year is celebrated over eight full days: it is called the Octave of Easter. The last day is the greatest day of the feast and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina, on that day, (Divine Mercy Sunday) the very depths of my tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy... On that day, all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, (Diary 699). It also helps us understand the meaning of today's Gospel.

Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. This is what Thomas knew at that time when Jesus was appearing to His disciples after His resurrection. Thomas, just like all of us would have done, didn't believe that Jesus had resurrected. But Jesus was not angry or mad at him for his disbelief, in fact, He had to come again a second time so as to reveal Himself to Thomas. This underscores the very important task that Jesus wants us to undertake even with our human weakness. Jesus will still use us to spread His Gospel to the whole world.

Believing is directing the heart's attention to Jesus. It is lifting the mind to behold Him as "my Lord and my God," and never ceasing to behold Him for the rest of our lives. For Thomas and for us, this is one great volitional act which establishes the heart's intention to gaze forever upon Jesus.

God knows that we have set the direction of our heart toward Jesus.

Thomas got his eyes off himself and upon Jesus. Unbelief puts self where God should be. Faith looks out instead of in and the whole life organizes around Him. When we lift our eyes and they focus upon Jesus we worship Him alone. Faith is the gaze of the heart at God. This gaze is but the raising of the inward eyes of the soul to meet the all-seeing eyes of God. This gazing is of the heart, but it involves the whole person. Let us today say like Thomas, 'My Lord and my God' in every difficult situation where we find ourselves doubting the power of Jesus Christ. Jesus will always reveal Himself to us both in our strongest and weakest points in our day to day life. Thomas, despite his doubt in the Risen Christ, became one of the greatest Gospel evangelizers in Asia. We too should not be bogged down by our weaknesses, let us rise to the occasion and do Gods will of spreading His Word to the whole world.

**Happy Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday from your Parish Priests. God Bless you all.**

**Readings for The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 16th April 2023**

**First reading:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:42-47  
*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common!*

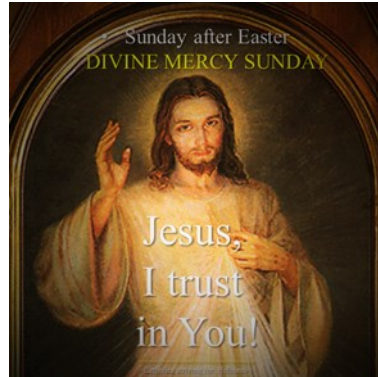
**Responsorial Psalm: 117**

Let Israel say,  
 "His steadfast love endures forever."  
 Let the house of Aaron say,  
 "His steadfast love endures forever."  
 Let those who fear the Lord say,  
 "His steadfast love endures forever."

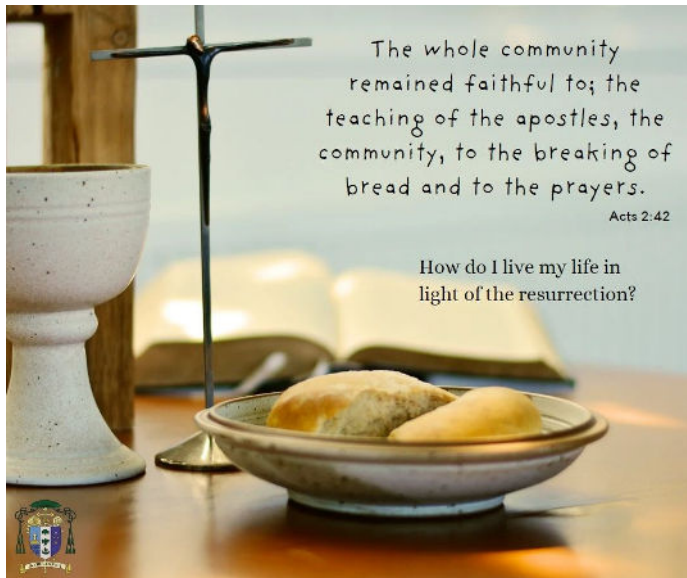
I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
 but the Lord helped me.  
 The Lord is my strength and my might;  
 he has become my salvation.  
 There are glad songs of victory  
 in the tents of the righteous.

The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;  
 it is marvelous in our eyes.  
 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.



**Second reading:** A reading from the first letter of St Peter. 1:3-9  
*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead!*



**Gospel:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 20:19-31  
*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

**Readers for this week: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th April 2023**

Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm Veronica Hagar	1. Ane Enosi 2. Therese Ulberg	Lily Ulberg Pauline Calvert
8.30am Savelina Mahoni	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Joshy Thomas Jose	Cheryl Peters Hulu Tu'inukuafe
10.00am Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Selesitina Taamale 2. Su'a Tagalao	Iutita Sefo Malia Apikotoa

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week  
 Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th April 2023**

6.00pm Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am Grace Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
10.00am Elaine Williams, Loselika Laumea, Malia Fuga

**Readers for next week Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April 2023**

Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Pauline Calvert	Therese Ulberg Veronica Hagar
8.30am Cheryl Peters	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Hulu Tu'inukuafe	Savelina Mahoni Fiesola Pifeleti
10.00am Dilynne Muller	1. Magnolia Tomasi 2. Petrina Fuga	Kiresa Mua Kilika Leavasa

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week  
 Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April 2023**

6.00pm David Hagar, Assumption Ilalio
8.30am Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagalao
10.00am Cory Apikotoa, Soane Ahovelo Jr, Michaela Duarte

**Anniversaries for the coming week 3rd - 23rd April**

3. Antonio Alatau (1998), Sean Campion (2005)
4. Charles Joseph Foy (1984), Gladys Ivy Gill (1993), Louis Gregory Burton (1994), Francis Gerard Martin Neven (2000)
6. Doreen Patricia Cousin (1979), Maureen Anne Hutton (1990)
8. Martin Patrick Coughlan (1980), Thomas Alfred Kemp (1984), Francis Joseph Coyne (1996), Henry Hart (2014)
9. Felipe Cagasan (2005), Gracy D'souza (2012)
10. Mona Hallam (2001)
11. Francella Brown-Muliaga (2014)
12. Coral Mary Millicent Terry (1981), Rudolph Grant (1999), Joan Doreen Ashman (2009)
13. Mary Josephine Berry (2003)
14. Siale Hola (1977), Thomas Patrick Monaghan (1980), Kevin Joseph Doherty (2003), Ermaline Fernandez
15. Peter Aloysius Anzac Brody (1986), Patrick Joseph Keir (1999), Josephine Catherine Loach (2000), Theresia Neumann (2007), Fr Tony Cleary, Estrelita Reyes Andutan
16. Peggy Margaret Monaghan (1995), Naea Dito Bourke (2001), Lydia Ferrao Joyce Philomena Johnson (2020)
17. Lesley Kelly, Cyril Crisp, Tago Sefo Ioane (2001), Aileen Mary Brown (2014), Geoffrey Stuart Harris (2009).
18. Charles Duffy (1996)
19. Millie Williams (1975), Ernest Wilfred Mills (2002), Peter Kelly
21. Leo John Kenny (1979)
22. Agnes Genevieve Simmons (1992), Eileen Mulqueeny, Norman Simpson (1982)
23. Alice Mary Elizabeth Kelly (2001)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
 Easter Collections: \$3971.90**

**Readings for Next Week (23/04/23)**

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
 1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22-28  
 Psalm: 16  
 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21  
 Gospel: Luke. 24:13-35

**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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