

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Adoration this Sunday 1st October at it's usual time of 5pm.**
2. **St Joseph's School's - 175th Jubilee** - Invitations are in the foyer and windows - Scan the QR code or follow the link below to register yourselves for the celebration of our 175th Jubilee celebration. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you. <https://bit.ly/46lyu5Q>
Registrations close 20th October 2023 Contact Melanie @ mduarte@sjs.school.nz
3. **RCIA** - sessions every Thursday, 7pm in the Meeting Room. We can still accept new registration, so please if you know of anyone keen on becoming a Catholic, maybe this is the opportunity for him/her to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact our parish office at: 09 3204558 or email: assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz
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. **The Ethnic Chaplaincies Annual Festival** is back! It's all happening at Sancta Maria School and St Luke Church, Flatbush, Sat 7th – Sun 8th October 2023. The Ethnic faith communities will once again Rise Up and Shine showcasing their “riches of nations” in Food, Sport, Cultural Show, and celebration of the Mass in the diverse colour, language and peoples. Book this date! Get involved in your ethnic communities! Participate in the beautiful message of Isaiah 60 | Rise and Shine! It is the Ethnic Chaplaincies Rise Up and Shine Festival Time! See you there! If you want to be involved in the organising/volunteer email louisar@cda.org.nz.
2. **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy - The Corinthians - who were they?** with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>
Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video. Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
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4. **Date Claimer 9 November** The Pompallier Diocesan Centre, 30 New St, St Mary's Bay is a service hub for the diocese. And a mystery to many. On the 9 November from 4.00-7.30pm you are invited to an Open Home at the Centre. It will be an opportunity to engage with staff, explore some of the archival treasure, enjoy a snack, purchases liturgical resources and more.
5. The Catholic bishops have updated and expanded for the 2020s **Te Kahu o te Ora – A Consistent Ethic of Life**; a significant document which inspires the active protection and promotion of all life. Bishop Steve Lowe, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference President and Bishop of Auckland, says the revised and expanded version of Te Kahu o te Ora “reminds us that all life is a gift of God.” It can be downloaded from the NZCBC website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf>
6. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has a **vacancy for a Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager**. This is a permanent full-time senior leadership position, managing a competent and committed team. It is based in Thorndon Quay, Wellington. For details and to apply, go here: <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4151885>
7. The Sisters of Mercy invited all those pondering religious life to **'Prayer and Meal' Evening**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris Skinner. WHEN: Wednesday 4th October 2023 WHERE: Hou Mana Wai – Mercy Well-springs 104 The Drive, Epsom Time: 6.30pm All are welcome!
Contact phone: 021 0360781

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Priests:

Fr. Talipope Tuala Vaifale mf
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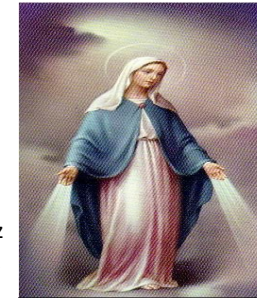
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**“MAY OUR YES
BE YES,
AND OUR NO
BE NO”**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 1ST OCTOBER 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 Saturday at 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

(Ezek 18:25-28). Here the prophet is responding to an objection that God is unjust because he punishes or rewards the individual for his own actions instead of allowing him to rely on the institution of Israel and the promises made to the nation. The prophet declares that each individual is responsible for his/her own actions, and will be judged accordingly. But he goes on to state that repentance will win the individual pardon and life. The theme of repentance is the connection with the Gospel.

(Mt 21:28-32). Matthew now has three parables that are concerned with the judgment of Israel: the two sons, the vinedressers, and the wedding feast. We have the first of these today. In today's Gospel the focus is on the refusal of the religious leaders to repent and believe in Jesus. Their unbelief is contrasted with the belief of tax collectors and prostitutes. This is pressed home in the parable of the two sons. The religious leaders were meant to see themselves in the second son. They promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the kingdom. The first son represents sinners. They originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the kingdom. The parable was meant to defend Jesus invitation of sinners and outcasts to the kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. But it also illustrates the difference between saying and doing - a favourite theme of Matthew.

(Phil 2:1-5). Here Paul says that self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. We must imitate Christ who humbled himself to the point of accepting death, the most shameful kind of death - death on a cross. God rewarded his obedience and humility by 'raising him on high and giving him a name which is above all other names. The self-emptying and self-abasement of Christ should serve as a model for every Christian.

Readings for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 1st October 2023

First reading:

A reading from the book of Prophet Ezekiel. 18:25-28

When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed, they shall save their life!

Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-5a,6+7b,8-9(R.6)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from old.

According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 2:1-11

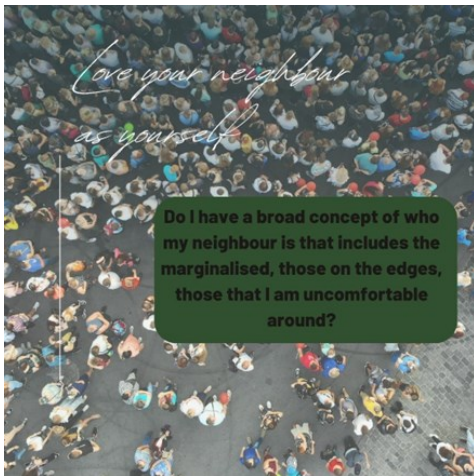
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!



Gospel:

A reading from the
Holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

21:28-32

The tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you!

Readers for this week: Saturday 30th September & Sunday 1st October 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Lily Ulberg	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Colleen Hodges	Assumption Ilalio Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Fiesola Pifeleti	Hulu Tu'inukuafe Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Iutita Sefo	1. Toma Lauaki 2. Malia Apikotoa	Selesitina Taamale Ane Enosi

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week

Saturday 30th September & Sunday 1st October 2023

6.00pm	Don Hodges, David Hagar
8.30am	Loselika Laumea, Imeleta Kelemete
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Stan Duarte

Readers for next week Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October 2023

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Therese Ulberg	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Assumption Ilalio	Colleen Hodges Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa	1. Grace Tu'inukuafe 2. Lily Ulberg	Fiesola Pifeleti Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Petrina Fuga	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Peta Sefo	Su'e Tapu Eseta Oloa

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6.00pm	Don Hodges, David Hagar
8.30am	Glen Hill Amanda Peters
10.00am	Malia Fuga, Faumuina Lio, Melanie Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 2nd - 8th October

2. Ella Emily Armstrong (1982)
3. Anuanu Teisina (2015) Marie Joan Ulberg (1997)
4. Alfred Arthur Keir (1998), Uikilifi Alusa Lauaki (2009)
5. Earl Albert King (1982), Edward Thomas Drumm (1984)
6. Fr Lawrie Sakey (2014)
7. Leo Albert Haydon (1978)
8. Violet Stella Trubuhovich (1975), Joan Louise Heaton (1980), Rowland Henry Barratt (1994), Redentor Rivera (2008)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00

Last week's collection was \$1363.60

Readings for Next Week (08/10/23)

Twenty-Seventh Sun in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah. 5:1-7

Psalm 80

2nd Reading: Philippians. 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew. 21:33-43

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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