

## PARISH NOTICES

1. **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** - Tuesday 4th March 6.30pm in the meeting room.
2. **Lenten Season Programme** has been emailed to our list like so our newsletter. Please read so you know when you are rostered to lead Adoration on Sundays during lent.
3. **Ash Wednesday Masses on the 5th March** - the distributing of ashes will be at the 7.30am mass, the 9.30am School Mass and the 7pm mass.
4. **Stations of the Cross** - on Friday the 7th March at 6.30pm.
5. **Adorations** - First Sunday of Lent 9th March 2025 @ 5pm led by Divine Mercy & Legion of Mary.
6. **Marriage Preparations - session 2** on Friday the 21st of March at 6.30pm in the meeting room.
7. **Sacramental Programme for 2025** - commences on the 27th April 2025 after the 10am Mass with our first meet and greet with Candidates and their parents.
8. **Sacramental Programme for 2025** is still open for enrolments from the age of 8 years. Receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will now take place on **Sunday 22nd June 2025** (Corpus Christi) hence the early enrolments. Please contact Parish Office at [assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.
9. Our dried goods are running low and humbly asking our Faith Family to support our **Food Collection Drive** so that the Caring and Services Committee could prepare food parcels for families in need to be distributed in the hall before Easter after the Sunday Masses. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods. **YES** we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

## DIOCESE NOTICES

1. **Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent!** - Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesdays. Find out more at [FLL.org.nz/prayerforlife](http://FLL.org.nz/prayerforlife)
2. **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  
**Time Out Days** – For those who seek a day retreat in 2025- 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Tue 11 Mar | Wed 16 Apr  
**Women's Prayer Retreat**- A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for Women | Fri 28th Feb 6pm - Sun 2 Mar 3pm 2025 | Earlybird \$300 pp (before 08/02) | Standard \$330pp  
**24Hr Quietude**- For those who seek a short retreat- Fri 7pm - Sat 7pm (\$120pp incl accommodation + food) | April 11th/12th | July 11th/12<sup>th</sup>
3. **Sale now on for Annual Resources from the Liturgy Centre.** Cost Price Sale. Be quick as limited numbers. Jubilee Prayer cards also available 10c each plus postage.  
Please order via: Annual <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/annuals> or Resource Catalogue <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/resources>
4. **Story of the Stations of the Cross** Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23? You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross. To register please email [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) to be sent the online link.
5. **Bishop Steve Speaks** tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW\\_gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW_gsxny4e)
6. **CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!**  
There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. Join us this year! To find out more please contact Daniel Story at [dans@cda.org.nz](mailto:dans@cda.org.nz) and/or check out our socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"
7. **Joshua Auckland** presents and invites YOU to....."How to be Salt and Light in an Age of Crisis and Confusion" by Brendan Malone.  
When - **Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>** Where- St Mark's Catholic Church. 334 Pakuranga Road.  
Time - 7 pm for a 7.30pm start. Who- ALL welcome

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### Parish Priests:

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## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 2ND MARCH 2025

**Daily Morning Eucharist:**

**Daily Evening Eucharist:**

**First Friday Evening:**

**Saturday Eucharist:**

**Sunday Eucharist:**

**Public Holidays:**

**Adoration:**

**Tongan Mass:**

**Samoa Mass:**

**Youth Mass:**

**Reconciliation:**

**Samoa Divine Mercy prayer meetings:**

**The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:**

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Wednesdays & Thursdays 7.00pm

**Lectio Divina** 6.30pm-7.30pm

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

5th Sunday of every month at 11.30am

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

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

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

Every Friday at 7.00pm & Every first Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

## Reflection

**TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST.** Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

(**Sir 27:4-7**). Just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, so a person's talk shows what kind of person he is. This links up with what Jesus says in the Gospel: 'A tree is known by its fruit ... the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart.'

(**Lk 6:39-45**). Here it is no longer a question of love of enemies, but of love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. A Christian is his brother's keeper. But one cannot undertake to guide others unless one knows the way oneself. And criticism of others must be preceded by self-criticism. People are judged by their deeds. Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a person by his actions. Hence, the true Christian must be a genuinely good person. It is not only one's deeds that show what kind of person one is, so too do one's words. One's words reveal what is in the heart - goodness or badness.

(**1 Cor 15:54-58**). This is the climax of Paul's discourse on the resurrection of the dead. In this short but powerful text Paul celebrates Christ's victory over death. Like a snake that has lost its venom, death has lost its sting and cannot destroy us. It is sin that gives death its sting, because sin can cause eternal death. But Christ has defeated the power of sin, and so has taken the sting out of death.

This should spur us on to persevere in doing the Lord's work.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2nd March 2025

### First reading:

A reading from the book of Sirach. 27: 4-7  
*Do not praise someone before they have spoken!*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 92

**R: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night. **R.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
showing that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R.**



### Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 15: 54-58  
*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Shine like stars in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 6: 39-45  
*A person speaks from what is in his heart!*



### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the **faith** you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed **hope** for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos,  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of hope**,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen.**



## Readers for this week Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2025

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Dilynne Muller	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Diana-Marie Ulberg	Pauline Calvert Veronica Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Fuailalaga Lima 2. Selesitina Taamale	Dominic Paul Sylvia Paul
<b>10.00am</b>	Fusi Mataale	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Ane Enosi	Ana Lauaki Eseta Oloa

### Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2025

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don & Colleen Hodges, David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagalao, Johndell Ubido, Lily Ulberg
<b>10.00am</b>	Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Stan & Mel Duarte, Faumuina Lio

## Readers for next week Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2025

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Petrina Fuga	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Veronica Hagar	Tatupu Vaalepu Diana-Marie Ulberg
<b>8.30am</b>	Susitina Tu'inukuafae	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Cheryl Peters	Fiesola Pifeleti Fuailalaga Lima
<b>10.00am</b>	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Peta Sefo 2. Su'a Tagalao	Iutita Sefo Ane Enosi

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<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Don Hodges, Assumption Ilalo
<b>8.30am</b>	Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters, Glen Hill
<b>10.00am</b>	Stan & Mel Duarte, Eseta Oloa, Kalevina Su'a, Faumuina Lio

### Anniversaries for the coming week 3rd to 9th March

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)
6. Leo Mathew Dwyer (1977), Margaret Skynner (1989), John Philip Matheson (1989)
7. Effie Williams (1976), Sr. Mary Fidelis (Margaret McVicar) (2002) Ronald Randall (2003), Bill and Mary Dutton
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9. Stanley Gorden Cameron (1979), Edward Robert Dooley (1980), Frances Josephine Davey (1983), Ngatira Julie Graham (1999) Edna Florista Danao (2021)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Last Sunday collection \$2619.30**

Readings for Next Week (9/03/25)  
First Sunday of Lent Year C  
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Psalm: 91  
2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13  
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

**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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