

## PARISH NOTICES

1. **Rite of Election** mass this Sunday 9th March at 1.45pm, St Patrick's Cathedral.
2. **Liturgy Committee meeting** - Tuesday 11th March 6.30pm in the meeting room.
3. Please check the **Lenten Season Programme** when you are rostered to lead Adoration during the Sundays of lent.
4. **Stations of the Cross** - on Friday the 14th March at 6.30pm.
5. **Adorations** - Second Sunday of Lent 16th March 2025 @ 5pm
6. **Marriage Preparations - session 2** on Friday the 21st of March at 7.00pm 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). **The cut-off date for enrolments is the 13th April 2025.** 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. **Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:** For more info/dates and book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651 **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>
2. **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>
3. **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.
4. **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=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW\\_-gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW_-gsxny4e)
5. **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"



# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“SCRIPTURE  
SAYS: MAN  
DOES NOT  
LIVE ON BREAD  
ALONE.”**

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 9TH 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 Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

## Reflection

**(Deut 26:4-10).** This describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest. It was an occasion for the people to thank God, not only for the blessings of the harvest, but also for all he had done for them in the past, especially in the Exodus. The creed which the offeror recited is a summary of Israel's history from its humble origins to the possession of the land promised to Abraham. The readings of the following Sundays will focus on significant moments of that history. Our worship of God is also a recognition of his favours to us.

**(Rom 10:8-13).** This contains in its simplest form the Christian credo: Jesus is Lord; he died for our sins, and was raised up for our justification.

Anyone who can say that and live by it will be saved.

**(Lk 4:1-13).** Luke's account of the temptations follows closely that of Matthew, except that he deliberately changes the order of the last two temptations so that the series ends in Jerusalem. This is in keeping with his theological interest in the holy city. The three scenes serve to correct a false understanding of Jesus' mission. Jesus repels the tempter by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, which stresses God's will for Israel. The devil wanted to undermine Jesus in his faithfulness to the Father, and in his faithfulness to the mission he had received from the Father. Luke depicts Jesus as obedient to his Father's will, and as one who will not be turned to using his power or authority for any reason other than that for which he has been sent.



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer

*Flor McCarthy SDB*



Praying Together

## First Sunday of Lent Year C 9th March 2025

### First reading:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 26: 4-10  
*This is how the chosen people are to confess their faith!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 R. v.15

**R: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
 who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
 my God, in whom I trust." **R.**

No evil shall befall you,  
 no scourge come near your tent.  
 For he will command his Angels concerning you  
 to guard you in all your ways. **R.**

On their hands they will bear you up,  
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. **R.**

The one who loves me, I will deliver;  
 I will protect the one who knows my name.  
 When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
 I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honour him. **R.**

### Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 10: 8-13  
*This is how believers in Christ profess their faith!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Man does not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 4: 1-13  
*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness; there he was tempted!*



### 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 8th and Sunday 9th March 2025

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Petrina Fuga	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Veronica Hagar	Tatupu Vaalepu Diana-Marie Ulberg
<b>8.30am</b>	Susitina Tu'inukuafe	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Cheryl Peters	Fiesola Pifeleti Fuailaelaga Lima
<b>10.00am</b>	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Peta Sefo 2. Eseta Oloa	Iutita Sefo Fusi Mataele

### **Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2025**

<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Don Hodges, Assumption Ilalio
<b>8.30am</b>	Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters, Glen Hill
<b>10.00am</b>	Faumuina Lio, Peter Rawson, Kalevina Su'a, Su'a Tagaloo, Loselika Laumea

## Readers for next week Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March 2025

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Ane Enosi	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Colleen Hodges	Veronica Hagar Pauline Calvert
<b>8.30am</b>	Marybeth Fuga	1. Selesitina Taamale 2. Savelina Mahoni	Cheryl Peters Fiesola Pifeleti
<b>10.00am</b>	Leonie Rawson	1. Peta Sefo 2. Selesitina Taamale	Tatupu Vaalepu Ane Enosi

### **Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March 2025**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don Hodges, Tonga Enosi, Tatupu Vaalepu
<b>8.30am</b>	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Stan & Mel Duarte, Peter Rawson, Malia Fusi, Faumuina Lio

## **Anniversaries for the coming week 10th to 16th March**

10. George Sharrock (1978), Robert Daniel Bishop (1982), Kathleen Morgan (2002)
11. Edward Henry Clune (1989), Carolyn Donna O'Shea (2011)
12. Joseph Hector Sharrock (1975), Blanche Bernice Tait (1981), Harry D'Santos (1971).
13. Edna Latu (2005), Lesieli Fotuaiko (2011), Rosa Metzler (2009)
14. Edith Rose McCurd (1986)
15. Margaret King (1980), Mary Elizabeth Casey (2004)
16. Kenneth John Heaton (1975), Msgr Mathew Brady(2012), Margrett Millar (2005), Bryan Francis Casey (2006)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
 Last Sunday collection \$2326.50**

**Readings for Next Week (16/03/25)**  
**Second Sunday of Lent Year C**  
 1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18  
 Psalm: 27  
 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**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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