

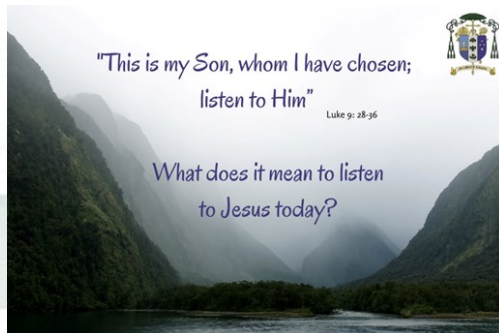
PARISH NOTICES

1. **Adorations** - this Second Sunday of Lent 16th March 2025 at 5pm.
2. **Fundraising Committee meeting** - Tuesday 18th 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** - Friday the 21st March at 6.30pm.
5. **Adorations** - the Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March at 5pm led by **Tonga Community**.
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 the cut-off date for enrolments is the 13th April 2025.** Please contact Parish Office at 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.

Blessings and well wishes to **Fr Iosefo**, who celebrated his cake day on Thursday 13th March. May you continue to stay healthy so that you may continue to serve our Lord and his Church.

DIOCESE NOTICES

1. **Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:** For more info/dates and book visit 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/12th
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 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
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 and/or check out our socials. Search "aucklandcatholicchaplaincy"



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**"LET'S JOURNEY
WITH JESUS
THROUGH THE
HARDSHIPS OF
LIFE TO GLORY."**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 16TH MARCH 2025

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Daily Evening Eucharist:

First Friday Eucharist:

Saturday Eucharist:

Sunday Eucharist:

Public Holidays:

Adoration:

Tongan Mass:

Samoan Mass:

Youth Mass:

Reconciliation:

Samoan 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

(Gen 15:5-12,17-18). This reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of his fidelity God made a solemn covenant with Abraham. Our passage describes an ancient rite of treaty or covenant making. To ratify a covenant the contracting parties cut an animal (or animals) in two and walked between the divided parts, invoking the fate of the animals on themselves should they fail to observe the terms of the contract. Since God's covenant with Abraham is unilateral, only God (symbolised by the furnace and the torch) passes between the pieces.

The birds of prey symbolise the forces hostile to Israel. This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and eternal covenant, which Jesus sealed in his own blood on Calvary.

(Phil 3:17-4:1). The Philippians were Roman citizens. But Paul reminds them that their real homeland is in heaven. He urges them to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share his glory there.

(Lk 9:28-36). The transfiguration follows on Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi. The two events are intimately related. At Caesarea Philippi Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah. In response, Jesus had made a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering, and that his suffering and theirs must be seen against a background of ultimate and certain glory. Now on the mountain the disciples have a preview of the glory to come, and hear a voice from heaven bidding them heed the words of God's Son.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

Second Sunday of Lent Year C 16th March 2025

First reading:

A reading from the book of Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 27: 1, 7-8, 13-14, (R.1a)

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, do I seek. **R.**

Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!. **R.**

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 3: 17-4.1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body!

Gospel Acclamation:

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

From the bright cloud the Father’s voice is heard:

This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

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

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 9: 28-36

***While Jesus prayed, the appearance
of his face changed!***



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 15th and Sunday 16th March 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Ane Enosi	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Colleen Hodges	Veronica Hagar Pauline Calvert
8.30am	Marybeth Fuga	1. Su'e Tapu 2. Savelina Mahoni	Cheryl Peters Fiesola Pifeleti Peta Sefo
10.00am	Leonie Rawson	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Selesitina Taamale	Eseta Oloa

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March 2025**

6.00pm	Don Hodges, Tonga Enosi, Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters
10.00am	Peter Rawson, Malia Fusi, Faumuina Lio, Inoke Kata, Michaela Duarte

Readers for next week Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Angel Taamale	Ane Enosi Lily Ulberg
8.30am	Sylvia Paul	1. Susitina Tu'inukuafe 2. Dominic Paul	Savelina Mahoni Selesitina Taamale
10.00am	Fusi Mataele	1. Eseta Oloa 2. Malia Apikotoa	Tatupu Vaalepu Leonie Rawson

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for next week
Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd March 2025**

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges, David Hagar
8.30am	Su'a Tagalao, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido
10.00am	Stan & Melanie Duarte, Inoke Kata, Iutita Sefo, Tonga Enosi

Anniversaries for the coming week 17th to 23rd March

17. Lorna Mary Andrew (1989), Joseph Ruprecht (1989), Joseph Bouzaid (1997), Iris Gertrude Kennedy (1998), Anthony Stephen Tordeich (2014), Ines Vergara-Castro (2022)
18. Donald Michael Choy (1991)
19. Constance Mary Power (2000)
20. Iris Lois Irving (1985)
21. Lois Mary McCartney (1988)
22. Mary Veronica Smith (1981)
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**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday collection \$2453.80**

Readings for Next Week (23/03/25)

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

Psalm: 103

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: John 13:1-9

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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