

PARISH NOTICES

- 1. Faith Formation Committee meeting** - Tuesday 25th February 6.30pm in the meeting room.
- 2. Lenten Season Programme** is now displayed on our noticeboard and on office window. It will also be 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. RCIA** - programme continues every Thursday 7pm in the meeting room. Next session 27/2/25.
- 4. Marriage Preparations - session 2** on Friday the 21st of March at 6.30pm in the meeting room.
- 5. Ash Wednesday Masses 5th March** - the distributing of ashes will be at the 7.30am, the 9.30am School Mass and 7pm.
- 6. Stations of the Cross** - on Friday the 7th March at 6.30pm.
- 7. Adorations** - First Sunday of Lent 9th March 2025 @ 5pm led by Divine Mercy & Legion of Mary.
- 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 **Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.**
- 9. 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.
- 10.** 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.

We farewelled **Thomas Krause (Tommy)** at his Requiem Mass on Thursday 20th February. Our deep condolences to the **Krause Family** and extended family. He will be sorely missed. RIP dear **Tommy**.

DIOCESE NOTICES

- 1. Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy - Incense - A Taste of Heaven?** with Beate Matthies Mon, 24 February 2025, 7-8pm (Zoom). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/14/incense-a-taste-of-heaven/>
YouTube Recordings: The Temple in Jesus' Time - Muffin Talk with Prof Amy-Jill Levine: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/02/11/the-temple-in-jesus-time/>
Resources: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
- 2. Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre:**
For more info/dates and to book visit 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/12th
- 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 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=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW_-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 and/or check out our socials. Search “*aucklandcatholicchaplaincy*”

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Priests:

Fr. Joseph Thirumala mf

Fr. Iosefo Timu mf

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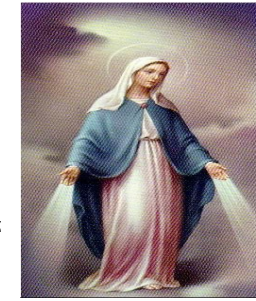
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“BE MERCIFUL
AS YOUR
FATHER
IS MERCIFUL.”

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Daily Evening Eucharist:

First Friday Evening:

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

Reflection

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

(1Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23). Because of his great successes on the battlefield, David was very popular with the people. As a result, Saul became jealous of him, saw him as a threat, and sought to kill him. This reading contains the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so because in his eyes Saul, as king of Israel, was a sacred person. This prepares us for the Gospel which contains Jesus' injunction to love our enemies.

(Lk 6:27-38). Love within one's group or fellowship is a natural and universal human trait. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is their ability to love those outside their own group of fellowship, and even their enemies. Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of fraternal charity. His disciples are to imitate the kindness and compassion of God.

He asks them to be compassionate, forgiving, and generous towards one another, and assures them that whatever they give to others will be given back to them with interest.

(1Cor 15:45-49). Having asserted the reality of the resurrection Paul passes to the manner of the resurrection and the nature of the risen body. He draws a parallel between Adam and Christ. To Adam we owe the life of earth; to Christ we owe the life of heaven. We will be raised bodily, just as Christ was raised bodily. But the resurrection body will be very different from the body we now know.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 23rd February 2025

First reading:

A reading from the first book of Samuel. 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R.v.8

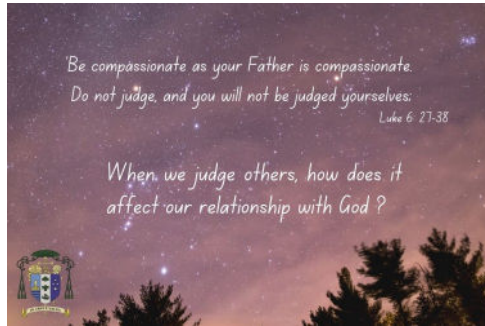
R: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
 who redeems your life from the Pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west,
 so far he removes our transgressions from us.
 As a father has compassion for his children,
 so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. **R.**



Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 15: 45-49
Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
 I give you a new commandment:
 love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 6: 27-38
Be merciful as your Father is merciful!



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 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Pauline Calvert	1. Veronica Hagar 2. Colleen Hodges	Ane Enosi Lily Ulberg
8.30am	Fuailalaga Lima	1. Dominic Paul 2. Sylvia Paul	Cheryl Peters Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	St Joseph's	1. School 2. Mass	

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week
 Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 2025**

6.00pm	Don Hodges, David Hagar, Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Glen Hill, Su'a Tagaloa, Kalevina Su'a
10.00am	St Joseph's School Mass

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

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

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week
 Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2025**

6.00pm	Don Hodges, David Hagar, Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Johndell Ubido, Lily Ulberg
10.00am	Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Stan & Mel Duarte, Faumuina Lio

Anniversaries for the coming week 24th February to 2nd March

24. Francis Veronica Lane (1981)
25. Leonilda D'Silva (1984)
26. Raymond Patrick Letton (Layton) (1975), Dianne Patricia Coon (1981)
 Rogelio Pinon (1998), Thomas Kow (2012)
27. Kathleen Mary Austin (1988), Pelenatate Talione Sikolo (2009)
28. Elizabeth Nina Raffles (1986), Warren Brian Harlick (2000),
 Malia Ivosa Va'afuti (2004)
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2. Zela Theodora Gertrude Williams (1982), Mary Christine Thorne (1985),
 Lena Ellen George (1985), Patrick Emmet Murphy (2007)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
 Last Sunday collection \$2349.60**

Readings for Next Week (2/03/25)
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
 Psalm: 92
 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15:54-58
 Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

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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