

## PARISH NOTICES

1. **Sunday Children's Liturgy** resumes this Sunday the 16th February 2025.
2. **Finance Committee meeting** - Tuesday 18th February 6.30pm in the meeting room.
3. **RCIA** - programme continues every Thursday 7pm in the meeting room. Next session 20/2/25.
4. **Marriage Preparations - session 1** will commence on Friday the 21st of February at 6.30pm in the meeting room.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. 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.

Belated birthday greetings for **Basil Hafoka**, who celebrated his 89th on Monday 11th February. **Basil** was involved with the school and the parish in various capacities over the years - e.g. designed the school library and helped design the alterations to our church, was chairman of the school committee briefly. May the Lord continue to bless you with good health.

## 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](http://www.studyjoy.nz)
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/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](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=PLYVVDh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW\\_-gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhIpW_-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"

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“HAPPY  
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THE LORD.”**

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 16TH 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

(Jer 17:5-8). This piece of wisdom poetry contrasts the fate of the wicked who reject God with that of the just who put their trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub: the latter to a fruitful tree planted by the waterside. The blessedness of those who put their trust in God is the connection with the Gospel.

(Lk 6:17.20-26). For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain', which parallels Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount'. Today's Gospel contains Luke's version of the beatitudes. The beatitudes echo the programme Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine beatitudes, Luke has only four, with however four corresponding 'woes'. 'Blessed are the poor...the hungry... the afflicted.' These beatitudes do not refer to three separate categories but to three aspects of the same distressful situation. One may ask: what merit is there in being poor, hungry, and afflicted? There is none. The 'blessedness' of the poor lies in the fact that God is their champion. The fourth beatitudes was addressed to suffering and persecuted Christians. It was a way of encouraging them in the midst of the difficulties in which they were caught.

(1 Cor 15:12.16-20). This is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. Here Paul is insisting on the bodily resurrection of Jesus. He reproaches the Corinthians for their inconsistency. If they have accepted Christ's resurrection, how then can they deny the resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, it follows that Christ has not been raised. In which case his preaching and their faith are for nothing. But he has established that Christ has been raised. He is the first fruit of all who have died. In other words, the resurrection of Jesus is not something that happened only to him; it reaches to us also.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

## The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 16th February 2025

### First reading:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah. 17: 5-8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm: 1

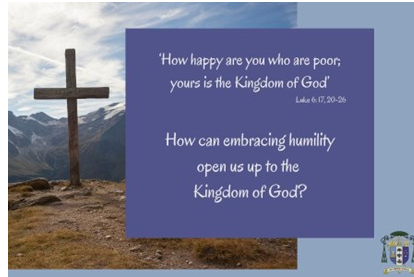
**R: Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.**

Blessed is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law meditates day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaves do not wither.

And everything he does, prospers. **R.**

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**



### Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 15: 12, 16-20

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Rejoice and leap for joy;

for surely your reward is great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to

Luke. 6: 17,20-26

*Happy are the poor.*

*Woe to the rich!*



### 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 February 2025

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Lily Ulberg	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Ane Enosi	Pauline Calvert Veronica Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Savelina Mahoni	1. Selesitina Taamale 2. Glen Hill	Fuailalagi Lima Cheryl Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Su'a Tagalao	1. Malia Apikotoa 2. Iutita Sefo	Fusi Mataele Peta Sefo

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February 2025

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don & Colleen Hodges, David Hagar
<b>8.30am</b>	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Stan & Melanie Duarte, Inoke Kata, Peter Rawson, Elaine Williams

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

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

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February 2025

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don Hodges, David Hagar, Tatupu Vaalepu
<b>8.30am</b>	Glen Hill, Su'a Tagalao, Kalevina Su'a
<b>10.00am</b>	St Joseph's School Mass

## Anniversaries for the coming week 17th to 23rd February

17. Thomas Leslie Williams (1981), Ann Theresa Hoffman (1984)
18. Sarah Edith Naden (1979), Albert James Maynard (1983), James Ivor William Kiddie (2000)
19. Francis Herbert Muir (1982)
20. Meta Margarieta Brooke (1981)
21. Myrna Ganzon Mejia (1999)
22. James Cambell Hart (1980), Lourdes Catapang (2007)
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**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Last Sunday collection \$1900.90**

Readings for Next Week (23/02/25)  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
1st Reading: Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
Psalm: 103  
2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

**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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