

## PARISH NOTICES

1. Our Organ canvas cover has been removed from the Organ that's in the choir loft. Please return the cover to where it's suppose to be. The Organ needs its cover so it doesn't gather dust.
2. Liturgy committee meeting - Tuesday 8th April 6.30pm in the meeting room.
3. Sacramental Programme for 2025 cut-off date for enrolments is next Sunday 13th April 2025. The last week for 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.
4. 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. Save this date.
5. 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.

## NOTICES FOR FR TO ANNOUNCE PLEASE

6. Our Evening Masses will be suspended until further notice.
7. Adorations - this Fifth Sunday of Lent 6th April 2025 at 5pm. Led by Parish Youth.
8. Stations of the Cross each - Friday during lent. the next one is on 11th April at 6.30pm.
9. The Holy Week - Sacred Paschal Triduum Programme has been emailed out and displayed on our noticeboard and office window. Please read it for all your mass times for the Holy week.
10. Marriage Preparations - session 3 on Friday the 11th of April at 7.00pm in the meeting room.

## DIOCESE NOTICES

1. 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.
2. 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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**"LET THE PERSON  
WITHOUT SIN,  
BE THE FIRST  
TO THROW  
& STONE."**

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 6TH APRIL 2025

**Daily Morning Eucharist:**

Monday - Friday 7.30am

**Daily Evening Eucharist:**

Wednesdays & Thursdays 7.00pm

**First Friday Evening:**

**Lectio Divina** 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Saturday Eucharist:**

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

**Sunday Eucharist:**

8.30am & 10.00am

**Public Holidays:**

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

**Adoration:**

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

**Tongan Mass:**

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

**Samoan Mass:**

5th Sunday of every month at 11.30am

**Youth Mass:**

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

**Reconciliation:**

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

**Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:**

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

**The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:**

Every Thursday at 7.00pm (Pavilion)

## Reflection

**STRAINING AHEAD.** The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God's forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Isa 43:16-21).** This contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon.

There will be a new exodus, so glorious that the great events of the past need scarcely be remembered any longer. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people. This prepares us for the Gospel.

**(Phil 3:8-14).** For Paul nothing can outweigh the privilege of knowing Christ.

He has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection. Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn't look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

**(Jn 8:1-11).** Notice the switch to John. Here we are dealing with an 'entrapment' story, which sought to show Jesus' wisdom in besting his adversaries.

The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. Mosaic law required the execution of the woman by stoning (Lev 20:10;Dt 13:9-10). Not to enforce it could be seen as condoning the sin and encouraging people to break the Law of Moses. In his response, Jesus displayed a profound compassion, while at the same time upholding the Law. He did not condone the woman's behaviour; he told her to sin no more. Besides, he turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C 6th April 2025**

**First reading:**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 43: 16-21  
*I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 126: 1-2a, 2b-3,4-5,6 R.3

**R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

**Second reading:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 3: 8-14  
*I have suffered the loss of all things, in order that I may gain Christ!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord,  
for I am gracious and merciful.

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

**Gospel:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 8: 1-11  
*Let anyone among you  
who is without sin be the first to throw a stone!*

**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 5th and Sunday 6th April 2025**

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Marybeth Fuga	1. Diana-Marie Ulberg 2. Su'e Tapu	Pauline Calvert Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Su'a Tagalao	1. Sharlene Havea 2. Savelina Mahoni	Cheryl Peters Fiesola Pifeleti
10.00am	Ana Lauaki	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Malia Apikotoa	Selestitina Taamale Eseta Oloa

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week  
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th April 2025**

6.00pm	Lily Ulberg, Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Kalevina Su'a, Glen Hill, Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Faumuina Lio, Fusi Mataele, Peter Rawson

**Readers for next week Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April 2025**

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Colleen Hodges	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Veronica Hagar	Diana-Marie Ulberg Therese Ulberg
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Glen Hill 2. Lily Ulberg	Sharlene Havea Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Petrina Fuga	1. Peta Sefo 2. Tafaomalo Leavasa	Ana Lauaki Malia Apikotoa

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week  
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April 2025**

6.00pm	David Hagar, Assumption Ilalio, Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters, Glen Hill, Su'a Tagalao
10.00am	Eseta Oloa, Faumuina Lio, Peter Rawson, Elaine Williams, Iutita Sefo

**Anniversaries for the coming week 7th to 13th April**

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8. Martin Patrick Coughlan (1980), Thomas Alfred Kemp (1984)  
Francis Joseph Coyne (1996), Henry Hart (2014)
9. Felipe Cagasan (2005), Gracy D'souza (2012)
10. Mona Hallam (2001)
11. Francella Brown-Muliaga (2014)
12. Coral Mary Millicent Terry (1981), Rudolph Grant (1999)  
Joan Doreen Ashman (2009)
13. Mary Josephine Berry (2003)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Last Sunday collection \$2383.70**

**Readings for Next Week (13/04/25)**

**Palm Sunday Year C**  
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm: 22  
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23

**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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