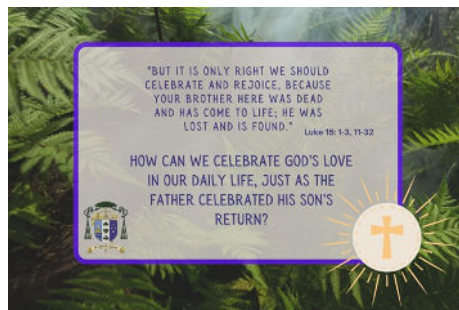


## PARISH NOTICES

1. **Please be reminded of Fr Joseph's** farewell this Sunday 30th March at a shared lunch after the Multicultural Mass in the Hall. As the norm, please bring a plate to share. We also want to take this opportunity to thank you **Fr Joseph** for his love and guidance this past year. God's blessings on your next mission that He has planned for you.
2. **Adorations** - this Fourth Sunday of Lent 30th March 2025 at 5pm. Led by **Samoan Community**.
3. **Pastoral Parish Council committee meeting** - Tuesday 1st April 6.30pm in the meeting room.
4. **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.
5. **Stations of the Cross each** - Friday during lent. the next one is on 4th April at 6.30pm.
6. **Marriage Preparations - session 3** on Friday the 11th of April 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](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/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](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=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhpW\\_gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhpW_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"



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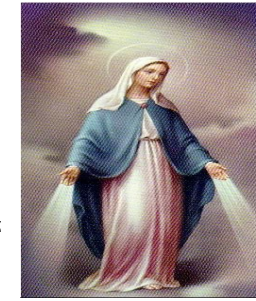
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# "THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS."

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 30TH MARCH 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

**The joy of forgiveness.** The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

**(Josh 5:9-12).** At long last the Israelites enter the land of promise and partake of its produce. The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come home to the promised land. A new era is about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover. This prepares us for the homecoming of the prodigal son in the Gospel parable.

**(2 Cor 5:17-21).** Here Paul stresses how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The task of the Church is to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

**(Lk 15:1-3,11-32).** Like the Israelites of old, the prodigal son's shame is behind him. His years of wandering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told the parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that he was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son. For Luke the 'Pharisees' are righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and scandalous.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C 30th March 2025**

**First reading:**

A reading from the book of Joshua. 5: 9-12  
*Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the Passover!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 34: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 R.8a

**R: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
 his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
 let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,  
 and let us exalt his name together.  
 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
 and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;  
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
 The poor one called, and the Lord heard,  
 and saved that person from every trouble.



**Second reading:**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 5: 17-21  
*Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

I will get up and go to my father and say to him:  
 Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

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

**Gospel:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel  
 according to Luke. 15: 1-3, 11-32  
*This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life!*



**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 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Colleen Hodges	1. Veronica Hagar 2. Pauline Calvert	Tatupu Vaalepu Assumption Ilalio
<b>8.30am</b>	Cheryl Peters	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Fuailalagi Lima	Sylvia Paul Dominic Paul
<b>10.00am</b>		1. <b>Multicultural</b> 2. <b>Mass</b>	

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week  
 Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Don & Colleen Hodges, David Hagar,
<b>8.30am</b>	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters, Kalevina & Tagaloo Su'a, Glen Hill
<b>10.00am</b>	Inoke Kata, Eseta Oloa, Faumuina Lio, Fusi Mataele, Iutita Sefo

**Readers for next week Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2025**

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

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week  
 Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2025**

<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges
<b>8.30am</b>	Kalevina Su'a, Glen Hill, Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters
<b>10.00am</b>	Melanie, Michaela & Stan Duarte, Fusi Mataele, Peter Rawson

**Anniversaries for the coming week 1st to 6th April**

1. James Samuel Geard (1976), Frances Ursula Franchi (1989), Tavite Mulitalo Mataele (2008)
3. Antonio Alatau (1998), Sean Campion (2005) Charles Joseph Foy (1984), Gladys Ivy Gill (1993), Louis Gregory Burton (1994), Francis Gerard Martin Neven (2000)
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6. Doreen Patricia Cousin (1979), Maureen Anne Hutton (1990)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
 Last Sunday collection \$2766.00**

**Readings for Next Week (06/04/25)**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C**  
 1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21  
 Psalm: 126  
 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14  
 Gospel: John 12:1-8

**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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