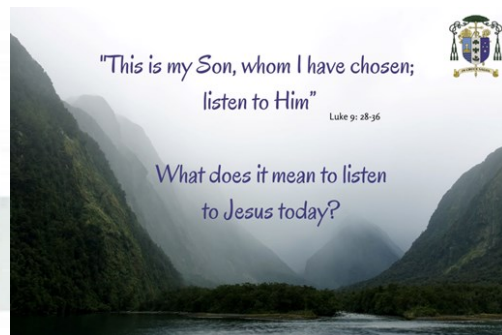


PARISH NOTICES

1. **Adorations** - this Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March 2025 at 5pm. Led by **Tongan Community**.
2. **Faith Formation Committee meeting** - Tuesday 25th March 6.30pm in the meeting room.
3. **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.
4. **Stations of the Cross each** - Friday during lent. the next one is on 28th March at 6.30pm.
5. **Fr Joseph** will be leaving us, and so we farewell him on Sunday 30th March at a shared lunch after the Multicultural Mass. As the norm, please bring a plate to share. Thank you **Fr Joseph** for your love and guidance this past year. God's blessings on your next mission that He has planned for you.
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 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 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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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 23RD MARCH 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 Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

Reflection

(Exodus 3:1-8.13-15). This tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as 'Yahweh' (I am the Existing One). What comes across in the incident is God's concern for his people. Fire is a symbol of love. God's love is not diminished in giving. God has heard the cries of his oppressed people, and sends Moses to liberate them from Egypt and lend them to a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' It is a turning point in the Old Testament, and leads to the Exodus and beyond. The role of Moses prefigures the role of Jesus. Through Moses God saved his people Israel from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the slavery of sin, and now on route under the leadership of Jesus to the promised land of eternal life.

(1Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12). In spite of all God had done for the Israelites, most of them were not pleasing to God, with the result that they died in the desert. Paul tells the Corinthians that what happen to them is a warning for us Christians. Christians must not think that just because they have received the sacraments they are automatically saved.

(Luke 13:1-9). Here we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents that befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolizes the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

Third Sunday of Lent Year C 23rd March 2025

First reading:

A reading from the book of Exodus 3:1-8.13-15
**Moses, you will tell the children of Israel:
I AM has sent me to you!**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 103

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 works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him!. **R.**



Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 10: 1-6,10-12
One ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us!

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 13:1-9
Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did!



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 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 Mataaele	1. Eseta Oloa 2. Malia Apikotoa	Tatupu Vaalepu Leonie Rawson

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

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

Readers for next week Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March 2025

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

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

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges, David Hagar,
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Amanda Peters, Kalevina Su'a
10.00am	Multicultural Mass

Anniversaries for the coming week 24th to 31st March

- 24.
- 25. Harry McGlynn (1975), Harvey Aloysius Nicholson (1976), Kathleen Ena Vaughan (1989), Andrew (Tom) Sheehan (2004)
- 26.
- 27. Eliza Lean (1989)
- 28. Helen Hotchin (1978), Lucille Brennan (1988), William Peters (1989)
- 29. Mabel Alice Murphy (1992)
- 30. Teresa Vailea Hurrell (1989), Olwyn Maria Robinson (1991)
- 31. Myrtle Ruby Hill (1992), John Kevin Williams (1996)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday collection \$2463.70**

Readings for Next Week (30/03/25)
Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C
1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-13
Psalm: 34
2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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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