

PARISH NOTICES

- Finance Committee** - meeting Tuesday 16th September 6.30pm in the meeting room.
- Parish Working Bee** 🪲 As part of coming together in faith and service, we invite all parishioners to join our Parish Working Bee on Saturday 27 September. We'll be cleaning and freshening up the hall, church, and presbytery. 🪲 "Join the buzz — let's get our parish sparkling". 🪲 "Let's put our Faith in action, one sweep at a time." ♀ **Meet at the church hall**
 🕒 **Starting at 9:00am** Bring along gloves, cleaning supplies, and your helping hands.
 Many hands make light work!
- SAVE THE DATE – The Great Gatsby Corporate Fundraising Dinner**
 We're excited to announce that if you purchase your ticket to our Corporate Fundraising Dinner you'll also go into the draw to win a raffle hamper valued at \$500!
 🍷 Limited to 300 tickets – no door sales
 📅 **Ticket sales close: Saturday 26 September 2025**
 Don't miss out on a great night for a great cause and your chance to take home an amazing prize!
 If you can't make it, donations are warmly welcome to help us preserve our beautiful church for generations to come. For tickets or more information, contact the Church Office on (09) 3204558 or speak to any member of the Fundraising Committee.
Dress in your Gatsby best, and let's make this a night to remember! 🎩 ✨
- Thank you all for your generosity for your continual giving of dried goods. **YES** we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

DIOCESE NOTICES

- Introduction to the **Wings.Nga Pariraua Faith Formation Programme**. This introduction session will be held at the St Mark's Parish Centre, 334 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga. **Saturday 27th September 10:00am - 12:00pm**. All are welcome.
- A Retreat for Young Men (18-30)**. A Time to Focus. An opportunity for a weekend of prayer, reflection and learning some practices for discernment. Franciscan Friary, Friday 7pm 28th November - Sunday 4pm 30th November. Led by Frs. Frank Bird, Phil Bennenbroek and Chris Skinner SM. Limited to 15 places. Register early. Share with anyone who may be interested. For more information contact Fr Frank Bird francisbird@gmail.com 021 597080.
- Join us for this special time of **FORMATION and ENCOUNTER at...CALLED to LEAD - A weekend Retreat for All Men!** When : 7pm Fri 10 Oct to 3pm Sun 12 Oct Venue: Chosen Valley Christian Camp, Ararimu , Auckland Retreat Director: Mike Lobo, Attending Priest: Fr Carl Telford SM, Keynote Speaker: Bill McElhinney Praise and Worship: Jeffery Nathan and Peoples Worship Ministry Cost: \$175pp includes GREAT FOOD and Accommodation.
<https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/called-to-lead>
- Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture!** 20 – 21 Sept 2025
 Saturday 20th Food stalls, discover dishes from around the globe. Concert from 9am concert begins 1.30pm @ Sancta Maria College Sunday 21st Sept Mass 1 pm @ St Luke Church Flatbush with Bishop Steve Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy *Rise Up & Shine Jubilee Festival*, where every bite tells a story and every dance sparks joy. Want to hold a stall – contact louisar@cda.org.nz

The Ecumenical Church Communities of Auckland
PEACE WITH CREATION
 SEASON OF CREATION 2025
 Garden of Peace
 March 2025-26

Combined Ecumenical Prayer Service Event
 Join Bishop Steve as he leads us in celebrating The Season Of Creation
 Wednesday 17th September 2025 7:00PM
 The MacLaurin Chapel, 18 Princes Street, Auckland

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Season of Creation
 Laudato Si
 "Praise be to you my Lord!"
 Pope Francis speaks to us still through his letters.

Ponder Pope Francis' words on Zoom Fridays 7 - 7.40pm
 September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and October 3rd
 contact Dianna, dianna@cda.org.nz, Faith Formation, Catholic Diocese Auckland

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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"HEALING FROM THE CROSS!"



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14TH SEPTEMBER 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

Suspended until further notice

Lectio Divina 6.30pm-7.30pm

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

8.30am & 10.00am

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Sundays 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

HEALING FROM THE CROSS. The bronze serpent on a standard is a well known symbol of the medical profession. Its origins go back to the time when God healed the repentant Israelites in the wilderness through a bronze serpent that Moses fashioned and placed on a standard. In today's Gospel, Jesus applies this image to his own crucifixion. By being lifted up on the cross he will bring healing and eternal life to all who believe in him.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross remembers the Cross of Jesus. It has been celebrated by the Church for centuries. The feast began in the 4th century, when the True Cross was found by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. Tradition says she found the Cross in Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified. This discovery made a deep impression on Christians and led to honoring the Cross in a special way. The feast celebrates the Cross because it is the symbol of our faith. The Cross shows us how much Jesus loves us. He died on the Cross to save us from our sins. In Christian tradition, the Cross is a sign of hope, even though it was an instrument of death. It reminds us that Jesus turned suffering and death into victory and life.

We celebrate this feast on September 14. On this day in the year 335, the Church in Jerusalem dedicated a new church built on the site where Jesus died and rose from the dead. The church was built to honor both His crucifixion and His resurrection. Every year since then, the Church remembers this day and the power of the Cross. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a time to reflect on what the Cross means to us. It is more than a symbol. It is a reminder of God's love and mercy. By celebrating this feast, we honor the victory Jesus won for us through His death and resurrection.



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together

Readings for The Exaltation of the Cross 14th September 2025

First reading:

A reading from the book of Numbers. 21:4-9
Everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live!

Responsorial Psalm: 78

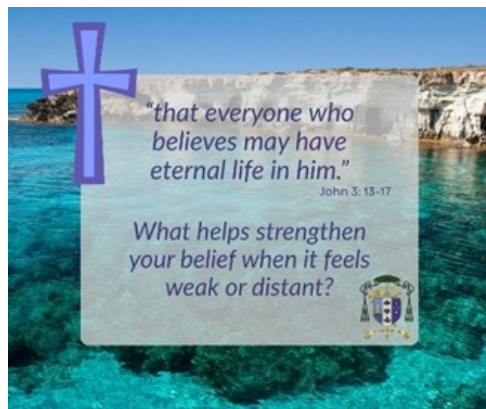
R: Do not forget the works of the Lord.

Give hear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old. **R.**

When God killed them, the people sought for him;
They repented and sought him earnestly.
they remembered that God was their rock,
the Most High God their redeemer. **R.**

But they flattered him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
Their heart was not steadfast toward him;
they were not true to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity,
and did not destroy them;
often he restrained his anger,
and did not stir up all his wrath. **R.**



Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 2:6-11
Christ humbled himself, therefore God also highly exalted him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 3: 13-17
The Son of Man must be lifted up!

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 13th and Sunday 14th September 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Selesitina Taamale	1. Veronica Hagar 2. Colleen Hodges	Pauline Calvert Vincent George
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe	Glen Hill Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Kalevina Su'a	1. Su'a Tagaloa 2. Fuailelagi Lima	Iutita Sefo Uliafu Pifeleti

Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2025

6.00pm	David Hagar, Don Hodges, Tatupu Vaalepu, Assumption Ilalio, Therese Ulberg
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Kalevina Su'a, Amanda Peters, Johndell Ubido, Selesitina Taamale
10.00am	Eseta Oloa, Faumuina Lio, Loselika Laumea, Peter Rawson, Robert Lemana

Readers for next week Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Ane Enosi	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Assumption Ilalio	Colleen Hodges Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa	1. Sharlene Havea 2. Selesitina Taamale	Fiesola Pifeleti Susitina Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Dilynne Muller	1. Su'e Tapu 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Eseta Oloa Petrina Fuga

Extra–Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September 2025

6.00pm	David Hagar, Colleen & Don Hodges, Tonga Enosi, Diana-Marie Ulberg
8.30am	Johndell Ubido, Su'a Tagaloa, Kalevina Su'a, Glen Hill, Susitina Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Cory Apikotoa, Eseta Oloa, Fusi Mataele, Iutita Sefo, Inoke Kata

Anniversaries for the coming week 15th to the 21st September

15. Myrtle Pearl Thomas (1976), Gertrude Ann Thomson (1980), Walter Kerr (2014)
16. Dorothy Eileen Daniels (1983), Mary Eileen Brown (2011),
Manuel Kaitan Britto (1975)
17. Theresa Josephine Samuels (1992), Malia Baby Ropati Fido (2014)
18. Daniel Ainuu (1988), Selina Adele Wells (1993), Brendan Schollum (2014)
19. Jozef Jagocha (1991), Joseph Sidney Loomb (1993), Taiaha Falemaka (2022)
20. Amanda Vujcich (1981), Reginald Allan Trainer (1991),
Kathleen Frances Otter (2010)
21. Claude Allan McCabe (1978), Maureen Hamilton Wall (1988),
Christine Margaret O'Brien (1999), Ellen Lynch-Keogh (2006)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday's collection \$2578.70

Readings for Next Week (21/09/25)
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Psalm: 113
2nd Reading: 1Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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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