

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Plan giving envelopes** - are now available in the foyer for collection. It's in numerical order.
2. **Fridge Magnets and Prayer Cards** - with our Logo of *Missionary Disciples* focusing on works of *Charity* ran out last Sunday. More are now available in the foyer. Please take one.
3. **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross next Friday 3rd of April - 9am.** We will meet and start our procession from Cooperating Church located at the corner of Grey St and Onehunga Mall, then to Our Lady of the Assumption and we finish at St Peter's Anglican Church.
4. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods. **We are distributing food parcels this weekend the 29th March before Easter in the hall**, so **YES** we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.
5. **Health & Safety and Safeguarding** - Everyone has a responsibility to protect our parish. If you see a hazard that could cause an accident, please notify Therese or let our priests know so they can notify Therese. Same with Safeguarding, if there's any complains or concerns please notify Tonga Enosi.
6. **Sacramental Programme for 2026 Meet and Greet with Candidates and Parents on the 12th April at 11am in the Hall.** Receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 7th June 2026.** (Corpus Christi) Please contact Office on 09320-4558 or via email assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.

DIOCESE NOTICES



1. **Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April 5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish**, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Blessing of Images, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. **You are warmly invited to attend this Feast Day Celebration. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed.** Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day". Free parking is available at Wilson Carpark, including free street parking on Sundays.

2. **Lent Webinar Series - Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Journey**
Registrations have now opened for the Lent Webinar Series involving our Catholic Bishops, for all dates: <https://link.caritas.org.nz/lentweb1regiamong>. Please find attached the following documents/links for your reference:

1. Run sheet with the confirmed dates.
2. Flyer for the Webinar Series
3. Proposed talking points for Lent Webinar (In the attachment are some suggested talking points you may wish to incorporate into your reflection on the Lenten Sunday Gospel for your week, based on the Caritas Lent Reflection Programme (LRP). They are a guide only. Below that are other key elements from the LRP that will be used or referenced during the webinar, which may also inspire your reflection).
4. LRP Resource link which contains the Gospel readings - <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-resources> In addition to the registration link, we have posters available for sharing and circulation, which can be found on our website here: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent-webinars#dioceseandparish>
5. LRP (finalised version) The calendar invites and zooms links will follow.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) YEAR A 29TH MARCH 2026

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

(Mt 21:1-11). Here Matthew tells us that Jesus, the Messiah, enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior on horseback, but as a humble, gentle bearer of Good News riding on a donkey.

Thus he fulfils the prophecy of Zechariah. The garments provide an improvised saddle. The spreading of garments and branches on the road was a form of homage for an important person. This contains verses from the third of the Servant Songs of Second Isaiah. The servant must first be a disciple, prayerfully receiving God's word, before presuming to teach others. His message evidently meets with opposition and results in persecution. But he absorbs all the physical and mental abuse directed at him without retaliating. The insults don't really touch him, because he is confident that God will help and vindicate him.

(Phil 2: 6-11). Jesus took on himself our human condition. He went even further: he humbled himself to the point of accepting the most shameful kind of death - death on a cross. God rewarded his obedience and humility by raising him up and making him Lord of heaven and earth. The self-emptying and self-abasement of Christ should serve as a model for every Christian. In this Passion narrative, Matthew follows Mark closely. Like Mark, he presents Jesus as being abandoned by his followers and having to face his hour alone. There is no friend or supporter by the cross; Jesus dies rejected and mocked. Both have a Jewish trial of Jesus and a Roman trial.

The Roman trial centred on Jesus' claim to be the king of the Jews. Both authorities failed to grant Jesus justice and both maltreated him. Throughout his narrative, Matthew stresses two factors in particular: the passion fulfils the prophecies of Scripture, and because of his foreknowledge and free decision, Jesus was in control of the situation. Matthew has extraordinary events following the death of Jesus: darkening of the sky, rending of the temple curtain, splitting of the rocks, earthquakes, lightning, the rising of the dead, and the appearance of angels. These were events that were expected to happen at the end of time when God returned as Lord and Judge. However, this is not the end of time. But it is 'the turning point of the ages'.

How can I exercise charity?

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Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 29th April 2026

First reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 50:4-7

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

I know that I shall not be put to shame!

Responsorial Psalm: 21.

R: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver;
let him rescue the one in whom he delights.” **R.**

For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shrivelled;
I can count all my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
o my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you;
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 2:6-11

Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him!

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Christ became obedient for us to death, even dead on the cross.

Therefore God exalted him and gave him the name above every name.

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

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew: 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Dedication Prayer to Mother Mary.

(Please turn and face the statue of Mother Mary before we recite the prayer)

Blessed Mother Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, we rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

We place our life, our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes into your gentle hands. Lift our hearts with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity.

Guide us with your wisdom and protect us with your mantle of peace. Teach us how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make us realise that death is the triumphant gate through which we shall pass to your Son, and that someday our bodies shall re-join our souls in the unending bliss of heaven.

When our hour of death has come, lead us safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of our God for all eternity together with you.

Amen.



Readers for this week Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Monica Liva	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Su'e Tapu	Lily Ulberg Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Jasmine Lealaogata	1. Chiara Marie 2. Selesitina Ta'amale Faiaga	Cheryl Peters Sharlene Havea
10.00am	Loverial Racoma	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Fusi Mataele	Ana Lauaki Lisa Schaumkel

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2026

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don Hodges, Valentino Laloni, Robert Lemana
8.30am	Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Kalevina Su'a, Glen Hill, Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Eduardo Racoma, Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Faumuina Lio, Peter Rawson

Readers for next week Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
7.00pm	Diana-Marie Ulberg	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Theresa Apikotoa	3. Angel Taamale 5. Epistle: Assumption
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Jasmine Lealaogata 2. Savelina Mahoni	Fiesola Pifeleti Lily Ulberg
10.00am	Ana Lauaki	1. Malia Apikotoa 2. Iutita Sefo	Selesitina Taamale Faiga Su'e Tapu

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week

Readers for next week Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2026

7.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges, Tonga Enosi, Soane Ahovalo, Eseta Oloa, Cory Apikotoa, Robert Lemana, Valentino Laloli
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Lily Ulberg, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill
10.00am	Fusi Mataele, Faumuina Lio, Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Peter Rawson

Anniversaries for the coming week 3th March to 5th April

30. Teresa Vailea Hurrell (1989), Olwyn Maria Robinson (1991)
31. Myrtle Ruby Hill (1992), John Kevin Williams (1996)

APRIL

1. James Samuel Geard (1976), Frances Ursula Franchi (1989), Tavite Mulitalo Mataele (2008)
3. Antonio Alatau (1998), Sean Champion (2005)
4. Charles Joseph Foy (1984), Gladys Ivy Gill (1993), Louis Gregory Burton (1994), Francis Gerard Martin Neven (2000)
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**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday's collection \$2428.30**

Readings for Next Week (5/04/26)

Easter Sunday Year A

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm: 118

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

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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