

PARISH NOTICES

VISION & MISSION 2026 CORNER!

How can I exercise Charity at home?

April Week 1 (Mon 13th – Sun 19th)

Practice Patient Service: Take on a household task that someone else dislikes, such as doing the dishes or taking out the trash, as a hidden act of kindness.

THE FAMILY COMMITTEE!

is here to support families in our parish, recognising each home as a 'Domestic Church' where faith is lived and nurtured every day.

As we respond to our call to become Missionary Disciples, we are focusing on the virtue of Charity—building a culture of love, service, and connection within our families and parish community.

We'd love your input as we plan meaningful opportunities for families to connect and grow in faith. Please take a moment to complete our short 2-minute Family survey and be part of shaping this journey together. Scan QR code or pick up hardcopy of survey at the parish office.

FREE Movie event in parish hall brought to you by the Family Committee. Friday 10th April and Wednesday 15th April 6.30pm. Popcorn, drinks, ice blocks provided. BYO favourite snacks, cushion, blanket etc. Scan QR code to register. All are welcome. See you there!



1. **Plan giving envelopes** - will be removed from the foyer to the Parish Office after this weekend.
2. **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. It's the same with Safeguarding, if there's any complains or concerns please notify Tonga Enosi or Therese.
3. **Sacramental Programme for 2026 Meet and Greet with Candidates and Parents is this Sunday 12th April at 11am in the Hall.**

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. **Rise up and Shine Festival** - Taste the World, Celebrate the Culture! **30th of May, 2026.** Starts at 10am with Thanks giving Mass. Followed by Social Entertainment until 3pm. Music, Zumba, Food stalls and Cultural Show. Join us at the Migrant Chaplaincy Rise Up & Shine Festival, where every bite tells a story and every dance spark joy.
3. **The Week of Prayer** for Christian Unity falls on **17-24 May.** Gather your people, join us and the other Christian Church communities to the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 7:00pm on Friday 29th May 2026 at St John Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Road, Mt Roskill. Owaraka and Three Kings parishioners encouraged to attend. Let us respond to Christ' prayer to the Father, "That may they all be one." It is our calling to be synodal, to 'reshape' our ways to be Catholic.
4. **St Michael's Parish Remuera** - Scripture Study: 'THE EXODUS' by Dr Dan Stollenwerk. In the lead up to Pentecost Sunday, Dan will dive deep into the common themes that link Pentecost and the Book of Exodus. Please join us at St Michael's: 4x Wednesday mornings **6th, 13th, 20th, 27th May.** 10:30am – 11:45am in the Parish Centre. Followed by midday Mass.
5. **Prayer Retreat for Women** - Prayer and the Interior Life' Friday **17th April** 6pm to Sunday 19th April 3pm 2026 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. Location: Hillsborough, Auckland. Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO HAVE
NOT SEEN
AND YET
BELIEVE!**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) YEAR A 12TH APRIL 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**)

OUR LADY OF THE
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PARISH ONEHUNGA

2026

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES



Charity

HOW CAN I EXERCISE
CHARITY?

Reflection

Easter, the most important feast of the liturgical year is celebrated over eight full days: it is called the Octave of Easter. The last day is the greatest day of the feast and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told St. Faustina, on that day, (Divine Mercy Sunday) the very depths of my tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy... On that day, all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy

Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, (Diary 699). It also helps us understand the meaning of today's Gospel. Jesus was crucified, died and was buried. This is what Thomas knew at that time when Jesus was appearing to His disciples after His resurrection. Thomas, just like all of us would have done, didn't believe that Jesus had resurrected. But Jesus was not angry or mad at him for his disbelief, in fact, He had to come again a second time so as to reveal Himself to Thomas. This underscores the very important task that Jesus wants us to undertake even with our human weakness. Jesus will still use us to spread His Gospel to the whole world. Believing is directing the heart's attention to Jesus. It is lifting the mind to behold Him as "my Lord and my God," and never ceasing to behold Him for the rest of our lives. For Thomas and for us, this is one great volitional act which establishes the heart's intention to gaze forever upon Jesus. God knows that we have set the direction of our heart toward Jesus. Thomas got his eyes off himself and upon Jesus. Unbelief puts self where God should be. Faith looks out instead of in and the whole life organizes around Him. When we lift our eyes and they focus upon Jesus we worship Him alone. Faith is the gaze of the heart at God. This gaze is but the raising of the inward eyes of the soul to meet the all-seeing eyes of God.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Readings for The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 12th April 2026

First reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:42-47
The faithful lived together and owned everything in common!

Responsorial Psalm: 117

R: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let Israel say,
 “His steadfast love endures forever.”
 Let the house of Aaron say,
 “His steadfast love endures forever.”
 Let those who fear the Lord say,
 “His steadfast love endures forever.” **R.**

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
 but the Lord helped me.
 The Lord is my strength and my might;
 he has become my salvation.
 There are glad songs of victory
 in the tents of the righteous. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the chief cornerstone.
 This is the Lord’s doing;
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R.**



Second reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter. 1:3-9
He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead!

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia Alleluia!

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me;
 blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe.
Alleluia Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 20:19-31
After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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 11th and Sunday 12th April 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Selesitina Taamale	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Veronica Hagar	Pauline Calvert Monica Liva
8.30am	Su’a Tagaloa	1. Susitina Tu’inukuafe 2. Glen Hill	Jasmine Lealaogata Selesitina Taamale
10.00am	Chiara Marie Orlain	1. Su’e Tapu 2. Dilynne Muller	Tafaomalao Leavasa Eseta Oloa

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week
 Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April 2026**

6.00pm	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Valentino Laloni, Robert Lemana
8.30am	Kalevina Su’a, Tatupu Vaalepu, Diana-Marie Ulberg, Johndell Ubido, Su’a Tagaloa
10.00am	Eduardo Racoma, Faumuina Lio, Peter Rawson, Iutita Sefo, Eseta Oloa

Readers for next week Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th April 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
7.00pm	Colleen Hodges	1. Vincent George 2. Ane Enosi	Lily Ulberg Selesitina Taamale
8.30am	Kalevina Su’a	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Jasmine Lealaogata	Glen Hill Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Angel Taamale	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Loveriel Racoma	Chiara Orlain Eseta Oloa

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8.30am	Su’a Tagaloa, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill, Susitina Tu’inukuafe, Selesitina Taamale
10.00am	Diana-Marie Ulberg, Tatupu Vaalepu, Valentino Laloli, Robert Lemana, Monica Liva

Anniversaries for the coming week 6th to 12th April

- 6. Doreen Patricia Cousin (1979), Maureen Anne Hutton (1990)
- 7.
- 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)
- 5.

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
 Easter TRIDUUM collection **\$7114.00** (Thank you everyone)**

Readings for Next Week (19/04/26)
Third Sunday of Easter Year A
 1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22-28
 Psalm: 16
 2nd Reading: 1Peter 1:17-21
 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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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