

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* will also be available in the foyer. Please take one.
3. **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Fri 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 off at St Peter's Anglican Church.
4. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods. **We are looking at distributing food parcels again for those in need the weekend before Easter, which is the 29th March, so YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.**

DIOCESE NOTICES

“Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?”
John 11: 3-45

How is God inviting you to trust Him more deeply at this moment?

LENT WEBINAR SERIES 2026
Whakarongo ki te reo, whakahokia te karanga
Hear the voice, answer the call

Journey through Lent with New Zealand's Catholic Bishops and others of the faith as they guide us in prayer and reflection on each Sunday's Gospel.

**Wednesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm
From Ashes to Hope**

25 Feb The Temptation (Led by the Spirit)
4 Mar The Transfiguration ("Listen to Him")
11 Mar The Woman at the Well ("I am He")
18 Mar The Man Born Blind ("Now I see")
25 Mar The Raising of Lazarus ("Lazarus, come out")
1 Apr The Passion ("I will strike the shepherd")

Scan the QR code to register or use one of the contacts below

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1. **BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL:** The New Zealand Bishops are encouraging the Catholic community to prayerfully consider how they can contribute to the annual Lenten Appeal. The appeal supports the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, which through its global network serves some of our world's most vulnerable and needy communities. The Bishops explain that acts of Christian charity can change the lives of those who benefit from that charity, but also can transform those who give with generosity — according to their own circumstances. Find out more at www.caritas.org.nz/lent
2. **The Gift of Dreams** On Saturday 28th March, 10am to 2pm at the Orewa Catholic church, the Auckland Christian Meditation Community is hosting a presentation by Tay-Marie Yorston. Dreams tell our stories; they anchor and deepen our faith in seasons of transition, anxiety, stress, grief and loss. BYO lunch, bring a koha and a friend, no need to book. More details on christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats
3. **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.
4. **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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**“JESUS THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE
LIFE.”**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 22ND MARCH 2026

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Daily Evening Eucharist:

First Friday Evening:

Saturday Eucharist:

Sunday Eucharist:

Public Holidays:

Adoration:

Tongan Mass:

Samoan Mass:

Reconciliation:

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 11.30ams

Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm

Reflection

(Ezek 37:12-14). All three readings are concerned with resurrection to newness of life. In the First Reading Ezekiel describes the Babylonian exile of the Israelites and their promised restoration to their homeland in terms of death and resurrection. They are like a mass of dry bones strewn about a valley; but they will soon be reassembled and re-clothed with flesh and sinews. When the Spirit of Yahweh enters them, they will live again and inhabit their land once more.

(Rom 8:8-11). This contains one of the most forceful of Paul's expressions of Christian hope. The God who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us also because the same Spirit dwells in us. The present indwelling of the Spirit is an anticipation of the complete renewal of life that will come at the general resurrection.

(Jn 11:1-45). John's main aim here is to elicit faith in Jesus. Jesus says, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe.' And the story ends with the words: 'Many of the Jews... who had seen what he did, believed in him.'

Martha is presented as a model of faith. In defiance of the evidence, she declares, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world.' Lazarus returned to earthly life. There is no suggestion that he was glorified, or that he wouldn't have to die again. He got a few more years added to his earthly life. But this was not Jesus' purpose in coming into the world. Jesus came to offer us the life that cannot be touched by death, the kind of life that only God possesses, and that Jesus as God's Son makes possible for those who believe in him. The key words in the story are: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die.' The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the master of life and death.

Flor McCarthy SDB

OUR LADY OF THE
ASSUMPTION
PARISH ONEHUNGA
2026

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Charity

HOW CAN I EXERCISE
CHARITY?

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent 22nd March 2026

First reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel. 37:12-14
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live!

Responsorial Psalm: 129.

R: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
 Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my supplications. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities,
 Lord, who would stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
 So that you may be revered. **R.**

I wait for the Lord,
 My soul waits, and in his word I hope;
 My soul waits for the Lord
 more than watchman for morning. **R.**

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
 and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel
 from all its iniquities. **R.**

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 8:8-11
*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,
 then he will give life to your own mortal bodies!*

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
 whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: 11:1-45
I am the resurrection and the life!

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 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Lily Ulberg	1. Colleen Hodges 2. Ane Enosi	Therese Ulberg Vincent George
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe	1. Sharlene Havea 2. Cheryl Peters	Fiesola Pifeleti Su'e Tapu
10.00am	Ana Lauaki	1. Lisa Schaumkel 2. Toma Lauaki	Tatupu Vaalepu Angel Taamale

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don Hodges, Diana-Marie Ulberg, Tonga Enosi
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Lily Ulberg, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill
10.00am	Fusi Mataele, Eseta Oloa, Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Peter Rawson

Readers for next 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'amalefaiaga	Cheryl Peters Sharlene Havea
10.00am	Loverial Racoma	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Fusi Mataele	Ana Lauaki Lisa Schaumkel

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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

Anniversaries for the coming week 23rd to 29th March

- 23.
- 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)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday's collection \$2575.90

Readings for Next Week (29/03/26)
Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) Year A
 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm: 22
 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27,66

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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