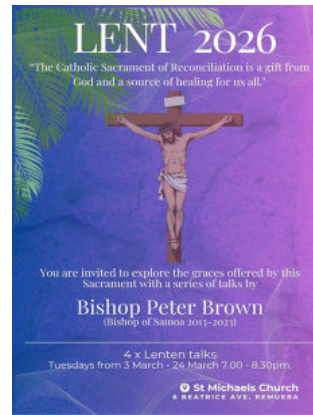
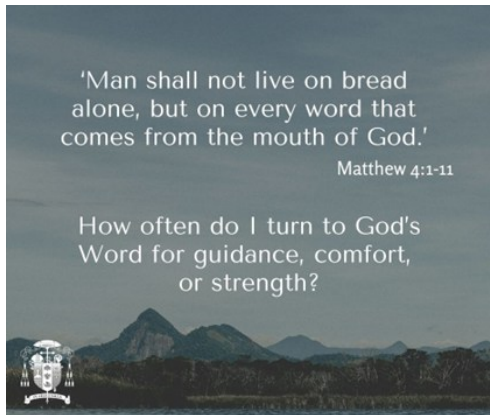


PARISH NOTICES

1. **Eucharistic Lenten Adoration** at 5pm this Sunday, led by Young People's Group & Altar Servers.
2. **Faith Formation Committee meeting** - this Tuesday 24th February 6.30pm in the meeting room.
3. **Stations of the Cross continues** - each Friday at 6.30pm during the Lenten season,
4. Sacramental Programme for 2026 is now open for enrolments from the age of 8 years. Receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 7th June 2026. (Corpus Christi) **Please contact Office at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.**
5. **Marriage Preparation** - introduction for marriage sessions will begin on the 3rd week of March 2026. Please contact Parish office at 090320-4558 or via email at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz for a registration form.
6. 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. 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

2. Lenten Talks by Bishop Peter Brown - St Michael's Parish is hosting a series of four weekly talks by Bishop Peter Brown during the lead up to Lent, guiding us to reunite ourselves to Christ through His gift of Reconciliation. When: 4x Tuesday evenings beginning 3rd March 2026 Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm Where: St Michael's Parish, Mary MacKillop Hall, 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera.

3. Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy

We are seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as members of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Auckland Prison (Paremoremo). This is a part-time position of 24 hours per week - days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies. Applications close on 6 March 2026.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**“BE MERCIFUL,
O LORD,
FOR WE HAVE
SINNED.”**

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 21ST FEBRUARY 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

The season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Thursday of Holy Week. It thus includes six Sundays, the five Sundays of Lent plus Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

(Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7). The first section of the reading deals with the creation of Adam and Eve. Though made of dust, man and woman are the pride of God's creation. Enlivened by his breath, God has them for happiness - they live in an idyllic garden. The second section deals with the tempting and fall of Adam and Eve. It illustrates the psychology of temptation. The cunning serpent succeeds in portraying God as unreasonable and jealous. After that, the fall is inevitable. The source of all evil, the writer suggests, is man's foolish striving to be independent of god. Only by accepting their status as favoured creatures of a loving, caring creator, can man and woman find fulfilment. The result of their disobedience is that there is in human beings a sinful tendency which goes beyond personal sins we may commit. This basic tendency towards evil is part of the corruption that human beings introduced into the world, not an endowment of God. The story of the tempting of Adam and Eve prepares us to hear the tempting of Jesus in the Gospel.

(Rom 5:12-19). Paul portrays Jesus as the new Adam, who by his obedience to God restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam.

(Mt 4:1-11). The story of the temptations of Jesus is a highly contrived story. First of all, it looks to the past. Matthew sees Jesus as reliving the history of his people. He goes into the desert for forty days and forty nights. But the story also looks to the future. Jesus has come to inaugurate the kingdom of God. The story condenses into a single expression the struggle he endured at every step to be faithful to that mission. The first temptation is the same as that which confronted the Israelites: to doubt the power of God to provide for him. The second temptation is to turn his trust in God into crass presumption: if God cares for you, then you will come to no harm no matter what you do. The third temptation is to commit the sin of Israel of old, idolatry.

The temptations are prognostic of eventual victory, for after Jesus has demonstrated that he is the Son of God who completely serves God's will the devil departs and angels wait on him.

Readings for The First Sunday of Advent 21st February 2026

First reading:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 2: 7-9;3: 1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin!

Responsorial Psalm: 51

R: Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned!

Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
 and done what is evil in your sight. **R.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.
 Do not cast me away from your presence,
 and do not take your holy spirit from me. **R.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth will declare your praise. **R.**

Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans. 5: 12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more!

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Man does not live by bread alone,
 But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights!

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 February 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Ane Enosi	1. Tonga Enosi 2. Colleen Hodges	Veronica Hagar Vincent George
8.30am	Dominic Paul	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Lily Ulberg	Savelina Mahoni Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	ST JOSEPH'S	1. SCHOOL 2. MASS	

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

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don Hodges, Selesitina Taamale, Diana-Marie Ulberg
8.30am	Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Robert Lemana
10.00am	Pata Beazley, Lonili Sangster, Cory Apikotoa, Iutita Sefo, Michaela Duarte

Readers for next week Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Pauline Calvert	1. Selesitina Taamale 2. Therese Ulberg	Colleen Hodges Angel Taamale
8.30am	Chiara Marie	1. Glen Hill 2. Savelina Mahoni	Cheryl Peters Dominic Paul
10.00am	Fusi Mataele	1. Malia Apikotoa 2. Eseta Oloa	Ane Enosi Iutita Sefo

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week

Readers for next week Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2026

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Su'e Tapu
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Robert Lemana, Susitina Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Cory Apikotoa, Michaela Duarte, Malia Tuipulotu, Soane Ahovelo Jr

Anniversaries for the coming week 23rd to 28th February

- 23.
- 24. Francis Veronica Lane (1981)
- 25. Leonilda D'Silva (1984)
- 26. Raymond Patrick Letton (Layton) (1975), Dianne Patricia Coon (1981)
Rogelio Pinon (1998), Thomas Kow (2012)
- 27. Kathleen Mary Austin (1988), Pelenatate Talione Sikolo (2009)
- 28. Elizabeth Nina Raffles (1986), Warren Brian Harlick (2000),
Malia Ivosa Va'afuti (2004)
- 29.

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
 Last Sunday's collection \$2835.20**

Readings for Next Week (01/03/26)

Second Sunday of Lent Year A
 1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
 Psalm: 33
 2nd Reading: 2Timothy 1:8-10
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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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