

PARISH NOTICES

- Eucharistic Lenten Adoration** at 5pm this Sunday 15th March, led by the Parish Choir.
- Finance Committee meeting** - this Tuesday 17th March 6.30pm in the meeting room.
- Stations of the Cross continues** - each Friday at 6.30pm during the Lenten season,
- Seminar** for Extra-Ordinary Ministers and Lecterns on Wednesday 18th March 6.30pm to 8pm in the Church. This will be also the opportunity for anyone who wants to serve in one or both of these ministries to attend this seminar,
- 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.
- 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.
- Marriage Preparation** - Introduction for marriage and **1st session will be on Friday 20th March 2026 at 7:15pm** straight after Stations of the Cross, in the hall. Please contact Parish office at 090320-4558 or via email at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz for a registration form.
- 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.

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"One thing I do know.
I was blind but now I see!"

JOHN 9: 1-41

Are there areas in your
life where God might be
inviting you to see
differently?

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

[caritas.org.nz/leak-webinars](https://www.caritas.org.nz/leak-webinars)
0800 22 10 22
caritas@caritas.org.nz
Postbox 10414

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AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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/leakweb1regiamong>. Please find attached the following documents/links for your reference:

- Run sheet with the confirmed dates.
- Flyer for the Webinar Series
- 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).
- LRP Resource link which contains the Gospel readings - <https://www.caritas.org.nz/leak-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/leak-webinars#dioceseandparish>
- LRP (finalised version) The calendar invites and zooms links will follow

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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"JESUS
THE LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD."

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 15TH 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

(1 Sam 16:1,6-7.10-13). This passage tells the story of how Samuel identified and anointed David as the future king of Israel. The story shows the depth of God's seeing. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart. This is illustrated in the fact that God chose David, the last and most insignificant of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. Seeing is the connection with the Gospel.

(Eph 5:8-14). Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a life-style in keeping with their new state. They must shun the works of darkness and live as children of the light.

(Jn 9:1-41). On the surface this is a story about a blind man receiving sight.

But on a deeper level it is a story about a man coming to faith in Jesus. The man's journey from blindness to sight symbolises the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light, as St Paul tells his converts at Ephesus: 'Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord'.

In particular, the story illustrates growth in faith. There is a beautiful progression in the man's understanding of who Jesus is. At a first stage, he calls him 'a man'. Then he calls him 'a prophet'. The climax of the story comes when he calls him 'the Lord.' Notice how his faith grows stronger and deeper the more he is called upon to defend it. In the story of Jesus is proclaimed to be 'the light of the world'.



Not only does he give sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind. Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind.

There is a clear baptismal dimension to the story. As the blind man got sight by washing in the pool of Siloam, so we are enlightened by washing in the waters of Baptism.

Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent 15th March 2026

First reading: A reading from the first book of Samuel. 16:1, 6-7,10-13
In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel!

Responsorial Psalm: 22.

R: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,
 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
 he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil; for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff - they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 my whole life long. **R.**

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 5:8-14
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: 9:1-41
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored!

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 14th and Sunday 15th March 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Veronica Hagar	1. Therese Ulberg 2. Vincent George	Tatupu Vaalepu Angel Taamale
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe	1. Sharlene Havea 2. Cheryl Peters	Fiesola Pifeleti Su'e Tapu
10.00am	Assumption Ilalio	1. Angel Taamale 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Iutita Sefo Selesitina Taamale

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March 2026

6.00pm	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Diana-Marie Ulberg, Selesitina Taamale
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Lily Ulberg, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill
10.00am	Robert Lemana, Eseta Oloa, Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Michaela Duarte

Readers for next 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

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10.00am	Fusi Mataele, Eseta Oloa, Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Peter Rawson

Anniversaries for the coming week 16th to 22nd March

16. Kenneth John Heaton (1975), Msgr Mathew Brady(2012), Margrett Millar (2005), Bryan Francis Casey (2006)
17. Lorna Mary Andrew (1989), Joseph Ruprecht (1989), Joseph Bouzaid (1997), Iris Gertrude Kennedy (1998), Anthony Stephen Tordeich (2014), Ines Vergara-Castro (2022)
18. Donald Michael Choy (1991)
19. Constance Mary Power (2000)
20. Iris Lois Irving (1985)
21. Lois Mary McCartney (1988)
22. Mary Veronica Smith (1981)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Last Sunday's collection \$1584.50

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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