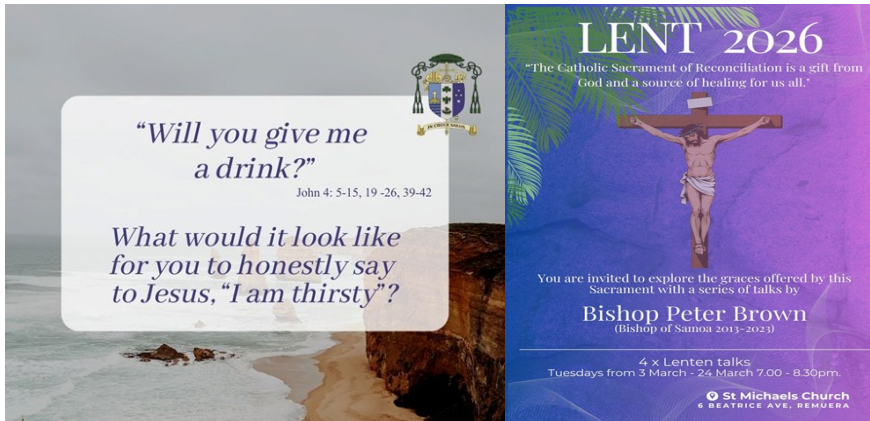


## PARISH NOTICES

1. **Eucharistic Lenten Adoration** at 5pm this Sunday 8th March, led by the Tongan Community.
2. **Liturgy Committee meeting** - this Tuesday 10th March 6.30pm in the meeting room.
3. **Stations of the Cross continues** - each Friday at 6.30pm during the Lenten season,
4. **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,
5. Sacramental Programme for 2026 is now open for enrolments from the age of 8 years. **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](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) Lisa on 0276252007 and Lonili on 02111375429 for an enrolment form.
6. **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](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) for a registration form.
7. 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



*"Will you give me a drink?"*  
John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42

*What would it look like for you to honestly say to Jesus, "I am thirsty"?*

**LENT 2026**  
"The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift from God and a source of healing for us all."

You are invited to explore the graces offered by this Sacrament with a series of talks by  
**Bishop Peter Brown**  
(Bishop of Samoa 2013-2023)

4 x Lenten talks  
Tuesdays from 2 March - 24 March 7.00 - 8.30pm

St Michael's Church  
& BEATRICE AVE, REMUERA

### 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. 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.**

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**"THE THIRST  
THAT ONLY  
GOD  
CAN QUENCH."**

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 8TH 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

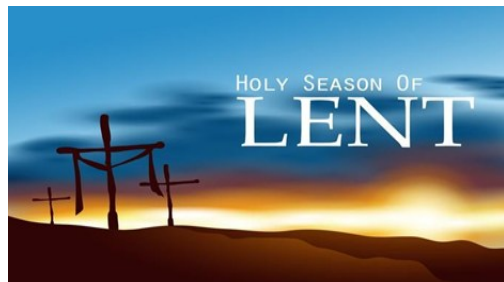
Every Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

## Reflection

(Ex 17:3-7). In spite of having experienced God's help in various ways, the liberated slaves remain apathetic and sullen towards Yahweh, and complain bitterly against Moses, his spokesman. Here they are complaining about lack of water. Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert. This prepares us for the Gospel, and the 'living water' God offers us through Jesus.

(Rom 5:1-2.5-8). Paul says that we have abundant grounds for hope. Our hope lies in what God has done for us in Christ. God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The Christian life is a response to something that has already been accomplished on our behalf by a loving God.

(Jn 4:5-42). For this Sunday and the next two, the Gospel readings are taken from John. John doesn't give us parables. He gives us extended discourses built around images. The lectionary presents the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. In the first story Jesus speaks of water; in the second he speaks of sight; and in the third he speaks of life. There is a double level of meaning in all three. There is a clear baptismal dimension to these stories - the symbols of water, sight and new life are closely associated with Baptism. They are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation, and therefore may also be read in Year B and Year C, especially in places where there are catechumens.



Our passage is an invitation to faith. But in it we also see the goodness of God in the compassion Jesus showed to a poor lost woman.

Flor McCarthy SDB

## Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent 8th March 2026

**First reading:** A reading from the book of Exodus. 17:3-7  
*Give us water to drink!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 95.

**R: O that today you will listen to the voice of the Lord.  
 Do not harden your hearts.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **R.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
 let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
 and the sheep of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
 as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
 when your ancestors tested me,  
 and put me to the proof,  
 though they had seen my work. **R**

**Second reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 5:1-2,5-8  
*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world,  
 Give me living water, that I may never be thirsty.

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

**Gospel:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John: 4:5-42  
*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal 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 7th and Sunday 8th March 2026

|         | Commentator        | Readers                                 | Reserves                          |
|---------|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 6.00pm  | Diana-Marie Ulberg | 1. Tatupu Vaalepu<br>2. Angel Taamale   | Pauline Calvert<br>Therese Ulberg |
| 8.30am  | Su'e Tapu          | 1. Lily Ulberg<br>2. Fiesola Pifeleti   | Savelina Mahoni<br>Chiara Marie   |
| 10.00am | Tatupu Vaalepu     | 1. Iutita Sefo<br>2. Selesitina Taamale | Fusi Mataele<br>Malia Apikotao    |

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March 2026

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 6.00pm  | David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Robert Lemana                  |
| 8.30am  | Su'a Tagaloa, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill |
| 10.00am | Michaela Duarte, Faumuina Lio, Peter Rawson, Tatupu Vaalepu, Eseta Oloa      |

## Readers for next week Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March 2026

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

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| 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       |

### Anniversaries for the coming week 9th to 15th March

9. Stanley Gorden Cameron (1979), Edward Robert Dooley (1980), Frances Josephine Davey (1983), Ngatira Julie Graham (1999) Edna Florista Danao (2021)
10. George Sharrock (1978), Robert Daniel Bishop (1982), Kathleen Morgan (2002)
11. Edward Henry Clune (1989), Carolyn Donna O'Shea (2011)
12. Joseph Hector Sharrock (1975), Blanche Bernice Tait (1981), Harry D'Santos (1971).
13. Edna Latu (2005), Lesieli Fotuauiko (2011), Rosa Metzler (2009)
14. Edith Rose McCurd (1986)
15. Margaret King (1980), Mary Elizabeth Casey (2004)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
 Last Sunday's collection \$2397.60**

**Readings for Next Week (15/03/26)  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A**  
 1st Reading: Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13  
 Psalm: 23  
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14  
 Gospel: John 9:1-41

**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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