

5TH MARCH 2023

**Ministers of the Word**

Christine Jesse Richard  
Kath Calvin Ancella

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Cathy Maria Paul  
Dave Soya Margaret  
Jocelyn

**Altar Servers**

Winnic Gabriel Abigail  
Amelia Selena Raphael  
Imogen Ethan Fearghus

**Musicians/ Organists**

Liz Peter Ann

**Cleaning team:** F

**Counters:** Irene & Cecile

**Requests for Masses** Envelopes are available at the back of the church . Please write the details on the front, place your donation inside envelope & hand to Father.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Our Diocese requires courses to be taken before baptism or marriage. For **Baptism** phone the office on **846-6775** For **Marriage**, please visit [www.catholicmarriage.org.nz](http://www.catholicmarriage.org.nz)

**House blessings & visits** or unable to get to Mass, please contact the Parish office on 8466775 to have communion brought to you. For a visit from a Priest at Auckland Hospital, please call 358-0825 ext. 4000 or 4045

**Senior Legion of Mary** - meet Friday evenings at 6pm in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more info.

**Catholic Publications** – The Parish purchases and sells the latest editions of: **Marist Messenger** -\$5, **Tui Motu** - \$7 & **NZ Catholic** \$4 latest issue out now. Please place money in the envelopes & put it in the collection bags.

**Food Bank** - Our Parish provides foodstuff to those in need in our Community. Your dry goods donations of canned foods, long life milk, jams, spreads, rice, biscuits, pasta sauce & pasta are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



***Wait patiently!***

*Have you ever thought about doing something that you know is not right?  
We call this 'temptation'.*

*Even Jesus had to face temptations in his life.  
God wants all of us to make right choices.*

*In Lent we will be encouraged to keep in touch with God,  
make right choices, be less selfish and more generous.*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 26 FEBRUARY 2023**



**ST. MARY'S PARISH - MT. ALBERT, AUCKLAND**

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Robert O'Brien

**STAFF Parish Secretaries** Johanna Tumahai-Fox & Tina Cavanagh

**Finance** - Megan Williams

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**Sunday Readings Year A**

**26 FEB -1<sup>st</sup>** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 **2<sup>nd</sup>** Romans 5:12-19

**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 4:1-11

**5 MAR -1<sup>st</sup>** Genesis 12:1-4

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Timothy 1:8-10

**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 17:1-9

*Welcome to Fr Tony O'Connor who will be celebrating our 5.30pm Mass this evening.*

**RCIA** - Congratulations to our Catechumens, Tiffany Ye, Jennifer Koo, Yujie Sanft and Sunday Obute as they participate in the Rite of Election this afternoon at the Cathedral.

A special thanks to our Catechist's for preparing them.

**Stations of The Cross** - Every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm. Please join us! Volunteers still needed to lead the Stations of the Cross, please contact the office.

**Your Prayers are requested this week for**

**The sick** - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Ronald Sanidad, Cedric Menezes, Elizabeth Beckham, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Thomas Allison, Veronica Malupo, Fiona Rogers, Brianna Magdalani.

**Recently Baptised** - Liam Angelo Ayugat & Leah Nora Benjamin

*Please let the office know if you wish to have a name placed on or taken off the prayer list.*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**MASS/LITURGY TIMINGS**

Monday - 9 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Tuesday - 7 pm

Wednesday & Friday - 9am

Thursday - 10 am

Saturday - 9am, followed by Reconciliation Rite 1

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

### Response: Lord hear our prayer

For the Church, that the Spirit may lead us to a fuller living of the Gospel and greater faithfulness to our baptismal commitment...**Let us pray to the Lord**

For grace to resist temptation, that God will help us recognize the hollowness of the fruits of temptations and help us to live faithfully as the daughters and sons whom God has made us to be...**Let us pray to the Lord**

For a renewal of prayer, that God will guide us to quiet places where we can listen to God and respond with sincerity...**Let us pray to the Lord**

For all the baptized, that in recognizing how much God loves us and has blessed us, we may respond with faithfulness through lives of virtue and loving service....  
....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For those recovering from the impact of recent flooding, may they find generous support from their local and wider communities....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For those who have died, grant them life in God's kingdom of light, happiness and peace....**Let us pray to the Lord**

### Gentle Reminders

- **Please do not leave any household items or clothing in the church or on the presbytery door step. Thank you for thinking of us but we get inundated with stuff that we struggle to off load ourselves. If there is a need we will put a call out. Thank you!**

- Cell Phones - Kindly switch off or put on silent mode during Mass. Thank you.

- For Church bookings, appointments, etc, please call or email the office to arrange.

- Please do not smoke outside the church or on any of the school grounds.

**Preference Forms** - Please drop these into the office with a copy of the Baptism Certificate and a contact number.

**Home Visits** - If you or a family member are unable to come to Mass to receive Holy Communion and would like to have Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to arrange this. We also have Ministers visiting Everil Orr, Aranui and Wesley rest homes to bring Holy Communion to Catholic residents. If you have a family member at any of these residences who would like to receive Holy Communion and have not been contacted please let the Parish Office know.

**Parking** - Please remember to keep the church driveway clear of vehicles during School hours from 8.15-9am & 2.30-3.30pm and Sunday Masses. Also please do not park in any of the school carparks during week day Masses. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**5, 12 & 19 Mar** - SOI Classes 8.45am

**22 Mar** - SOI First Reconciliation 7pm

**Congratulations** - To Gary Lawson who has been awarded the NZ Institute of Architect Gold medal, an outstanding achievement.

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** - Saturday morning for half an hour after Mass. After Easter Father will change to before Mass on a Saturday for half hour with Reconciliation.

**World Day Of Prayer** - is observed this year with the Ecumenical Service on Friday 3 March 2023 at The Mt Albert Presbyterian Church from 7PM. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**First Friday Morning Tea** - after 9am Mass on 3rd March. Please bring a plate to share.

**Morning Tea** - after 10 am Mass on Sunday's, please bring a plate to share.

**Tap'nGo** - Our Tap'nGo machine is for those who wish to use contactless payment (card or phone) instead of cash via plate collection. The device is set for \$10 donations. Please note that tax receipts cannot be issued if you use this system. If you are wanting a tax receipt please contact the office about joining one of our planned giving schemes.

**Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** - on Friday 3rd March 7pm, here at St Mary's Parish. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

**Marist College** - Open Day Tours, Wed 1st March 2023, Tour 1 - 9am, Tour 2 - 11.30am. A Centrally located non-zoned Catholic girls secondary school, years 7-13.

**Lenten Appeal** - Envelopes are behind the back of pews in the church please collect one. The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial parish and personal **Lent resources**, as well as a link to the important Caritas Lenten Appeal. Go here for the resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/lent-week-one-2023/>

**Blessing of the remediated Seminary Buildings** - Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby warmly invites you on Saturday, 11 March 2023, starting with Mass at 11:00 am. Cardinal John Dew has kindly accepted our invitation to preside over the celebrations. A special invitation is extended to all those who may be interested in vocation and religious life to priesthood. All are welcome!

**Training & Formation for Lay Leaders of Liturgical Prayer** - offered by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre, to prepare people to lead the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. It will take place over five Saturday's, 18th March, 29th April, 27th May, 24th June, 29th July. Day 1 will be held at Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Lunch is going to be provided – please bring a one-off koha of \$10 on the 1st Day session. Participants need to be present at all sessions. To register or for more information, please follow the link: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders-prayer) or contact us: [liturgycentre@cda.org.nz](mailto:liturgycentre@cda.org.nz)

**Charis NZ** - "Receive Holy Spirit Power" Current of Grace 2023 Conference by Charis NZ @El Rancho Waikanae 24th to 26th March. Register now - [www.currentofgraceconference.info](http://www.currentofgraceconference.info)

**A journey through History** - The CDA will be presenting over two Saturdays, a walk through the journey of our salvation history, exploring biblical milestones from. Genesis to Revelation. 9:15am-4pm Saturday 4 & 11 March 2023. Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Please Register by 28th Feb to Deacon Steve on [Stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:Stephenf@cda.org.nz)

**Shine TV** - resume weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201.

*Bishop Steve has launched an **emergency cyclone relief appeal to support the dioceses of Palmerston North and Hamilton** and the communities so badly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in Gisborne/ Tairāwheti and the Hawkes Bay region. The Caring Foundation will be accepting donations for this appeal. If you are able to make a donation, please visit our website [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) OR online to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 (Particulars: your surname and initials, reference CYCLONE.) Please email [info@caringfoundation.org.nz](mailto:info@caringfoundation.org.nz) for a tax receipt. Or phone: (09) 360 3045 To read Bishop Steve's appeal letter: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz)*