

17TH MARCH 2024

**Ministers of the Word**

Yvonne	Sylila	Richard
Faustina	Evelyn	Ancella

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

	Loretta	
Achala	Soya	Veronica

**Altar Servers**

Margaux	Oli	Raphael
Dyon	Luke	William
Deanne	Ethan	

**Musicians/ Organists**

Liz Samoan Choir

**Cleaning team:** G

**Counters:** Irene

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 10 MARCH 2024**



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

**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Marchellino Park

**STAFF** Parish Secretary Johanna Tumahai-Fox

**Finance** - Megan Williams

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***Sunday Readings Year B***

**10 MAR -1<sup>st</sup>** Chron 36:14-16, 19-23 **2<sup>nd</sup>** Ephesians 2:4-10 **GOSPEL** JOHN 3:14-21

**17 MAR -1<sup>st</sup>** Jeremiah 31:31-34 **2<sup>nd</sup>** Hebrews 5:7-9 **GOSPEL** JOHN 12:20-30

**Your Prayers are requested this week for**

**The sick** - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Ronald Sanidad, Cedric Menezes, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Thomas Allison, Veronica Malupo, Fiona Rogers, Brianna Magdalani, Julie Fautua, Abigail Perillo, Pam Rushton, Nguyen Van Thu, David Ng, Brian Malone, Amy Smith, Carl Flaszynski, John Ma'u & Toakase Manu.

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

**'God sent his Son to save us'**

*Today we hear how God loves to rescue people and give them second chances.  
The coming of Jesus proves that God is not out to condemn us.  
Today's Gospel reading emphasizes that God saves  
through love rather than condemnation.*

*Reflect on what God's life-giving love does for us weak, sinful humans!*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**MASS/LITURGY TIMINGS**

Monday - 9am Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday - 6.30 pm

Wednesday & Friday 9am

Thursday - 10 am

Saturday - 9am, (Reconciliation Rite 1 - 9.30am to 10am)

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

### Response: Lord hear our prayer

For the Church, that we will grow in our awareness of the length, breadth, and depth of God's love for us ....**Lord hear us**

For the gift of hope, that as we encounter violence, greed, and power, God will fill our hearts with hope and help us to walk in God's ways ....**Lord hear us**

For all who do not know Christ, that the words of Scripture and the witness of our lives may draw people into an experience of Jesus and lead them into the light of God ....**Lord hear us**

For all who seek to grow in their faith, for catechumens and candidates, for all in religious education programmes, that they may come to know Christ more each day and express their faith through deeds of light ....**Lord hear us**

For all who are suffering from violence and warfare, that God will protect them from harm and bring the assistance which they need ....**Lord hear us**

For the dead, that they may share in the fullness of eternal life .....**Lord hear us**

## 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 out side the church or on any of the school grounds.

**Preference Forms** - Please contact the office to organise a time to meet with Fr Marchellino.

**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 Aranui rest home to take 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

**10 Mar** - Baptism Classes 11am

**21 Mar** - Parish Reconciliation 7pm

**31 Mar** - Baptism 10am (Easter Sunday)

**Our Centenary!** Yes our Parish is 100 this year. We are wanting people to help organise a celebration and we need you to be involved. All those interested please come to a meeting in the Parish Office 7pm Monday 18th March with Fr Marchellino.

**Pledging** - if you are currently using envelopes for your church giving please collect your new ones from the back of the church. Please get in touch with the office if you have any queries.

**Stations of The Cross** - 6.30pm every Friday during Lent. All are welcome.

**Saturday Adoration and Reconciliation** - from March onwards the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9.30 - 10am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be during this time.

**Visiting the Sick and Elderly** - Thank you to those who both attended the meeting on Sunday and indicated an interest in being involved with taking Communion to the sick and elderly in our Parish. We still need more parishioners! Fr Marchellino, will be holding another meeting to discuss and organise this ministry after Easter on April 28th ,9am ,(after 8am Mass) in the church. If you would like to be involved please come along.

**Parish Foodbank** - Our foodbank is desperately low on supplies. If you could please remember us when you are shopping.

**Bequests** - We are fortunate to be able to afford the church renovations due to a bequest from a former parishioner. Without these funds we would not be in a position to upgrade the church. So please remember us in your will!

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

**Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion** - The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries, which will cover training/refreshers for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Participants will only need to attend **ONE** of these workshops. 10th March Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden, 14th April St Mark Pakuranga, 5th May St Anne Manurewa & 19th May St Joseph Takapuna. Register via the link below or contact your parish office/priest: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession** - On Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be gathering once again for our traditional Stations of the Cross procession through Auckland CBD. We invite you and your faith community to join us for this powerful public witness of faith through the streets of Auckland. The procession will begin at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am and will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am. For queries contact Sam from the Ministries to Young People team or email [samuelt@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelt@cda.org.nz).

**Divine Mercy Feast** - at St Benedict's Parish Sunday 7th April at 5:30pm. 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, Holy Mass, Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Bring your Divine Mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. Free Parking at Wilson carpark & street parking is also free on Sunday.

**SUMMIT Young Leaders' Weekend** - Young leaders, are you ready for an incredible weekend of formation, fellowship and being spiritually filled? We can't wait to see you at the Summit. 22-24 March at Sonshine Ranch Clevedon. Go to our Facebook page @AKCYM or contact Felicity from Ministries to Young People at [felicity@cda.org.nz](mailto:felicity@cda.org.nz) for details.

*News about the Diocese.* For news about the life of the diocese and to find out about events and other opportunities coming up head to CDA connect a monthly round up of what's happened and what is coming up. The February edition is now up <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>