

24TH MARCH 2024

Ministers of the Word

Hoani	Calvin	Ben
Geoff	Emma	Mary

Ministers of the Holy Communion

Mirella	Annie	Miriam
Gay	Catherine	Margaret
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Altar Servers

Amelia	Gabriel	Fearghus
Thomas	Selena	William
Imogen	Luke	

Musicians/ Organists

Liz Angelo & Adrian

Cleaning team: H

Counters: Kevin & Caroline

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

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 17 MARCH 2024



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

PARISH PRIEST Fr Marchellino Park

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Sunday Readings Year B

17 MAR -1st Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Hebrews 5:7-9

GOSPEL JOHN 12:20-30

24 MAR -1st Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL MARK 14:1-15:47

HOLY WEEK IN OUR CHURCH - 25TH MARCH TO THE 31ST MARCH

Monday in Holy Week - Liturgy 9am **Tuesday in Holy Week** - Mass 6.30pm

Wednesday in Holy Week - Mass 9am

Holy Thursday - Mass of The Lord's Supper 7pm, **Adoration after Mass until 10pm**

Good Friday - Children's Stations of the Cross 9am, Ecumenical Walk 10am & The Lord's Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday - Family Mass - 9am (**No Evening Mass**)

Please see the notice board for more information.

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 & Toakase Manu.

Recently Deceased - John Ma'u & Carl Flaszynski, may they rest in eternal peace.

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

'A grain of wheat'

Today we hear Jesus tell a story about wheat and how it can live in a different way after it has died or broken down, unless you die yourself you will not have life in you.

The call of Lent for a change of heart, a turning back to God is echoed once more.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of the Church, that they will receive the strength they need in their care of the flock entrusted to them**Lord hear us**

As we continue to journey in this Lenten season we pray, that the image of the grain of wheat will help and guide us in renewing our lives...
....**Lord hear us**

For all those afflicted by war, that they may receive the help they need and that leaders may have a change of heart and show care for suffering humanity**Lord hear us**

We pray for the people in our country, that we are mindful of the poor and work for justice in our distribution of resources**Lord hear us**

We pray for the sick, that they may find people with helping hands and compassionate hearts to help alleviate their difficulties**Lord hear us**

We pray for our departed brothers and sisters, that they may inherit the kingdom prepared for them by the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus**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.

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

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

20 Mar - First Reconciliation 7pm

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.

Children's Stations of the Cross - If you would like to organise the children's stations of the cross on Good Friday at 9am please contact the Parish office for the details.

Sacramental Programme - Please pray for the children in our Sacramental programme who will be doing their First Reconciliation this Wednesday the 20th March at 7pm.

Parish Reconciliation - Another opportunity for confession before Easter. This Thursday 21 March at 7pm. Please join us.

Parish Planned Giving Programme - If you would like to be part of the Parish Planned Giving Programme, by donating regularly by automatic payment please get in touch with the parish office. Donations over \$5 are tax deductible. If you are already part of the programme but only give once a year, please note that your donation needs to be with the parish by Sunday 31st March to receive a tax receipt for this financial year.

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.

Working Bee - The parish is having a working bee next Saturday the 23rd March from 9.30-12pm. We need your help, gardening, cleaning, sweeping etc. Young or old, please come along and lend a hand. Service Hours for next year are able to be done in advance. Please bring garden tools, buckets and cloths & gloves if you have them.

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.

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 29th 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 samuelb@cda.org.nz.

Youth kick-off event - on Saturday 23 March @ 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 19 Banff Ave. Epsom, Auckland, with food, games and more. All youth in years 7-10 are welcome. This is a great way to have fun, catch up with old friends and make new ones as well as to grow in faith, guided by great leaders who live what they believe!

Register at <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/youth/>