

31ST MARCH 2024

**Ministers of the Word**

Rob

Emma

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Merv

Anna

**Altar Servers**

Kayleigh

Katherine

Margaux

**Musicians/ Organists**

Cleaning team: I

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.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ 24 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**

**24 MAR - 1<sup>st</sup>** Isaiah 50:4-7

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Philippians 2:6-11

**GOSPEL** MARK 14:1-15:47

**31 MAR - 1<sup>st</sup>** Acts 10:34, 37-43

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Colossians 3:1-4

**GOSPEL** JOHN 20:1-9

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

**Monday in Holy Week** - Liturgy 9am & Chrism Mass - 7.30pm (at the Cathedral)

**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**)

**There will be NO Easter Monday Mass/Liturgy**

**Good Friday Ecumenical Walk**

*Starting at the Presbyterian, then proceeding to the Methodist, then here at St Mary's, then to the Anglican and ending at the Baptist Church followed by refreshments.*

*Please join, in walking together with Christ!*

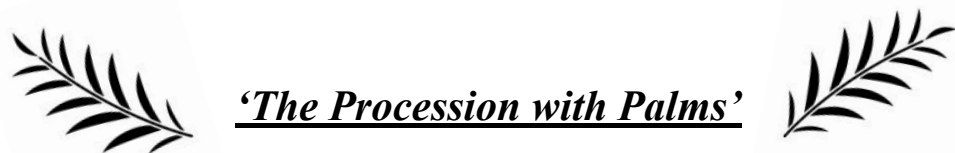
**Holy Thursday Mass**

You are invited to bring a gift for the Parish Food Bank, to place by the altar after the 'Foot - washing'. The Roman missal has always recommended this gesture of loving serving to assist the poor in every parish.

**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.

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



**'The Procession with Palms'**

*It is important to focus on the agony and desolation of the passion, but also remember the fact of the resurrection, as described by the evangelists and witnesses who viewed it from the perspective of the risen Christ ascending into glory.*

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

### Response: Lord hear our prayer

For all called to leadership in the Church, that they may be given the strength to witness to God's presence in difficult times and the grace to follow the pattern of Christ in their words and actions ....**Lord hear us**

For the people of the world suffering from war, violence, oppression, and injustice, that they might receive the gift of hope and the power to transform these situations through God's action in Christ ....**Lord hear us**

For world and local leaders, that they may act with compassion and love on behalf of all people ....**Lord hear us**

For the sick and the poor, that they may be given courage to face their trials as they struggle in their hour of need ....**Lord hear us**

For this community, that we may lead lives of integrity in the face of adversity and offer hope in a time of challenge ....**Lord hear us**

For those who have died, especially those whom we have known and loved, that they may enter rejoicing into the courts of the Lord ...**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 outside the church or on any of the school grounds.

- When attending Mass, please remember to dress modestly and respectfully. By doing so, we demonstrate our reverence for God and consideration for each other. Together, let us continue to foster an environment of reverence and respect within our St Mary's community.

**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

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

**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.

**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.

**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 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 [samuelb@cda.org.nz](mailto:samuelb@cda.org.nz).

**Divine Mercy Feast** - Sunday 7th April, 5.30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Benediction, 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 at Wilson carpark** & street parking is also free on Sunday.

**Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM** - Mary MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm, Suggested koha \$10

**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/>

**GetSet 2023 - Annual Young Adult Camp** - Kairos NZ are hosting our Annual 'GetSet' retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Friday 12 April 2024 6pm onwards to Sunday 14 April 2024 2.45pm. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GetSet and it promises to be a special one. We invite all young adults aged 18-35 years to attend. The Theme this year is "**By the Stream**" based on Psalm 1:1-3 and we will explore what it means to be refreshed and renewed by God's Word. To register please check out the poster on the church notice board or at: <http://tinyurl.com/GetSet2024>. For more info, please contact Karyn Coutinho [021806855](tel:021806855) or email [getset.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:getset.auckland@gmail.com)