

# ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 16 & 17 MARCH 2024

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

### 3rd Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the Month

	<u><b>5.30 Saturday</b></u>	<u><b>8.00am Sunday</b></u>	<u><b>10.00am Sunday</b></u>	<u><b>5.30pm Sunday</b></u>
<u><b>LEADER</b></u>	PEIVI COLLINS	ALENA PITOLUA	ELENOA MOASILI-MATI	SIOELI HIFO
<u><b>READERS</b></u>	SEPASTIANO & SOANE VANIKOLO	SEBASTIAN & CHRISTOPHER ATONIO	CLAUDIA & ASHLEY VAOTUUA	PETA HIFO NITAI TAKAI
<u><b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b></u>	<u><b>K SKIPPER</b></u> S JACKSON A SAVELIO	<u><b>S LEVI</b></u> O FAATUUALA L ATONIO	<u><b>E MOASILI-MATI</b></u> N MOASILI A SIONE S VAOTUUA M LAUPOLA	<u><b>S HIFO</b></u> J FERNANDES P THOMAS
<u><b>SACRED VESSELS</b></u>		S LEVI		
<u><b>MUSICIANS</b></u>	SR GEMMA	SR GEMMA	VAOTUUA FAMILY	JULIE B
<u><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b></u>	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
<u><b>FIRST AID</b></u>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<u><b>WARDENS</b></u>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<u><b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b></u>	10 MARCH 2024 DON & DIANE SILUUGA		17 MARCH 2024 GORETTI MEREDITH & LISA AMOA	
<u><b>FLORISTS</b></u>	NO FLOWERS IN LENT		NO FLOWERS IN LENT	
<u><b>GROUNDS</b></u>			<b>MARCH – SAMOAN COMMUNITY</b>	

You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the **FOODBANK**. Food is provided for families in our parish who are struggling, and to the wider community as part of our parish commitment to outreach and evangelisation. Particularly helpful are: Spaghetti, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Milo, Flour, Salt, Can of soup, Rice & Pasta, Cans of Tuna, Noodles, Jam/Peanut Butter etc. If you need some food assistance please txt or email your address to Ruth Peterson [ruth.peterson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruth.peterson@xtra.co.nz) or mobile: 0274046818 or contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.

Collection last week. PLEDGES: \$2438.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2320.20 TOTAL :\$4758.20  
Caritas: \$590.00 **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY.**  
If you would like to contribute to the parish on internet banking this is the parish bank account.  
Holy Cross Papatoetoe – Parish Account **02 – 0108- 0708852 – 00**  
**Please note our bank account number changed earlier this year**  
**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.**

**A NEW SUPPLY OF PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH**  
**Tax receipts will be available during the last week of April**

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## 10 March 2024 - Year B – 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

**PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran**

**ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park**

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil.

For you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians: 5:8-14

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

**Please pray for those who are unwell, recovering from surgery, or in need of our prayers:**

Lilieta Soafa, Christine and Paul Atkinson, Susana Savelio, Pat Asplin, Joshua Silbery-Martin, Lafaele Silafai, Mele Laban, Lisita Kaufusi, Fr Pauli Ta'ai,

### Recent deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Bart Cleary, Imelda Cumming

### Sunday Mass intentions:

**5.30pm: Saturday** Bart Cleary , Imelda Cumming

**8.00am: Sunday:**

**10.00am: Sunday:**

**5.30pm: Sunday:**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE :** Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm

**Weekday Mass Timetable:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00am Wednesday :12noon

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAYS IN LENT – 7.00PM**



The **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** is USUALLY held on the last Thursday of the month Feb – Nov at 7.00pm in the Church, and is for Catholic Parent/s wishing to have their children under 7 years of age, baptised into the Catholic Faith. Enrolment forms are available in the Parish Office or can be completed during the course. The next baptism preparation courses will be on **Thursday 18 APRIL 2024 at 7pm in the Church.(NO BAPTISM COURSE IN MARCH)** Baptisms are usually held at 11.00am on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (Feb – Dec)  
**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** Wednesday 11.15am – 11.45am Friday 9.45am – 10.15am Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am (or by appointment with the priests)

### **PASTORS PEN**

Catholics have been outstanding in finding ways to keep the cross at the centre of our attention. We make the sign of the Cross with holy water as we enter the church, we open and close our Mass with the Sign of the Cross, a cross is prominent near the altar throughout the time Mass is being celebrated. The same has been true of more personal prayers. The rosary beads in common use among Western Catholics always had a crucifix attached to them. Eastern Catholics, along with their Orthodox brethren, made even more abundant use of the Sign of the Cross in their worship than did we of the West.

So we Catholics have traditionally done well in displaying and honouring the cross on which our Saviour was raised on high. But that by itself is not enough. As Jesus told Nicodemus, it is those who believe in the Saviour that will be saved. Our faith and our belief must back up our external performance.

Today's Gospel is an occasion for checking up how we have been doing. Has, for instance, our uttering of prescribed words of prayer been performed with faith in the Father we address, in the crucified Son whom we invoke and in the Spirit whom we believe acts in us. Only in such believing fashion will we win through to eternal life. In this Lenten season we can renew our faith in Him who died on the cross to bring us eternal life. He is truly the Saviour of those who believe in him.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, We have come to the fourth week of Lent. We are approaching Easter. It is time for us to get ourselves ready for the biggest celebration of all – the Resurrection of the Lord. I would encourage you to prepare your minds and hearts worthily for this significant celebration by coming to the sacrament of reconciliation on Thursday 14 March at 7pm. The celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will again heal our souls and bring us all closer to each other at the Easter celebration.

**St Patrick's feast day** - This year St Patrick's Day happens to fall on a Sunday but we will be celebrating it together with Holy Cross school children on Friday 15 March at the 9am mass.

Lenten Blessings  
Fr Anthony Tran

### **RITE 2 RECONCILIATION TIMES DURING LENT**

**Pukekohe** 12 March - 7.00pm      **Otara** 13 March - 7.00pm  
**Papatoetoe** 14 March - 7.00pm      **Clover Park** 15 March - 7.00pm  
**Papakura** 19 March - 7.00pm

**Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of 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. These workshops will consist of context, prayer, and practical formation in these areas. All will receive a certificate at completion, which will be posted to their parish and presented at mass on a chosen date/time. In our area the course is on **5th May at St Anne's Manurewa 1 - 3pm**. Light lunch provided. 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](mailto:samuelb@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.



There are Caritas envelopes in the Church Porch to use when making your Lenten donation – so that you will receive a tax receipt.

**NZ CATHOLIC** available In the church Porch \$4.00

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4 OR OLDER NOT AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**  
**Children's lessons will be each Saturday at 4pm in the Church continuing on Saturday 16 March**  
**ENROLMENTS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR THIS YEAR.**