

# ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 23 & 24 MARCH 2024

## PALM SUNDAY

### 4<sup>TH</sup> Saturday AND 4<sup>TH</sup> 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>	CARMENCITA BUGASH	MU VIIGA-PAONGO	MALIA LATU	CHICHI ABADINGO
<u><b>READERS</b></u>	GARIELLA TOALEPAI & AIDAN ADAMS	IVONA UTULEI CHRISTOPHER ATONIO	LEILOA KEPAOA PRINCYA KARUMALIL	EMMARIAH SAUMALU & ANGELINA HIFO
<u><b>PASSION READERS</b></u>	PATRICIA & JIM GRIBBLE	GORETTI MEREDITH EDMUND ALDISS	ELENOA MOASIL MATI FALENUU MOASIL	MARIA-GRACE CORRIN KEIAHO LEAHEUHILA
<u><b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b></u>	<u><b>G MEREDITH</b></u> R SEKO D MAHONI	<u><b>J LATU</b></u> L MATAIA S MATAIA	<u><b>J PADORA</b></u> I TEKI U POPOALII T WAIRASI A WULF	<u><b>M ANCL</b></u> M G CORRIN C ABADINGO
<u><b>SACRED VESSELS</b></u>		J LATU		
<u><b>MUSICIANS</b></u>	PARISH CHOIR	PARISH CHOIR	SAMOAN CHOIR	SR GEMMA
<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>	17 MARCH 2024 GORETTI MEREDITH & LISA AMOA		24 MARCH 2024 PAT DE ZOETE & JULIE PAUL	
<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 who are struggling  
**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 or mobile: 0274046818 or  
 contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.

Collection last week. PLEDGES: \$1915.00 LOOSE CASH: \$3340.70 TOTAL :\$5255.70  
 Caritas: \$240.00 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.**

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## 17 March 2024 - Year B – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran**

**ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park**

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

### Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love  
 According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions  
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity  
 and cleanse me from my sin.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways and sinners will return to you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 5:7-9

**Gospel:** John 12:20-33



**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:** Eileen Fell, Kathleen Nyssen

**Sunday Mass intentions:**

**5.30pm: Saturday**

**8.00am: Sunday:** Eileen Fell, Kathleen Nyssen

**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**

Dear Parishioners

We are getting to the end of Lent, and we know that Easter is near. Lent is different from Advent. Advent reminds us of how the world was lost and on its own before Christ came; Lent reminds us of where we are going, and what price was paid for us to go there. In this way Advent is about the past, but Lent is about the future. It should be a time of excitement, and the best way to be excited is to do what we do as an act of love. Then we forget about ourselves.

This Sunday's gospel tells us something we have heard often, that the grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die, if it is to bear fruit – if it doesn't, it remains alone. We think of Jesus' death and resurrection in those terms. If you try to save your life...if you try to hold on to it....if you try to protect it...you are afraid of death. If you lose your life, and let go of it, and detach yourself from it, you accept death. And you are alive. He or she who fears death is already dead. He or she who doesn't fear death is already alive with a new and different life.

Moncef Marzouki is one of the great figures of the political opposition in Tunisia. He is an ardent defender of human rights. He was once questioned by a journalist, a month before the actual crisis in Tunisia. The journalist was Naima Bouteldja. She asked him what gave him the courage to keep up the fight. He explained that he was very impressed in his youth by the image of his grandfather sowing in the desert. After you sow in the desert, he would say, all you can do is wait. When the rain comes, at the end of six months, or a year, or two years, everything flowers, rapidly, abundantly. Even in the desert, he concluded, you must always sow.

Lent is a time for us to die to sins and sow the seeds of virtues!

Lenten Blessings  
Fr Anthony Tran

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

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. **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.

**St Joseph's Feast Day** Prayer Ritual to honour St Joseph's Feast Day ,Mary MacKillop Chapel ,Mission Bay, Tuesday 19th March at 5.30pm (Graphic attached)

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

The **National Liturgy Office** has posted **resources for Week Five of Lent**. These include readings, prayer, suggested music and a Homily Studio Podcast. Please go here for the details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/len-2024-week-five/>

**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 SUMMIT22-24 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.



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