

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 9 & 10 MARCH 2024

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 2ND Saturday and 2ND 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>	JOSEPH FILOPO	EVALISA LOLOHEA	TUPI FAMILY	ARLYN URQUILA
<u><b>READERS</b></u>	SR PATRICIA ZABRINA VILLAMOR	HOLI LOLOHEA PAEA'I FAALOUA	TUPI FAMILY	CELY BANZUELA NIMFA MARAVILLA
<u><b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b></u>	<u><b>B CHOI</b></u> S SAKISI L COLDSTREAM	<u><b>P ALI</b></u> M JONES SR MALIA FETULI	<u><b>T WULF</b></u> J TUPI HUFANGA L MANUTOIFO S TUALA L NUU	<u><b>I TEKI</b></u> R MONTECILLO S LEVI
<u><b>SACRED VESSELS</b></u>		P ALI		
<u><b>MUSICIANS</b></u>	SR GEMMA	ALL SORTS GROUP	ALL SORTS GROUP	?FILIPINO COMMUNITY
<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>	3 MARCH 2024 F PATAU & P PETELO		10 MARCH 2024 DON & DIANE SILUUGA	
<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: \$2196.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2705.40 TOTAL : \$4901.40  
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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## 3 March 2024 - Year B – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran**

**ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park**

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Psalm :** 95:1-2, 6- 9

O come, let us sing to the Lord

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

When your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel:** John 4:5-42

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

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

**Recent deaths:** Fa'anānā Efeso Collins

**Anniversaries:**

**Sunday Mass intentions:**

**5.30pm: Saturday**

**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**

We have come to the third week of Lent. In this Sunday's gospel, John places his account of Jesus cleansing the Temple at the beginning of the public life of Jesus, whereas the other Gospel writers place it at the end, just before his passion. Their intentions are in fact similar. The synoptic writers offer the actions of Jesus as one of the final straws in his irritation of the authorities. Such an attack on Temple practices would be viewed as blasphemous by them and push them into arresting Jesus.

John is concerned throughout his Gospel to portray Jesus replacing the great symbols of Israel's past with his own person. What more central symbol was there in the people's belief than that of the Temple? Here was celebrated the very presence of God, originally in the form of the tablets of the Ten Commandments handed down to Moses as the expression of the Lord's covenant with his people. For John this replacement of the Temple by the person of Jesus will lead ultimately to his passion, death and resurrection, but he wants his readers to be aware of this transformation as they read the rest of the Gospel.

As ever in John's Gospel the timing of the event is significant. It is just before Passover, the occasion in which the freedom of the people from slavery is celebrated. Jesus in his person will be the freedom of those who follow him; as St Paul will point out, madness and foolishness to the Jews and Greeks, but for those who follow Christ the very power and wisdom of God.

In the Gospel story Jesus wanted to make the point that the people had lost sight of the real meaning of the Temple. Treating it as commercial thoroughfare, they no longer placed God's commandments at the centre of their lives. As Jesus cleansed them of this abuse, however, he also pushed them to see himself as the new centre of their relationship with God. It is through their allegiance to him that they will be renewed and really cleansed.

A core element to our Lenten journey is getting rid of what stops Christ being at the centre of our life and so uplifting us with the gift of his Spirit.

Lenten Blessings  
Fr Anthony Tran

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

Otahuhu 5 March - 6.30pm	Mangere 6 March - 7.00pm
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	

**Fr David Dowling appointed Rector of Holy Cross Seminary** -Father David Dowling has been appointed as the new rector of Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Fr David is at present the Human Formator at Holy Cross. Further information:  
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/rector/>

**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).



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

### **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 9 March**

**SATURDAY 9 MARCH IS THE FINAL DATE TO JOIN THE PROGRAMME.**