

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

8 & 9 March 2025 – 2ND Saturday and 2ND Sunday

	<u>SATURDAY</u> 5.30PM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8.00AM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10.00AM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 5.30PM
LEADER	VANIKOLO FAMILY	TIVISE OTUTOA	NOVISIA KAMA	ARLYN URQUIOLA
READERS	VANIKOLO FAMILY	ROSETTA JOHANSSON MALIA AUVA'A	LEILOA KEPAOA DAVID LATU	NIMFA MARAVILLA THERESE PIAD
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	R SEKO S JACKSON B CHOI	M JONES S ALIITASI J PAUL	E MOA SILI-MATI N MOA SILI T RAMSAY T TUALA T M CHADWICK	R MONTECILLO L COLDSTREAM P THOMAS
MUSICIANS	SR FRANCINE	ALL SORTS GROUP	ALL SORTS GROUP	SR GEMMA
ALTAR SERVERS	Refer to co-ordinators			
WARDENS & FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	2 MARCH 2025 GORETTI MEREDITH & LISA AMOA		9 MARCH 2025 JULIE PAUL & PAT DE ZOETE	
FLORISTS	1 MARCH 2025 TONGAN COMMUNITY		NO FLOWERS IN LENT	
LAWNS	JIMS MOWING			
GROUPS:	March - Samoan Community			
Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2396.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2624.80 TOTAL \$5020.80 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY. This the parish bank account: . Holy Cross Papatotoe – Parish Account 02 – 0108- 0708852 – 00 PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.				
You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the FOODBANK. 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. Thank you to all those who contribute to the Foodbank - YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.				

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2 March 2025 - Year C - 8th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park - Thomasparknz@gmail.com

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning
And your faithfulness by night.

The righteous flourish like a palm tree
And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;
They flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,

Showing that the Lord is upright;
He is my rock And there is no unrighteousness in him.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 54 - 58

Gospel: Luke 6:39 - 45



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

Pope Francis, Tui Kula (Tahifute), Audrey Hauraki, Colin Mulligan, Sheryl Willis, Fa'atauva'a Palea, Lilieta Soafa, Sailoka Emelioi, Fr Pauli Ta'ai

Recent deaths: Lesley Michael Ross, Wladyslawa Strack

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

RECONCILIATION: (Confession) Frid and Sat after 9.00am Mass. Wed 11.15am - 11.45am

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday gives us a warning of three great spiritual dangers which we must strive to avoid.

- * The Danger of following false prophets.
- * The Danger of Self-righteousness and Hypocrisy.
- * The Danger of a Deceived Heart.

We are approaching Lent this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for us to reflect on these three dangers, have a conversion and believe in the Good News. There are times when the Church invites us, with some urgency, to have a conversion, and asks us not to sin any more, that is, to live in virtue and not in sin. Lent is one of those times.

To St Paul sin would have been very real and active, almost a demonic power, and in the tradition of his time this "sting" which attended upon death was such a demon, perhaps a fallen angel, who followed upon death to destroy the soul. But Christ has risen from the dead and death has lost its sting. We enter into a victory already achieved. We cannot be defeated and nothing we do need be in vain.

Yet we cannot be arrogant; cannot lose compassion for others. Nor may we judge them out of our own certainty but instead become aware of what makes us stumble; aware too of what in ourselves clouds our vision. What we are unwilling to look at in ourselves can so often cause us to condemn the weakness of others. Christ is asking us to face ourselves with courage and honesty and then turn to look at our neighbour.

We shall take to others what is in ourselves: love from love, hatred from hatred; but not the reverse; not hatred from love nor love from hatred; not grapes from brambles nor figs from thorns. By our words and our deeds we express what is in our hearts. What is in our hearts?

Heart and voice will be in accord if God's love and God's law informs all that we do. When we pray to the Holy Spirit we ask that our hearts may be re-created, re-born into truth, so that we can renew the face of the earth.

Have a wonderful week and a blessed Ash Wednesday,

Father Anthony Tran

BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR, for catholic parents who wish to have their children up to 7 years old baptised – **Wednesday 26 March at 7.00pm** in the Church. Baptisms are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 11.00am (**Wednesday NOT Thursday in March**)

FROM OUR CATHOLIC COLLEGES

ST MARY'S COLLEGE Open Day for enrolments for 2026 Year 7 & 9 – Thursday 6 March at 2.30pm and 6.00pm.

MARIST COLLEGE – Catholic Girls Secondary School Years 7 -13 Open days Thur 6 March, Friday 7th March Open Day Tours 9.00am

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE - COMMUNITY FONONO - Have your input into the future of the College - Thursday March 13th In the De La Salle College MPC 5.30pm light refreshments available 6pm-7.30pm Fono starts

ASH WEDNESDAY This Wednesday 5 March

MASSES 12NOON AND 7.00PM

MINISTERS

Leader/Readers

12 noon School

7.00pm Leader: Sonia Jackson Readers: Emmariah Saumalu & Michelle Joseph

Communion Ministers:

12noon – P Ali, S Levi, S Mataia, L Mataia, M Laupola, S Tuala

7.00pm – M G Corrin, J Filipino, E Moa Sili-Mati, N Moa Sili, C Abadingo, U Popoali

FAASILASILAGA – EKALESA SAMOA HOLY CROSS PAPATOETOE – SAMOAN

COMMUNITY E faasilasila atu ma le faaaloalo o le a usua le fonotaga muamua a le Ekalesia Samoa a la tatou Palisi nei, i le Aso Toonai 8 Mati, i le itula e 2pm i le Hall a le tatou Palisi. Matou te talia ma le fiafia ni aiga e fia ulufale mai i le mafutaga. Mo nisi faamatalaga faafesootai – Matauitaua F Mo'a Sili Telefoni: 09 279 4833. Faafetai

Indoor bowls 2025 starts this Tuesday 4 March in the hall at 7.15pm. New players welcome. All sports equipment provided. For any further enquiries ph/txt Stefan 0274867823