

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 8th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 & 2 March 2025 – 1st Saturday and 1st Sunday

	<u>SATURDAY</u> 5.30PM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8.00AM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10.00AM	<u>SUNDAY</u> 5.30PM
LEADER	LEGION OF MARY	LILI FAOA	LISA AMOA	KITA TAUGA
READERS	LEGION OF MARY	MARIA & MOSES HUNI	MARY-GRACE CORRIN & ANGELA DE JONG	EMMARIAH SAUMALU FAE TAKAI
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	E PENAFLOR J FILIPO SR JOAN PERRIS	V LATU J LATU O FAATUUALA	R DAUREWA T WAIRASI I TEKI V FAUEA V WAIRASI	J TUPI HUFANGA S WOOD J FERNANDES
MUSICIANS	LEGION OF MARY		TONGAN COMMUNITY	SR GEMMA
ALTAR SERVERS	Refer to co-ordinators			
WARDENS & FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	23 FEBRUARY 2025 DIANE & DON SILUUGA		2 MARCH 2025 GORETTI MEREDITH & LISA AMOA	
FLORISTS	22 FEBRUARY 2025 DIVINE MERCY GROUP		1 MARCH 2025 TONGAN COMMUNITY	

LAWNS JIMS MOWING
GROUNDS: February - LEGION OF MARY

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2878.90 LOOSE CASH: \$2578.70 TOTAL \$5457.60
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY.

This the parish bank account: . Holy Cross Papatotetoe – 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.**

HOLY CROSS PARISH 21 CARRUTH ROAD PAPATOETOE

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23 FEBRUARY 2025 - Year C - 7th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

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

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits.

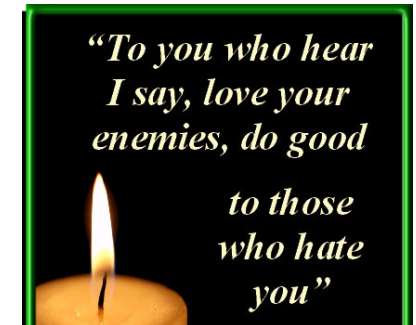
It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our iniquities.

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion
for those who fear him

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 27 - 38



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

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

Recent deaths: Lesley Michael Ross,

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,

Many today still use the title "Christian" to convey the vague idea of someone who follows Christ, or who tries to live a good life. They mistakenly think that a Christian is like a follower of Mohandas Gandhi or Martin Luther King: that he believes Christ was a good man whose life is to be admired.

In this Sunday's second reading St Paul effectively contradicts such a view. The Christian is more than an admirer of Christ. The Christian is "modelled" on Christ. He is an image of Christ, the Son of God who is in heaven. In other words, the admirer of Christ can only say, Jesus was. The Christian says, Jesus is.

When Jesus gave us the Golden Rule to, "Treat others as you would like them to treat you", he was proposing far more than any teacher in history. Others had proposed the same rule negatively: "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others". But such behaviour is not unduly difficult. Christ's instruction is very different. Our conduct does not consist in not doing bad things, but in positively doing good things.

Christ's words present the highest possible ideal and for this reason it is tempting to skim over them. But if we ignore them we deny the Christian Faith itself. For that Faith presents us with the life of Christ so that we can imitate him. The Christian cannot be content, as most men are, to live by the standards of the "average person" or the "man in the street"...The standard of behaviour for the Christian is not his "next-door-neighbour", but Christ.

We must confess that as a Church, and as individuals, we have failed to live by the life outlined in today's gospel. We have done no more than sinners. We need God's forgiveness. We can be confident, however, that we will receive that forgiveness in the measure that we have forgiven others. As we rejoice in the name of "Christian" in this Eucharist, let us, then, be generous in our forgiveness of others.

Have a blessed week,
Father Anthony Tran

To all Parents and Guardians of children who would like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation; Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion in 2025. To enrol, please provide the following information:

1. Complete the Children's Sacramental Program Enrolment form
2. Your child's baptismal certificate

Lessons start on Saturday 1 March 2025

For further information please contact Anaestasia Wulf @ 0223221419 or Pat at the parish office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR, for catholic parents who wish to have their children up to 7 years old baptised – **THIS Thursday 27 February** at 7.00pm in the Church. Baptisms are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 11.00am

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 FONO - 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

CAR BOOT SALE – SATURDAY 1 MARCH 10AM – 3PM at Holy Cross Church - Preloved items, Fabrics, Car Wash, Sausage Sizzle and much much more. (A Fundraising project of the Parish Hospitality Committee)

Our Parish's **Samoan Sunday School** resumes lessons TODAY Sunday 23 February 2024 after the 10am Mass. If you would like to join us, you would be most welcome. For more information, please contact Toleafoa Elenoa Mo'a Sili – Mati on 0212605380. Thank you.

Male post graduate university student from Nigeria studying Social Work is **looking to rent a room in Papatoetoe** for between \$150 and \$180 per week. Attends Mass at Holy Cross Parish. If you would like to rent out a spare room, contact Mr Kelechi Nwaogu ph 0211639610.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 7th March 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.