

11th March 2018 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Readings

This Week

2 Chr 36: 14-16
Ps 136
Eph 2: 4-10
Jn 3: 14-21

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Next Week

Jer 31: 31-34
Ps 50: 3-4. 12-15
Heb 5: 7-9
Jn 12: 20-33

Response to Psalm: Ps 136 v.6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you

Communion Reflection

The Light of Christ

In Christ there is no trace of darkness.

His light shows up the darkness in us. His truth shows up our lies.

His integrity shows up our falseness. His generosity shows up our selfishness.

His peace shows up our conflicts His openness to others shows how closed we are.

However, we should not be afraid of His light.

Rather, we should rejoice in it. Compared to His light other lights are mere flares in the night or candles in the wind

Christ, radiant Light of the world, guide our steps in the way of truth and goodness.

Lead us through the gloom of this world to the kingdom of unfailing light.

New Sunday & Holy Liturgies

Scripture Readings: Psalter Week 4

Monday: Isa 65: 17-21 Ps 29:2. 4-6.11-13 Jn 4: 43-54
Tuesday: Ezek 46: 1-9, 12 Ps 45: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9 Jn 5: 1-3. 5-16
Wednesday: Isa 48: 8-15, Ps 144-8-9. 13-14. 17-18 Jn 5: 17-30
Thursday: Ex 32: 7-14 Ps 105: 19-23 Jn 5: 31-47
Friday: Wis 2: 1. 12-22 Ps 33: 16. 18. 19-21. 23 Jn 7: 1-2 10. 25-30
Feast of St Patrick, bishop
Saturday: Jer 1: 4-9 Ps 116 Acts 13: 46-49 Lk 10: 1-12. 17-20

St Vincent de Paul Collection for the needy will be taken up after masses next weekend

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

Caritas Appeal: 3rd Sunday of Lent: \$306.00. (previous week: 2nd Sunday of Lent: \$440. Total to date: \$1,881.90)

Sacramental /RCIC Programme: For children, aged 8 years and over, who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, or you have children over the age of 7 who have not been baptised, and you would like to get them baptised, please pick up an enrolment form from the church foyer. Make sure you fill it in clearly, including the chosen Saint's name, and the name of the child's sponsor. Please bring the completed form with you to the **Parents' Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday 3rd April - 7pm in the Parish Hall.** Dates for the programme and the celebrations will be given out at that meeting.

Parish Scripture Study Group: Enrolments are still being taken to study the **Gospel of St John** – a biblical study by Edward Sri. An 8 session programme on Monday evenings, 7 pm in the church meeting room, each session approx.1-1.5 hrs. If interested, please register with the Parish Office by emailing your name and a contact telephone number. Due to commence **after Easter**, dates yet to be finalized.

NZ Catholic: the Mar 11 to 24 issue is out now: *Some headlines are:* 1500 at ordination of new Bishop of Christchurch. Pope appoints Fr Michael Dooley as Bishop of Dunedin. Cardinal Dew on Pope Francis' pontificate 5 years on. Transfiguration icon shows 'otherness' of Christ. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on March 25.

Easter Raffle: tickets go on sale this weekend. Drawn on Monday 26th March. Contact: Nora Lane.

Sacrament of the Sick this coming **Friday 16th March, 11 am in the church**, followed by light refreshments. Hosted by the Holy Cross Caring Community.

Safe Church Programme: This Diocesan initiative is being introduced to the parish. Initially it will involve the Parish Council members and Friars before being extended to other Parish affiliated groups and volunteers. The use of safe practices will involve police vetting and training of those in key leadership roles in the parish. The overall aim is to ensure that all individuals are not at risk in the very community that is supposed to care for them. If you have any concerns, please approach Fr. Sebastian or the PPC Chairman, Peter Turnwald.

Holy Cross Parish Mens' Fellowship: All men of the parish are invited to attend on **Thurs 22nd March, from 7pm** in the church meeting room. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for fellowship following the meeting. For more details call **George Schuster** on 021-208-0447 or **Anil Baptist** on 022-364-9306.

25th Years of Religious Profession: Fr Sebastian will be celebrating his **25th Jubilee** with a parish celebration, followed by a shared meal, after the 10.30 am mass on **Sunday 15th April.** Mark the date in your diary *now*.

Catholic Schools Information

St Dominic's College Open Evening – 29 Rathgar Road, Henderson on **Tuesday 20th March. 6.30pm to 9pm** – starts in the Gabriel Gill Gymnasium at 6.30pm. Enrolment packs for 2019 will be available.

Liston College Open Evening – 67 Rathgar Road, Henderson on **Wed 28th March: 7 – 9pm.** Invitation to all interested parents and sons wishing to visit, view the facilities and displays, and learn what is offered to young men from Year 7 to 13. The evening starts with a presentation by the Principal at 7pm in the Gymnasium.

St Peter's College, Grafton. Applications for enrolling in Year 7 for 2019 **close on Fri 6th April.** Limited spaces available at Years 8 to 13. Contact Lisa Duffy: Enrolment Office 524-8108 X 7323. See the website: www.st-peters.school.nz

St Mary's College, Ponsonby. Enrolments for **Year 7 for 2019 close on Wed 21st March 2018.** Limited places for girls at other levels. St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions. For more information see the school website www.stmaryak.school.nz

Marcellin College celebrates its **60th Jubilee** 23-25 March 2018. Registrations close on Monday 12 March. Register on line: www.marcellin.school.nz

Retreats, Courses & Other Events

Auckland FIJI Catholic Community: This **Sunday 11th March**, monthly mass at St. Therese's Catholic Church, 463 Mt. Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland at 2pm.

Easter Triduum – the Three Great Days of Easter. Two Retreat evenings run by the **Diocesan Liturgy Centre at St. Joseph's Church, Takapuna on Tuesday 13th of March, and Holy Cross Church, Henderson on Thursday 15th March, 6.30 pm to 9 pm**, both evenings. See the poster on the church noticeboard. For catering purposes, please register by emailing liturgycentre@cda.org.nz.

Lenten Inner Healing Retreat - a time for renewing and reviving **Saturdays 17th and 24th March.** At **Holy Cross Parish Church, Henderson;** 9 am to 5 pm. BYO Bible and notebook. Koha / love offering accepted. All welcome to attend. Conducted by Betsy and Reggis Rego for the Jesus My Light Inner Healing Ministry – contact **Betsy 09-826-3937, 021-165-3856** for more details.

Eucharistic Convention 2018: Fri 6th to Sun 8th April. Venue: Netball North Harbour Centre, 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna. For more information see www.auckland.eucharist.nz

Scholarship for Medical Students

If you are a 4th or 5th year Medical Student in 2018, undertaking your medical study in New Zealand and are a practicing Catholic you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Scholarship. For more information contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland phone: 360 3057 or email lindam@cda.org.nz

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER 10th & 11th March 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	M de Hoog	R Carrucan	M Comacho, L de Melo	Youth for Christ
Sun 7am	M Garvey	P Turnwald	W Veikoso, K Veatupu	
Sun 9am	M Warren	M Smith	S Smith, N & L Lockington, P Bakker T MutiMuti, E Kennedy, P Thomas, B Oliver	Goldwyn Family
Sun 10.30am	S A M O A N C O M M U N I T Y			Samoan Community
Sun 6pm	F Fa'apoi	L Ahio	M & A McKeown	Betham Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 17th & 18th Mar 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader/s	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 6pm	G Mascarenhas	S Moodley	J Cueva, G Cueva	Goldwyn Family
Sun 7am	D Wong	A Fakasiieiki	L & K Fakasiieiki	
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A Aalbers	C Aalbers, O Tuuhetoka, F Skinner C & S Orquejo, E Tanginoa, C Seulli	Lesatele Family
Sun 10.30am	F Fa'apoi	P Finau	M Sagat, J Martinez	Couples for Christ
Sun 6pm	F I J I C O M M U N I T Y			E Kennedy, F Borsos, L Lockington FIJI Community
Cleaning: Mar 17 : Youth / Volunteers Mar 24 : Fiji Community			Children's Lit: Mar 18. 9am: S McKernan. 10.30am: P Lao Mar 25: 9am: P Couto 10.30: C Arenas	

PRO LIFE FACTS

Prime Minister Ardern has directed Minister of Justice Andrew Little to proceed on removing abortion from the Crimes Act. Andrew Little announced on 16th February that he had circulated a draft referral on reforming the law to New Zealand First and the Green Party. When he has the response from the two parties, he will send it to the Law Commission for a recommendation. The next step is for him to draw up the terms of reference (the parameters) for the Law Commission to investigate. **The objective is to remove abortion from the Crimes Act and make it available as a "health service".** The Abortion Law Reform Association of New Zealand (ALRANZ) would like the Government to adopt the Canadian model, which is **no law at all** and permits abortion to be performed **right up to the time of giving birth.**

For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz

FitFor Mission 2018

'Let us try a little harder to take the first steps and to become involved.'

Pope Francis Gospel of Joy #24



Mar 10/11

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25-27 May

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Christine & David Sloan
or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

Holy Cross Mass Schedule

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 9am Wed – 9am & 7.30pm
Sat – 8am Sat Vigil Mass: 6 pm
Sun Masses: 7am 9am 10.30am & 6 pm

Reconciliation Schedule

Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm, Sat: 5pm – 5.30pm
Wed: 6.30 - 7.00pm
Also by appointment
Phone Friary - 838 8663

Rosary

Monday to Friday – 8.40am Saturday – 7.40am

20 Decade Rosary

Wednesday – After 9.00am Holy Mass

Prolife Rosary and Adoration

3rd Sunday of each month – 2pm

First Friday of the Month

Rosary at 6.45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass

Divine Mercy

Chaplet: Tuesday 8.25am. Meeting 4th Sunday 2-4pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday – 7.10 pm

Sacrament of the Sick

3rd Friday of the month – 11.00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday – 6.30-7.30am at Friary Chapel

Thursday – 9.30am to Noon in the Church

Secular Franciscans

2nd Sunday of the month – 2.15pm

Marian Mothers

Meet on 3rd Monday of the month

Legion of Mary

Senior: Tuesday – 7pm Junior: Monday – 6.30 pm