

## 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent



### Readings this Week

Deut 26:4-10  
Ps 90:1-2, 10-15  
Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13

### Readings Next Week

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18  
Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14  
Phil 3:17-4:1  
Lk 9:28-36

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90:1-2, 10-15)

**Response:** *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

### *Communion Reflection*

#### Repentance Alone Is Not Enough

Repentance of itself is not enough –  
grace must be available.  
But if grace is offered and not accepted,  
then nothing comes of that either.  
There is no point in putting up a sail  
if there is no wind.  
There is no point in planting a seed  
if the ground is frozen.  
There is no point in pruning the tree  
if spring does not come.  
It is not enough to cut into people's hearts  
in order to save them –  
they must be touched by grace.

Lord, touch our hearts with Your grace,  
So that we may produce the fruits of repentance.

*(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)*

**JESUS** spends forty days and  
forty nights alone in the desert  
(Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus, lead by the Holy Spirit, tested  
... Had own desert experience, hungry  
... Feeling lonely, isolated  
... Needing strength, faith

Have I been led to a place ending up feeling alone, isolated, in need of strength?  
Was I surprised? Angry? At peace? Did I seek and become closer to Jesus?

### **CAR PARKING**

Please **DO NOT** park your cars in front of either project gates at the entrance to the church rebuilding site. Heavy vehicles use these entrances. You may be towed away. Thank you for your cooperation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** During the Lenten Season, the Parish will be having the Station of the Cross every Wednesday and Friday at 8.35am, before morning Mass; every Wednesday at 6.45pm, before the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; and every First Friday at 6.35pm, before the Adoration and First Friday Mass.

St Vincent de Paul's collection for the Needy is to be taken up after all Masses **THIS** weekend

## HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

**CCD (CATECHISM CLASS)** is on **every Sunday** (during term time) **11.30 am to 12.30pm** in the **Hall** after the 10.30am Mass. Taught by the Missionary Sisters of Charity, all children aged 7-12 years are welcome to join the group to learn more about their Catholic faith.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING** is on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm** in the Friary Meeting Room.

**LITURGY ROSTER for March - April 2019** is available now in the parish hall foyer. For those Leaders, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers involved, please take a copy home.

**NOTICE FOR THE LEADERS, READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please contact Mary Turnwald, the Coordinator for the Liturgy Roster, at [maryturnwald@hotmail.com](mailto:maryturnwald@hotmail.com) or 837-0497, if you are going away for holiday during Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter weekend. Your cooperation is appreciated!

**THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS** are meeting on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm**. Contact Lyndon 021 851 713 for more information.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK.** The next **Sacrament of the Sick** is on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month**, on **19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 11am**. **NO** morning drop-in after the Tuesday 9am Mass on 19 March 2019.

**THE HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2019** in the Friary Meeting Room from **7pm – 8.30pm**. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** In view of the on-going Re-building of the Church, it is unfortunate that we have to **remove** the **SVDP food donation box** located in the Parish Hall entrance. Meanwhile, we wish to thank you all for your kind donations through the SVDP Box for so many years!

**NZ CATHOLIC Newspaper 10 – 23 March issue is out now.** Some headlines are: *Radical Reforms and Catholic Schools. Abuse summit tough but needed says Cardinal Dew. Healthcare Mass in Christchurch. Two Catholics react to Jordan Peterson.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **March 24**.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS / SERVICES.** Due to Church Rebuilding, all Sacramental celebrations or services (such as Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage and Funeral), will be conducted in the Parish Hall, which functions currently as the 'Church'. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours at 09-8381558 or [secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hendersoncatholic.org.nz) to make arrangement. Thank you and God bless!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY.** We regret that circumstances make it difficult to run the Children's Liturgy programme until the new church facilities become available. Parents are encouraged to bring their young ones to the **weekly** Catechism classes which will continue in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass (during term time). Thank you and God bless!

**BROWN ROBE.** We need new paper for the printing of the newsletter. We have limited space for **new sponsors** like on the back page of the bulletin. Please contact Brian in Parish Office **urgently**, if you are interested.

**HOLY CROSS – CHARITABLE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH:** We are fast approaching the end of the tax year. Qualifying donors are able to claim a rebate equal to a 1/3 of all donations given to registered charities from your taxable income. All donations to the Planned Giving programme and the Church Rebuilding Fund must be received **NO LATER** than **Sunday 31 March** to be **included** in this year's receipt, which will be dispatched in mid April 2019.

**Caritas Lenten Appeal** envelopes are now available in the hall foyer if you want to contribute during this Lent.

## RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

**Mercy Ships** Every year a bunch of Kiwis head to West Africa to volunteer on-board an enormous hospital ship run by a Christian charity called Mercy Ships. Tonight the SUNDAY current affairs programme profiles them and their incredible work. **TVONE – 7.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Safeguarding** The Catholic Church's National Office of Professional Standards (NOPS) has a new website <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/>. It contains information on reporting abuse, safeguarding and related policies.

**Catholic Caring Foundation:** Please take home a copy of the Caring Foundation's summer newsletter and find out how your gift is supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. Want to make a difference to our community? Then please consider gifting to the foundation. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**Caring Foundation Annual Grants:** The foundation is now receiving grant applications from social service agencies and charities throughout the Auckland diocese who work to support and strengthen families and communities. Applications close on **12 April, 2019**. For more information and to download the application form, please visit our website: [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**Youth Interfaith** organised by Auckland Interfaith Council. Speaker: Michael Hail, Scottish Community Worker, **Tuesday 12 March 2019 7:30–9pm** at Jubilee Building, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell – Hobson Room. Light refreshments following. Free of charge and all welcome. Free parking available where spaces are signed "JUBILEE VISITOR PARKING". See noticeboard for details.

For youth groups who are interested in social justice issues, there will be justice initiatives that you would love to be involved with: **Caritas Challenge Leaders Meeting** on **Sunday, 10 March 2019** from 3pm-5pm at Pompallier Diocesan Center. RSVP to Teresa at [teresam@cda.org.nz](mailto:teresam@cda.org.nz) or 021 649 012.

**St Paul's College, Ponsonby: WANTED:** Unused woodwind and Brass music instruments. (no strings)\_St Paul's College, has established an "everyone can play a musical instrument" opportunity for all boys. We need unused Brass or woodwind instruments lying in attics or garages for use by our young men. Contact the College office, Phone: (09) 376 1287. Email: [stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz](mailto:stpauls@stpaulscollege.co.nz).

**St Dominic's College Open Evening: Tuesday 19 March 2019, 6.30pm** in Gabriel Gill Gymnasium. Enrolment packs for 2020 will be available. Enrolments close 28 June 2019. Interviews will be in Term 3.

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	D Wong	I D'Silva	D & L Cowan	Youth for Christ	T Sue
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	A & K D'Souza		
Sun 9am	A Swann	M Smith	L Swann, L Buckley, P van Rotterdam, S Smith, J Thomsen, P Bakker, A Ridley	Goldwyn Family	D Lesatele, M Cama
Sun 10.30am	SAMOAN COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	M de Hoog	S Ivceovich	M & A McKeown	Evelyn Pereira	J & S Fernando

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	E Cueva	L Ahio	J Cueva, G Cueva	Evelyn Pereira	S & R D'Souza
Sun 7am	E Cala	M Webb	G Dominguez, W Veikoso		
Sun 9am	P Aalbers	A Aalbers	C Aalbers, N Early, E & E Heynen, E & A Jariel, S Patolo, T Malone	Lesatele Family	L Smith
Sun 10.30am	J Borsos	C Ouano	F Borsos, J Matautia	Couples for Christ	J, E & C Redfern
Sun 6pm	FIJI COMMUNITY				

"When you are before the Altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, when you are in Church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration." (St John Chrysostom)

### Current Henderson Capuchin Friars Community

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap. – Parish Priest  
Fr. Matthew Clerkin OFM Cap. – Asst. Parish Priest  
Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFM Cap. – Asst. Priest

### Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 1

**Monday:** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 18:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 33:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Esth 4:17; Ps 137:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ezek 18:21-28; Ps 129; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Deut 26:16-19; Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**ProLife Facts:** Voice for Life is currently hosting an online campaign "We Deserve Better" to raise awareness about the impact of abortion on women in New Zealand. Many New Zealanders are probably unaware that Māori women are over-represented in abortion statistics. That is, although Māori make up only 15% of the population, 23% of all abortions in 2017 were performed on Māori women. Māori women had 3,111 abortions in 2017. Nevertheless, the Law Commission proposes that we need more abortion clinics in areas with large Māori populations. But Voice for Life believes that we should be first looking into this issue in more depth - to see why so many Māori wahine are having abortions, and what abortion is doing to Māori whanau and communities. If you agree and would like to see some answers to these questions, please sign our Petition here: <https://bit.ly/2VnJb3d>. You can also look up #wedervebetter and #conversationsaboutabortion on Facebook. **More information, visit the Voice for Life website at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).**

**Lenten Prayer for Life:** From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at [fli.org.nz/lenenprayerforlife](http://fli.org.nz/lenenprayerforlife) and receive a free pro-life prayer book. If possible, please, also join the prayerful witness to life across the road from AMAC 283-289 Dominion Rd., Mt Eden on all or any of these **Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm)**. To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email [life@fli.org.nz](mailto:life@fli.org.nz).

**Living Simply during Lent.** In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to care for "Our Common Home" you may wish to take the **Laudato Si' pledge** by praying with and for creation, living more simply and advocating to protect our common home. See <http://livelaudatosi.org> and <https://livelightly.nz/take-action>.

**Mercy Spirituality Centre** (104 The Drive, Epsom). - Bookings essential. **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. See website for more details. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

### HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

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

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm & 5pm – 5.30pm  
Wed: 6.30pm - 7pm  
Also by appointment Phone Friary - 838 8663

### ROSARY

Monday to Friday – 8.40am  
Saturday – 7.40am

**20 DECADE ROSARY**  
Wednesday – After 9am Mass

**DIVINE MERCY**  
Chaplet: Tuesday – 8.25am  
Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – 2pm

**NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**  
Wednesday – 7.10pm

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Rosary – 6.45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – 11am

**SECULAR FRANCISCANS**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month – 2.15pm

**MARIAN MOTHERS**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

**HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month – 7pm

**LEGION OF MARY**  
SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm  
JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm

Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - If you're willing to come against this please email: [tonybrebner@hotmail.com](mailto:tonybrebner@hotmail.com) for full information and 'Open Letter' to all MPs.