

17th March 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent



Readings this Week

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

Readings Next Week

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14)

Response: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Communion Reflection

An Unquenchable Longing

All of us can experience moments of great joy because in His goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart.

What we long for is a permanent state of happiness. But that is unattainable here.

So what must we do? Like desert travellers, we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquenchable longing in our soul.

(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

The Radiance of GOD



...his clothing became white and dazzling

Luke 9:29

What was it like being in God's presence that was so apparent to the others?

To what extent is the radiance of God visible in your life today?



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.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. The next **Sacrament of the Sick** is on the **3rd Tuesday of the month**, on **19th 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 21st of March 2019** in the Friary Meeting Room from **7pm – 8.30pm**. Speaker: Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP is meeting from 2pm on Sunday, **24th March 2019**. Everyone is 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. **Please DO NOT leave any donated items anywhere in the Parish Hall.** Thank you for your kind donations all these years through the SVDP Box.

NORA'S EASTER RAFFLE is on sale from **30th March 2019**. Tickets are 3 for \$5. Your generous support is much appreciated!

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 to make arrangement. Thank you and God bless!

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: Training session and preparation for Easter Ceremonies. Welcome to all existing and new Altar Servers. **Date: Saturday 23rd March 2019; Time: 9am to 10am; Venue: Parish Hall.** Any enquiries, please ring Brian in the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm.

Caritas Lenten Appeal: Ash Wednesday 6pm - \$648; Week 1 (9-10 March) - \$405.
Thank you for supporting this year's Caritas Appeal.

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

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.

Choral Mass for St Patrick & St Joseph Monday 18 March 7.30pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Validated parking available at the Wilson Car Parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2).

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.

Diocesan Youth Mass hosted by the North Shore Region on **Sunday 31 March** starting with veneration of the Cross and reflective worship from 6.30pm-6.50pm followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Life Teen Aotearoa Training Convention: New and experienced leaders of youth ministry are welcome to join us for the Life Teen Aotearoa Training Convention from **12-14 April** at St Peter's College, Auckland. An opportunity to hear and receive training from three awesome/experienced speakers from the USA for just \$99 (including meals). Register at lifeteen.nz/convention/ by **30 March**.

Baradene College Alumnae A.G.M. The President, Melanie Watson and committee invite all Alumnae to the 2019 AGM. Where: BARADENE "The Parlour". Date: **Monday 8th April 2019**. Time: **6.30pm**.

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

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.

St Francis Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill) 2019 Programme. Booking is essential. **1) Time Out Days (9.30am—2.30pm) Thursday 4 April, Wednesday 1 May;** **2) 24hr Silent Retreat (7pm Friday—7pm Saturday) 22—23 March 2019**

"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)

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 16th / 17th 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				J & S Fernando

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 23rd / 24th March 2019

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Vigil Sat 6pm	M de Hoog	R Carrucan	T Purcell, M Comacho	Indian Group	T Sue
Sun 7am	V Coakley	S Veatupu	P Coakley, F Ah Ken		
Sun 9am	E Ieremia	A McGrath	C Connolly, A & C Crasto, T Mutimuti, P Tomas, B Oliver, S Smith, J Baptist	Vaka'uta Family	D Lesatele
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY				R & T Eade
Sun 6pm	A Wedge	P Finau	M Belleza, J D'Souza	Christine Bosen	J & S Fernando

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 2

Monday: *St Patrick, bishop (White)*
Jer 1:4-9; Ps 116; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Tuesday: *ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (White) - SOLEMNITY*
2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29;
Roms 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 30:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 104:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 102:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

ProLife Facts: On March 10th the #DefendNZ trailer and website were launched at defendnz.co.nz and DefendNZ Facebook page. Five mini-documentaries are to be released with real stories from people with terminal illness or other forms of disability. Including insights from overseas experience, these websites provide a close examination of the many issues and concerns surrounding euthanasia and the potential repercussions of decriminalising it. #DefendNZ is an overarching movement for everyone who is concerned about the End of Life Choice Bill and makes it easy to contact MPs about this important life issue before their expected vote on Wednesday April 10th. Supporters are able to "like" and share posts and in this way raise awareness of the important issue in the wider community. The mainstream media is taking notice. On March 10th there was an interview on NewsTalkZB, and a story on Newshub and Prime TV, of which a copy is available on the DefendNZ website. #DefendNZ provides a valuable resource for those who wish to become better informed about this issue as our nation grapples with the possibility of decriminalising euthanasia/assisted suicide. *For more pro-life information, visit the Voice for Life website 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/lentenprayerforlife 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.

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://live Laudatosi.org> and <https://livelightly.nz/take-action>.

Short Term Rental: 1 bedroom fully furnished house, including queen bed, dishwasher, laundry, TV. Available **5 May 2019 to 30 August 2019**. \$300pw. 800m from church. Phone: Colleen 027-270 1655.

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: 4th 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
3rd Tuesday of the Month – 11am

SECULAR FRANCISCANS
2nd Sunday of the Month – 2.15pm

MARIAN MOTHERS
3rd Monday of the Month

HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
3rd Thursday of the Month – 7pm

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

St Francis' Friary and Retreat Centre

A Lenten Project 2019 – Guided Stations of the Cross at the Lower Lawn of the Retreat Centre (50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill) **every Saturday morning from 10.30am from 16 March to 23 April 2019.** All are welcome! Contact the Retreat Centre at (09) 625 6651 for more information.

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