

24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent



Readings this 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

Readings Next Week

Josh 5:9-12
Ps 33:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11)

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Communion Reflection

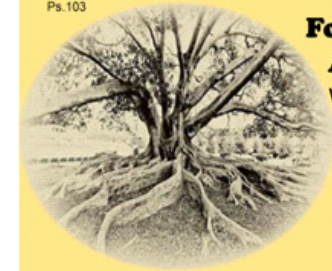
What I Fail To Do

It isn't the things you do,
it's the things you leave undone,
which give you a little heartache
at the setting of the sun.
the gentle word forgotten,
the letter you didn't write;
the flowers you might have sent,
are your haunting ghosts tonight.
The stone you might have lifted
out of your brother's way;
the little heart-felt counsel
you were hurried too much to say.

The tender touch of the hand,
The gentle and kindly tone;
Which we have no time or thought for,
With troubles enough of our own. –Anon-
(Flor McCarthy, *New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies*)

The LORD is kind and merciful

Ps. 103



**For all people throughout
Aotearoa New Zealand**

We pray that anger and grief
lead not to violence
but to consolation
and peace...



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.

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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS is on **Friday 5th April** in the Parish Hall. 6.35pm Station of the Cross and Adoration, followed by Mass at 7.30pm.

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 24 March – 6 April issue is out now. Some headlines are: *Faiths come together after terror attacks. Tears at Christchurch Mass for Peace. Reactions to terror attacks from other nations. March for Life in Hamilton.* The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on **April 7**.

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER: There will be **NO** Rite II Reconciliation for Holy Cross Parish, Henderson in the evening in preparation for this Easter. For those interested to have your Reconciliation prior to Easter, please attend our regular Saturday morning Reconciliation from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. From **30th March until 13th April**, there will be more than one priest available to hear your Confession. **THERE WILL BE NO RECONCILIATION** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Rite II Reconciliation schedule for other parishes is as below.

RITE II RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

St Dominic's Blockhouse Bay – 8th April (Monday), 7pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden – 9th April (Tuesday), 7pm
St Mary's Avondale – 11th April (Thursday), 7pm

IN WAKE OF THE CHRISTCHURCH ATTACKS The National Church Leaders have issued a statement concerning the Christchurch attacks. It is available to read on the Parish Hall noticeboard.

Caritas Lenten Appeal: Week 1 (9-10 March) - \$405; Week 2 (16-17 March) - \$655.
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. Please also refer to the parish hall noticeboard.

Having difficulties to trust God? Want to become a witness of God's mercy and love in this broken world? Come to join a 33-day do-it-yourself retreat starting on **26 March** to learn how to trust God with childlike and simple faith, and to consecrate yourself with many others all over the world to the Divine Mercy on **28 April, the Divine Mercy Sunday** at Herne Bay Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. For details, please contact 02041026838.

Talk on Holiness by Fr Rodney Smyth - All men are invited to the talk organised by **Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship**. This will be on **Wed 27 Mar at 7.30pm** at St Joseph Centre, Takapuna. Fr Rodney is a well know Marist priest and a great communicator. Bring along a friend and enjoy the company of other Catholic men. If you need more information contact: Russell at 0220345678.

St Mary's Church, Mt Albert Parish Retreat (20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert): **Saturday 30 March 2019 (9am -4pm)**, open with Mass at 9am. Inspirational teachings, powerful music, Mass and Confessions. Please bring your own lunch, Bible, pen and notebook.

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**.

Marriage Encounter Weekend for Married Couples: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the *non-residential* on **25-26 May at St Francis Retreat Centre, Mt Roskill**. BOOK NOW! Phone 0800-362686 or Christine & David Sloan 372-3581 or Email: david.christinesloan@gmail.com

Mercy Spirituality Centre (104 The Drive, Epsom). - Bookings essential. (1) LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. 29 March – Stations of the Cross with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. (2) REFLECTIVE WORKSHOP Gratitude for Creation: An Invitation to Earth-Care with MARY BETZ. Mon 1 Apr, 10.30am-12.30pm. (3) LENT REFLECTION: Ignatian Contemplative for Lent with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Sat 6 Apr, 1.45-4pm. See website for more details www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Diocesan Job Vacancy - Secretary for Catholic Education Services (Part-time, 3 days per week) at Catholic Education Services, Pompallier Centre, commencing on the **1st May 2019**. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: to provide administrative and clerical support to the Manager, the RE Advisors, the Board, and the Vicar of Education and to provide effective communication ensuring good relations are established and maintained with schools and other agencies. REQUIREMENTS: Empathy for the Catholic School system; Competency in Microsoft Word; A willingness to work as a team member. Applications close on the **29th March 2019**. To view the full position description for the above role, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

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

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
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

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 30th / 31st March 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	S McKernan	J Soniega	D & L Cowan	DRCNZ	Volunteer
Sun 7am	B Barclay	S Moodley	M Veatupu, W Veikoso		
Sun 9am	R Lesatele	T Turagbeci	N & L Lockington, B Oliver, B Boyd-Bell, T Malone, M Seufatu, A Bulatiko, M Ishak	Evelyn Pereira	D, J & K Lesatele
Sun 10.30am	F Tufts	J Buen	J Pineda, J Fernandes		B Bing, H de Jesus
Sun 6pm	T Tevaga	E Auva'a	T Tevaga, E Kennedy	Betham Family	J & S Fernando

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 3

Monday: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (White) - SOLEMNITY
Isa 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps 39:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-38; Ps 94:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 80:6, 8-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 5:15 – 6:6; Ps 50:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14

ProLife Facts: Television is a powerful means of persuasion, so journalists are supposed to act responsibly in presenting the news. Voice for Life believes that a breach of this standard occurs when magazine shows like TV One's Story, or TV 3's The Project advocate the liberal "Groupthink" of their presenters in favour of abortion on demand. Here's an example of The Project from March 13th, in the context of the Labour Party, NZ First and the Greens considering abortion reform. The Project discussed a Newshub-Reid poll that claimed 70% of Kiwis polled (no number of those polled was provided) wanted abortion on demand, 30% were opposed. The lead presenter asked Family Planning spokeswoman Jackie Edmonds: "Surely not all them (the 30%), are hardcore religious types and weirdos?" The other members of The Project panel grinned in agreement. It is disappointing to witness members of the media ridiculing and promoting a negative view of a group within our society (i.e. people opposed to abortion on demand), including demeaning the religious values of some members of this group. *For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.*

Share the Journey Walk: You are invited to a global campaign initiated by Pope Francis to **walk a million kilometres** in an act of solidarity for migrants and refugees who are forced to leave their homes because of war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty. Please meet at **Pompallier Diocesan Centre 30 New St Ponsonby 2pm Sunday 7th April** ready to walk 2, 4 or 6 km alongside those who are new to our community including migrants and former refugees. For further information see <http://journey.caritas.org> or <https://www.sharejourney.org> or contact Christina Tagaloa 021 110 7271 or Peter Garrick 022 1300 730 peterg@cda.org.nz

Humanity of the Unborn: Upcoming legislation intends to allow **ABORTION UP TO BIRTH** - If you're willing for your Name and Area (only) to accompany a letter against this to all MPs, please email: tonybrenner@hotmail.com **URGENTLY**.

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**

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 OFMCap. – Parish Priest
Fr. Matthew Clerkin OFMCap – Asst. Parish Priest
Fr. Daniel Sitanggang OFMCap – Asst. Priest