

31st March 2019 – 4th Sunday of Lent



Readings this Week

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

Readings Next Week

Is 43:16-21
Ps 125
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33: 2-7)

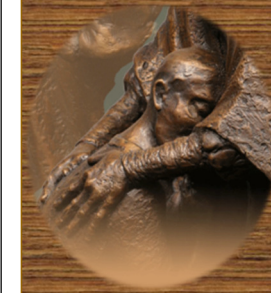
Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

Communion Reflection

Loved in Our Sins

The prodigal son came home empty-handed.
He had no trophies to show his father,
no achievements with which to earn
his praise, his welcome, and his love.
He was a failure. Worse – he was a sinner.
He deserved to be punished – and he knew it.
Yet punishment was the last thing he needed.
To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire.
What happened?
When the father saw his lost son coming towards him,
his heart went out to him,
and next minute they were in each other's arms.
It is an extraordinary experience to be loved
in one's sinfulness.
Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire,
or rain falling on parched ground.
Those who have experienced this kind of love,
know something about the heart of God.
(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)

Is the GOODNESS of the Lord... (Ps. 34)



... When the Son with the
bad habits came home,
... or When the Son with
the good habits became
jealous.

When have you been simple,
patient, and compassionate?

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

First Sacraments Programme for this year begins on **12th May 2019**. The Parents' meeting is on **5th May** at **12.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Please pick up an enrolment form from the foyer and bring it along to the Parents' meeting, along with a COPY of your child's Baptism certificate. Children must be 8 years of age or older.

Kind reminder: Daylight Saving ends next Sunday 7th April. Please remember to put your clock backward by one hour ☺.

Fr. Raymond's collection for the Missions is to be taken up after all Masses NEXT weekend

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. A kind reminder for the Parish Pastoral Council members, that the upcoming Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday (4th April), 7.30pm in the Friary meeting room.**

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING is on **Thursday, 11th April 2019 at 7pm** in the Friary Meeting Room.

LITURGY ROSTER for the PALM SUNDAY & HOLY THURSDAY is available now on the Parish Hall noticeboard. Leaders, Readers and Eucharist Ministers please see the noticeboard to check if you are rostered. Rosters for Good Friday and Easter Sunday to follow.

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.

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.

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.

As we continue to pray for our Muslim families and friends, especially those who are affected by the Christchurch Mosque shootings, may we continue to be reminded to 'look after our neighbour' and be the welcoming face of Christ.

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: Week 1 (9-10 March) - \$405; Week 2 (16-17 March) - \$655; Week 3 (23-24 March) - \$570
 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.

Diocesan Youth Mass hosted by the North Shore Region on **Sunday 31st 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.

Dove West Auckland: "Testimony on Journey with the Holy Spirit" with Roger and Rita Petersen, on **Tuesday 2nd April at 7:30pm** at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977.

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend for Married Couples: Revitalise and enrich your intimacy, love and romance in your marriage. Attend the *non-residential* on **25th – 26th 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

Scholarship for Medical Students: If you are a 4th or 5th year Medical Student in 2019 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 on +64-9-360 3057 or lindam@cda.org.nz.

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	Divine Mercy Group	B Bing, H de Jesus
Sun 6pm	T Tevaga	E Auva'a	T Tevaga, E Kennedy	Betham Family	J & S Fernando

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 6th / 7th April 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	M del Rosario	A Gupta	V Gupta, N Nau	Evelyn Pereira	K D'Souza, T Sue
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	W Veikoso, M Veatupu		
Sun 9am	M Warren	I D'Silva	B Oliver, T Malone, E & A Jariel, P Coakley, P Bakker, E & E Haynen	DRCNZ	H Alua
Sun 10.30am	TONGAN COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	M Rubiza	S Ivceovich	M & A McKeown	Betham Family	J & S Fernando

Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 4

Monday: Isa 65:17-21; Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16
Wednesday: Isa 49:8-15; 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
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-52

ProLife Facts: Many people view the effects of disability or chronic illness as intolerable – either for the affected individuals or others. However, although it must be acknowledged that some pain cannot be eradicated, and disabilities can bring a range of challenges and difficulties, advances in medicine, pain management, technologies and therapies can relieve much physical discomfort and make life easier. When a doctor is given any legal power to end the life of his or her patient, what some patients might ask to be done voluntarily, might be done without full consent for other patients if a doctor feels justified in making this decision based his/her own 'good' judgement. Voice for Life considers this to be state sanctioned medical homicide. Further, international experience has shown that the criteria for allowing euthanasia gradually widens to include those not suffering painfully and whose conditions are not terminal. Also, where euthanasia is legalised, the sick and elderly often feel indirect pressure to request it so as to not be a 'burden' on family members. Voice for Life speaks for those who face the effects of age or infirmity, and regards everyone as a valid person in society. If you have concerns or queries about this important life issue, please contact Voice for Life via their website www.voiceforlife.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: tonybrebner@hotmail.com **URGENTLY**.

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 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 April 3 and 10 (9am to 4pm)**. To sign up for an hour phone (09) 629 4361 or email life@fli.org.nz.

Lenten Retreat organised by St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Avondale (2134 Great North Road), **Wednesday 10 April – 6.30pm; Thursday 11 April – 7pm; Friday 12 April – 6.30pm**. Please see parish hall noticeboard for the details.

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**

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