

## 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



### Readings this Week

Is 43:16-21

Ps 125

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

### Readings Next Week (Palm Sunday)

Is 50:4-7

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 125)

**Response:** *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

### Communion Reflection

#### Mercy

The quality of mercy is not strain'd;  
it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
upon the place beneath.

It is twice blest:

it blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

'Tis mightiest in the mighty;

it becomes the throned monarch better than his crown.

It is enshrined in the hearts of kings.

It is an attribute of God Himself.

And earthly power doth then show likest God's  
when mercy seasons justice.

Therefore, though justice be thy plea, consider this –  
that in the course of justice none of us should see salvation.

We do pray for mercy,  
and the same prayer doth teach us all  
to render the deeds of mercy.

– *William Shakespeare* –

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

### **The Lord has done great things; we are filled with joy**

Remember not the past events,  
the things of long ago  
–Isaiah 43

'I am doing something new,  
do you not see it?'  
–Isaiah 43



Not what lies behind,  
I consider them rubbish  
–St Paul (Phil 3)

'... strain to what lies ahead,  
continue pursuit toward the goal  
–St Paul (Phil 3)

**Is your goal the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus?**

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

First Sacraments Programme for this year begins on **12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. The Parents' meeting is on **5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

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

**LITURGY ROSTERS for the PALM SUNDAY, HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY** are available now on the Parish Hall noticeboard. Leaders, Readers and Eucharist Ministers please see the noticeboard to check if you are rostered.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 11am** followed by a shared luncheon.

**THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS** are meeting on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2:15pm**. Contact Lyndon 021 851 713 for more information.

**HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019 from 7.30pm-9pm in the Parish Hall. Please note the change** in date as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday falls on Holy Thursday. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

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

**NZ CATHOLIC Newspaper 7 – 20 April issue is out now.** Some headlines are: *New Apostolic Nuncio for NZ. Grief at sudden death of principal. Students speak out for planet earth. Pontifical Academy urges parents to vaccinate children.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **April 21**.

**ABUNDANT GIFTS PIETY STALL** (selling religious items) will be outside the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend and next weekend.

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	E Cueva	R: S Lea P: L Ahio O: S Lea	J Cueva, G Cueva	Youth for Christ	S & R D'Souza
Sun 7am	J Cama	R: M Webb P: S Moodley O: M Webb	W Veikoso, M Veatupu		
Sun 9am	M Warren	R: M Smith P: C Mendes O: M Smith	P Tomas, M Ishak, A & C Crasto, F Skinner, S Smith, N Early, A Ridley	Bernadette & Julius Martinez	D Lesatele
Sun 10.30am	SAMOAN COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	M Rubiza	R: M Tuala P: E Auva'a O: M Tuala	M & A McKeown	Betham Family	Volunteer

## EASTER TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE for HOLY CROSS PARISH, HENDERSON

**HOLY THURSDAY – 18 April 2019. Mass at 7.30pm.**

**GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fasting & Abstinence) – 19 April 2019. Station of the Cross at 11am.  
Good Friday Service at 3pm.**

**HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL) – 20 April 2019. Mass at 7pm.**

**EASTER SUNDAY – 21 April 2019. Masses at 7am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm.**

**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 **30<sup>th</sup> March until 13<sup>th</sup> 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 nearby parishes is as below.

### RITE II RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

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

**GIFTING TO PLANNED GIVING:** Those in the programme are asked to collect their next set of envelopes at this weekend's Masses. Please contact Brian in the Parish Office if you require them to be mailed out to you. Tax receipts should be available at Masses by **27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

**Caritas Lenten Appeal:** Week 1 (9-10 March) - \$405; Week 2 (16-17 March) - \$655; Week 3 (23-24 March) - \$570  
Week 4 (30-31 March) - \$481

Thank you for supporting this year's Caritas Appeal.

## RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

**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.

**Chrism Mass 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**The Catholic Caring Foundation Grants 2019 - Caring for families:** The Bishop of Auckland's charitable foundation, The Catholic Caring Foundation, is now accepting applications for grants for 2019. The Foundation, through donations from donors, provides grants to social service providers and organisations who care for and support families and communities throughout the greater Auckland area. Grant applications close on **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. More info and form: [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**West Auckland Women's Interfaith Initiative:** Anna Featherstone from the *Church of the Latter Day Saints*, is pulling together a collective of women to form a West Auckland Interfaith Initiative to bring concepts of interfaith harmony to the wider community, focusing on challenges and social concerns, among others. It would be a good opportunity too, to foster **Ecumenism**. For details call Anna on 021 027 56479 or Sylvia on 021 111 7613.

**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](mailto:tonybrebner@hotmail.com) **URGENTLY**.

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

**Monday:** Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 22; Jn 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Num 21:4-9; Ps 101:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Canticle Dan 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gen 17:3-9; Ps 104:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 17:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ezek 37:21-28; Canticle Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

**END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL – PLEASE SIGN PETITION!** The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its Second Reading and Vote in Parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.defendnz.co.nz](http://www.defendnz.co.nz) **Some MPs are saying they will vote according to what their people tell them. We need every one of you who is of, or near, voting age to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill by signing a petition.** If you have any questions, contact Mariano Mendonza 021 822 037 or the Parish Office. Please also contact Mariano if you can help with this. We will be collecting petitions **NEXT weekend after every Mass**.

**Beginning Experience Weekend:** In Auckland, **Fri evening 14 June - Sunday afternoon 16 June 2019**. A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, divorce or widowhood. Total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials and follow-up event is \$325. Early Bird concession \$295 if paid by **3 May**. Contact Carol (021) 169 0222 or Bev (09) 298 9943 or [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz).

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY (1) Justice and Peace Desk, Parish & Pastoral Services Group:** The Parish & Pastoral Services Group seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as Executive Secretary of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission to promote, encourage and support justice and peace initiatives in the Diocese. **(2) Part Time Catholic Chaplain for Auckland City Clinics.** **(3) Prison Chaplain** to deliver Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to women in prison at Auckland Regional Women's Corrections Facility (ARWCF), Wiri. To view the full advertisements and position descriptions for the above roles, please visit [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Administration and staff vacancies. Applications close on **18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 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: 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

**Marriage preparation:** All those seeking to marry in the Catholic Church are required to attend marriage preparation classes. Please refer to the hall noticeboard or contact the Parish Office 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