

15th March 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent



Readings This Week

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Readings Next Week

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
Ps 22
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9)

Response: *If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*

Communion Reflection

The Further Thirst

There is a thirst in every human heart.
Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman.

We are thirsting for something,
something that will satisfy all our longings.

But often we search in the wrong places.

We draw water from many wells:

the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem;
the water of success to quench our thirst for importance;
the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy...

But we still get thirsty.

Only God can give us what we are looking for.
He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us.

The water from this spring will sustain us
in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life.

(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)



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HOLY CROSS – CHARITABLE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH AND FRIARS:

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 29TH MARCH** to be included in this year's receipt, which will be dispatched next month.

St Vincent de Paul Society's Collection for the Needy will be taken up after all Masses THIS weekend.

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

-Pope Francis-

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HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

- 1) **THE REBUILD SOUVENIR BROCHURE** of our Holy Cross Parish will be on sale after all Masses for \$25, or available for purchase from the Parish Office, Monday to Friday during office hours. All proceeds will go towards the rebuilt Church. Your generosity will be much appreciated!
- 2) **THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP** is leading this year's Stations of the Cross. We would love for our young people in the Parish Community to take part. If you are interested in being part of this, contact Peter (02102494866) or Antonia (0211632953).
- 3) **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** is on **Tuesday 17th March** at 11am followed by a shared luncheon. There will be **NO Caring Community Drop in** on that day.
- 4) **STATION OF THE CROSS & MASS.** During Lent, there will be **Station of the Cross every Monday at 8.35am; Wednesday at 6.40pm and Friday at 7pm.** There will be **Mass** also right after the Station of the Cross.
- 5) **LITURGY ROSTER for the PALM SUNDAY** is available now on the noticeboard in the Church foyer. Leaders, Readers and Eucharist Ministers please see the noticeboard to check if you are rostered.
- 6) **HOLY CROSS PARISH CHILDREN MINISTRY** is this **Sunday 15th March** from 11:30am to 12:30pm. All children below 16 years old are invited to join. For further details contact Arthy on 022-3193621.
- 7) **CCD (CATECHISM CLASS)** is **next Sunday 22nd March**, from 11.30am to 12.30pm, taught by the Missionary Sisters of Charity.
- 8) **MARIAN MOTHERS GROUP** meets **3rd Monday 16th March at 7.30pm.** For more information, please contact Frances on 818-8606.
- 9) **DIVINE MERCY GROUP** will meet at **2pm on Sunday, 22nd March** in the large meeting room next to the church. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 10) **HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** monthly meeting is on **Thursday 26th March** in the large meeting room, next to the church, from 7-8.30pm. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Contact George Schuster on 0212080447.
- 11) **NORA'S EASTER RAFFLE** will on sale on the weekends of **21st March and 28th March.** Tickets are 3 for \$5. Your generous support is much appreciated!
- 12) **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL, HENDERSON** food bank is low on food items, and request for food parcels has increased. Parishioners are encouraged to help by donating non-perishable food items. Please leave them in the SVDP donation box in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generosity and support!
- 13) **ABUNDANT GIFTS PIETY STALL** (selling religious items) will be in the Church foyer after all Masses (except Sunday 6pm Mass) **next weekend.**

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs have been distributed at Mass. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through post.** Donations received by Caritas by **31 March 2020** will be sent receipts for the **2019/2020 tax year.** Donations received **after April 1st** will be sent receipts for the **2020/2021 tax year.**

RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

Quiz Nite Party 2020: Cordial invitation to all parishioners and their family and friends for **Saturday 18th April at 6.30pm** in the Parish Hall for the Quiz Nite Party 2020. **Entrance fees:** \$10 per person. Please bring a pen, pencil to write. Volunteers are needed with the organisation of the event. Please contact tonybeatty@gmail.com.

St Patrick's Day High Tea at the Cathedral. Celebrating 179 Years of the Cathedral (1841 – 2020). Join Bishop Patrick to a High Tea in Liston Hall. **1pm, Tuesday, 17th March.** Tickets available at The Square Gift Store, 43 Wyndham Street—cash preferred.

St Dominic's Catholic College for girls Years 7 – 13. 2021 OPEN EVENING **Tuesday 24th March 6.30pm** in the Gabriel Gill Gymnasium. Enrolment application packs for 2021 will be available. Enrolment close Friday 3rd July. Any enquiries to office@stdoms.ac.nz

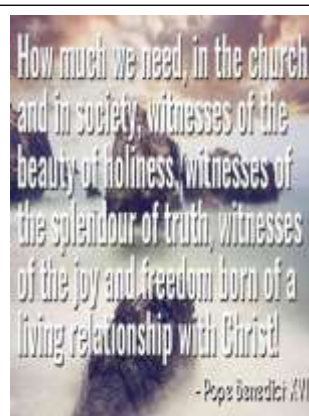
Postponement. The Healing Service with Father John Rea on March 21st at Ponsonby has been postponed.

Accommodation wanted for a retired old couple, preferably close to the Church. Rent inclusive water and electricity. Please contact 021-08181574.



LIVING WATERS

The scrutinies occur today and during the next two Sundays. We, and the church, look closely at ourselves to see how we are following the Lord. How thirsty are we for the living waters offered by Jesus? Does each of us realize the Lord is the Way, the Truth and the Life? Do we, do you, witness to His place? Our faith is based on this witness, and on that of our ancestors who have been touched and nourished by the risen Lord. We sponsor and encourage each other in our faith. Lord, help us! (Third Sunday of Lent, Year A. Illustration © 2001 K. Sullivan. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001 OCP. All rights reserved.)



LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 14th / 15th March 2020

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	M de Hoog	A Gupta	V Gupta, M Camacho	Evelyn Pereira	T Sue
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	A & K D'Souza		
Sun 9am	K Tanginoa	I D'Silva	N Early, S Patolo, P Tomas, P van Rotterdam	Lesatele Family	H & C Joseph
Sun 10.30am	J Borsos	C Ouano	L Swann, F Borsos	Couples for Christ	T Eade
Sun 6pm	FIJI COMMUNITY				

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 21st / 22nd March 2020

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
Vigil Sat 6pm	S Moodley	J Soniega	J Gawler-Lata, N Nau	Indian Group	R D'Souza
Sun 7am	D Wong	M Webb	F Ah Ken, W Veikoso		
Sun 9am	A Swann	A McGrath	L Swann, M Ishak, O Tuuhetoka, J Thomsen	Vaka'uta Family	L Smith
Sun 10.30am	FILIPINO COMMUNITY				
Sun 6pm	F Tuffs	S Ahio	M & A McKeown	Christine Bosen & Chris	J & S Fernando

Scripture Readings during the week: Week 3

- Mon:** 2 Kg 5:1-15; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30
Tues: *St Patrick, bishop (White)*
 Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Ps 147; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Wed: *St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor (White)*
 Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs: *St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White) - Solemnity*
 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Ps 89; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Candlelight Vigil praying for healing, mercy, and life. Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil **this Sunday 15th March at 7:30pm** outside the local abortion centre, AMAC. This is a meaningful way to pray for an end to abortion, remember those who have died, those who have been wounded by abortion, and to be a sign of hope. The vigil is part of the 40 Days for Life prayer effort. All welcome. For more information phone Michelle 027 526 1199 or visit fli.org.nz/40daysforlife

Vacancy: Grounds-person for St Francis Retreat Centre. 20-30 hours per week position depending on the successful applicant's availability. Full job description and application form: [Email: finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) *Ph:* 6256651 *Write:* 50 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042. Applications close **20 March 2020.**

33 Days Spiritual Journey. Are you called to be a Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy? Consecration to the Divine Mercy on 19 April (Divine Mercy Sunday). Preparation starts **17 March for 33 days until 18 April.** \$20 for reading material. Those who previously did the consecration, please prepare for renewal. For details, please contact 02041026838.

Voluntary Positions: **1) Natural Fertility Educator:** We are seeking person(s) or husband & wife couple(s) interested in learning and training to become Natural Fertility Educator(s) to join our Marriage & Family Life Education Team (some funding is available for the training starting in May 2020). The closing date is fast approaching. **2) Marriage Educators:** Have you been married for 5 or more years and passionate about the sacrament of marriage? Do you have four hours per month to see couples in your home? Training course starts **April 2020.** Contact Gerry on 09-3603025 / 021-02247442 or gerrys@cda.org.nz

Please see the Noticeboard for **other Retreats, Courses & Events**

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: 11am - 12pm &
 5pm – 5.30pm
Wed: 6.30pm - 7pm
 Also by appointment
 Phone Friary - 838 8663

- ROSARY**
 Monday to Friday – 8.40am
 Saturday – 7.40am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Wednesday – After 9am Mass until 12pm
20 DECADE ROSARY
 Wednesday – After 9am Mass
DIVINE MERCY
 Chaplet: Tuesday – 8.25am
 Meeting: 4th Sun 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
HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 4th Thursday of the Month – 7pm
LEGION OF MARY
SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm
JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm
MARIAN MOTHERS
 3rd Monday of the Month – 7.30pm
HOLY CROSS CHILDREN MINISTRY
 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month (*during term time*) – 11.30am
CCD (CATECHISM CLASS)
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the Month (*during term time*) – 11.30am

