

## PARISH NOTICES

**1. Women of the Bible with Bro Kieran Fenn** continues. **When: 4th April 2019 on #Esther.** **Where: 102a Victoria St. Onehunga.** **Time: 2.00 pm Thursday afternoon.** **A great opportunity to enhance your knowledge of Women of the Bible. Last session as follows, 11th April #Judith at 2.00pm.**

**2. OLOTA PARISH YOUTH** Passion Play Prep – Wednesday & Fridays 7pm. This is an open invitation to any youth who belong to our beautiful Parish, to come along and join us as we prepare for the re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion, as we journey towards Holy Week. For more information contact FIA: 0226227481 or email:

[olotaparishyouth@gmail.com](mailto:olotaparishyouth@gmail.com)

**3. OLOTA PARISH YOUTHS Lenten Retreat:** A time to reflect upon our Lenten Journey while exploring the depths of our Faith and the Virtues of God through 9 Offices, Prayer, Worship, Activities & Fellowship. Friday 5th & Saturday 6th April @ Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. To register your interest or get more information please contact Fia on 0226227481 or email our Office. ALL are Welcome

**4. Were you There?** Beautiful Songs for Lent Time to reflect, music to touch your heart. Songs for Memories, just a close walk with your families. All are welcome. **See notice-board.** Sunday 7th April after Adoration in the Hall From 6.00 – 9.30pm

**Where: Our Lady of the Assumption Onehunga 97 Galway St, Onehunga.**

Cuppa tea is on offer.

**5. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**1. Mercy Spirituality Centre** 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or

[info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) **LENTEN**

**SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session... **5 April -**

Entering the Mystery of the Cross: Artworks of Sieger Köder with ANNE WARREN chf

**REFLECTIVE WORKSHOP Gratitude for Creation: An Invitation to Earth-Care** with MARY BETZ. Mon 1 Apr, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 incl. morning tea. Looking for time-out with God's creation? Concerned about our environment, but unsure what to do? We will reflect on the gift, beauty and intricacy of creation through spiritual writers and explore a checklist of practices and behaviours to lessen our environmental footprint.

**LENT REFLECTION: Ignatian Contemplative for Lent** with LAETITIA PUTHENPADATH. Sat 6 Apr, 1.45-4.00pm. \$20. A prayer experience in the tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola, being guided through a relevant contemplation to prepare us to enter meaningfully into the mystery of the Passion of Jesus that will be celebrated during Holy Week this year. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**2. Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass** This Friday 5th April 7:00pm St Mary's Church, 20 Kiteui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome

**3. HUMANITY OF THE UNBORN CHILD** Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH - If you're willing to come against this please email Name and postal area to: [tonybrebner@hotmail.com](mailto:tonybrebner@hotmail.com)

**4. Scholarship for Medical Students**

If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz).

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



“The Joy  
Of  
Forgiveness.”

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 31ST MARCH 2019

<b>Daily Morning Eucharist:</b>	Monday - Friday	7.30am
<b>Daily Evening Eucharist:</b>	Tuesday - Thursday	7.00pm
<b>First Friday Eucharist:</b>	7.30am and	<b>also at 7.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday Eucharist:</b>	8.00am and Vigil	6.00pm
<b>Sunday Eucharist:</b>	8.30am &	10.00am
<b>Public Holidays:</b>	8.00am, <b>no evening Mass</b>	
<b>Adoration:</b>	Sunday	5.00pm-5.45pm
<b>Tongan Mass:</b>	2nd Sunday of every month	at 12.00pm
<b>Samoan Mass:</b>	3rd Sunday of every month	at 11.30am
<b>Youth Mass:</b>	4th Sunday of every month	at 10.00am
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Every Saturday	at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm
<b>Samoan Divine Mercy Prayers:</b>	Every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday	from 7.30pm-9.00pm

### REFLECTION

The joy of forgiveness. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

(Josh 5:9-12). At long last the Israelites enter the land of promise and partake of its produce. The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come home to the promised land. A new era is about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover. This prepares us for the homecoming of the prodigal son in the Gospel parable.

(2 Cor 5:17-21). Here Paul stresses how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The task of the Church is to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

(Lk 15:1-3,11-32). Like the Israelites of old, the prodigal son's shame is behind him. His years of wandering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told the parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that he was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son.

For Luke the 'Pharisees' are righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and scandalous.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C 31st March 2019

### First reading:

A reading from the book of Joshua. 5: 9-12

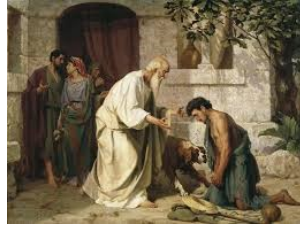
***Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the Passover!***

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 34: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 R.8a

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
The poor one called, and the Lord heard,  
and saved that person from every trouble.



### Second reading:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 5: 17-21

***Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself!***

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
I will get up and go to my father and say to him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 15: 1-3, 11-32

***This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life!***



## **Readers for this week: Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March 2019**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Bro Kieran	1. Lois Armiger 2. Bro Peter	Veronica Hagar Sulieti Latu
<b>8.30am</b>	Cheryl Peters	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Savelina Mahoni	Christina Christopher Hulu Tu'inukuafe
<b>10.00am</b>	James Williams	1. Ednaldyn Borja 2. Melanie Duarte	

### **Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week:**

#### **Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March 2019**

<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Tatupu Vaalepu, Heloyis Titus, Tony Atonio, Therese Ulberg
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagaloo, Grace Tu'inukuafe, Imeleta Kelemete, Amanda Peters, Limpia Britto
<b>10.00am</b>	Stan Duarte, Elaine Williams, Tonga & Ane Enosi, Malia Fuga, Malia Fusi, Eseta Oloa

### **Readers for next week: Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March 2019**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar	1. Veronica Hagar 2. Thomas Taamale	Lois Armiger Sulieti Latu
<b>8.30am</b>	Pius Robertson	1. Bro Kieran 2. Cheryl Peters	Susitina Tu'inukuafe Savelina Mahoni
<b>10.00am</b>	Alison Finekifolau	1. Savelina Mahoni 2. Iutita Sefo	Malia Apikotoa Lonili Sangster

### **Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week:**

#### **Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March 2019**

<b>6.00pm</b>	Malia Fuga, Imeleta Kelemete, Tony Atonio, Faumuina Lio, Michaela Duarte
<b>8.30am</b>	Su'a Tagaloo, Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Brandon Peters, Bro Peter
<b>10.00am</b>	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Stan & Melanie Duarte, Eseta Oloa Elaine Williams, Savelina Tuipulotu

## **Anniversaries for the coming week**

### **April**

1. James Samuel Geard (1976), Frances Ursula Franchi (1989), Tavite Mulitalo Mataele (2008)
- 2.
3. Antonio Alatau (1998), Sean Champion (2005)
4. Charles Joseph Foy (1984), Gladys Ivy Gill (1993), Louis Gregory Burton (1994), Francis Gerard Martin Neven (2000)
- 5.
6. Doreen Patricia Cousin (1979), Maureen Anne Hutton (1990)
- 7.

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00**

**Caritas \$350.00 Collection \$2836.50**

**Parish Account Number: ANZ 020100-0120974-20**

### **Readings for Next Week (7/04/19)**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C**

1st Reading: Isaiah. 43: 16-21

Psalm: 125: R.v.3

2nd Reading: Philipians. 3: 8-14

Gospel: John. 8: 1-11

**Anniversaries of Deaths:** If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm