

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations: Alexavier Kalifi TAN upon receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today. May the Lord bless you, your parents, god-parents, family and friends on this your very special day. The Parish of Onehunga welcomes you all.

With heartfelt THANKS: To our Parishioners that made donations of \$2000 towards the repairs on our Church roof. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

- 1. Finance Committee** meeting Tuesday 19th March 7.30pm in the Meeting Room .
- Our Church roof is under repair, and will cost us \$20,000. If you can and wish to make a donation towards the work, please contact **Glen Hill on 021449935 or Therese Ulberg on (09)320-4558 and if you prefer emailing it's Hill_s@xtra.co.nz and assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz. Thank you in advance.**
- 3. Women of the Bible with Bro Kieran Fenn** continues. **When: 21st March 2019 on #Joshua to kings. Where: 102a Victoria St. Onehunga. Time: 2.00 pm Thursday afternoon. A great opportunity to enhance your knowledge of Women of the Bible. Future sessions as follows 28th March #Ruth, 4th April #Esther and the 11th April #Judith all sessions at 2.00pm.**
- 4. Family Committee** are looking for new members. Please contact **Paul Lovett on 0273953955 and email: pplovett1118@aol.com**
- 5. Legion of Mary** meetings are held every Wednesday at 7.35pm in the Pavillion. All welcome to join us, especially prospective new members. Please Contact **Elaine Williams on 634-1412**
- 6. 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 or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session. This series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence. These are all stand-alone events and complimentary events. You are welcome to come to one, two, or them all... **22 March – Br Roger of Taize: Man of Forgiveness and Reconciliation with ANNE WARREN chf** (Repeated on Wed 27 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15) **Dreamwork 202 Workshops: A Series of Skill-Development Groups** (3hrs each) with Margaret Bowater. Friday mornings 9.30am-12.30pm. (22 March, 31 May, 19 July, 20 Sep, 22 Nov) \$40 per session, or \$150 for any 4 sessions. **RETREAT WEEKEND When the Well Seems Dry** with Joy Cowley & Fr John O'Connor. Sat 23 & Sun 24 Mar, 9.30am-4pm. \$195 incl. lunch, tea & coffee. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.
- 2. 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/lentenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book.
- 3. Living Simply during Lent** In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to care for "Our Common Home" you may wish to take the **Laudato Si' pledge** by praying with and for creation, living more simply and advocating to protect our common home. See <http://livelaudatosi.org> and <https://livelightly.nz/take-action>.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**"Let's Journey
with Jesus
through the
hardships of
life to glory."**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 17TH MARCH 2019

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

REFLECTION

(Gen 15:5-12,17-18). This reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of his fidelity God made a solemn covenant with Abraham. Our passage describes an ancient rite of treaty or covenant making. To ratify a covenant the contracting parties cut an animal (or animals) in two and walked between the divided parts, invoking the fate of the animals on themselves should they fail to observe the terms of the contract. Since God's covenant with Abraham is unilateral, only God (symbolised by the furnace and the torch) passes between the pieces. The birds of prey symbolise the forces hostile to Israel. This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and eternal covenant, which Jesus sealed in his own blood on Calvary.

(Phil 3:17-4:1). The Philippians were Roman citizens. But Paul reminds them that their real homeland is in heaven. He urges them to remain faithful to Christ, and promises them that one day they will share his glory there.

(Lk 9:28-36). The transfiguration follows on Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi. The two events are intimately related. At Caesarea Philippi Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah. In response, Jesus had made a threefold disclosure: that the Messiah must suffer, that his disciples must be prepared to share his suffering, and that his suffering and theirs must be seen against a background of ultimate and certain glory. Now on the mountain the disciples have a prevision of the glory to come, and hear a voice from heaven bidding them heed the words of God's Son.

Second Sunday of Lent Year C 17th March 2019

First reading:

A reading from the book of Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 27: 1, 7-8, 13-14, (R.1a)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!.

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 3: 17-4.1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body!

Gospel Acclamation:


Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 9: 28-36

While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed!


The Radiance of GOD



...his clothing became white and dazzling
Luke 9:29

What was it like being in God's presence that was so apparent to the others?

To what extent is the radiance of God visible in your life today?



Readers for this week: Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Joseph Tuipulotu	1. Therese Ulberg 2. Ane Enosi	Lois Armiger Sulieti Latu
8.30am	Paul Lovett	1. Bro Kieran 2. Pat Doherty	Glen Hill Susitina Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Su'a Tagaloa	1. Nerid Lima 2. Pius Robertson	Selesitina Taamale Tanya Robertson

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 2019

6.00pm	Savelina Tuipulotu, Tonga Enosi, David Hagar, Tony Atonio, Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Bro Peter, Limpia Britto, Imeleta Kelemete, Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Eseta Oloa, Faumuina Lio, Inoke Kata, Aiona Falemaka, Stan & Melanie Duarte, Iufita Sefo

Readers for next week: Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Sulieti Latu	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Veronica Hagar	Therese Ulberg Ane Enosi
8.30am	Hulu Tu'inukuafe	1. Christina Christopher 2. Fiesola Pifeleti	Savelina Mahoni Susitina Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Vahe'a Falelmaka	1. Dilynne Muller 2. Thomas Taamale	Tonga Tuipulotu Rachael Vaalepu

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week: Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March 2019

6.00pm	David Hagar, Tonga Enosi, Heloyis Titus, Colleen & Don Hodges
8.30am	Glen Hill, Limpia Britto, Katarina & Paul Lovett, Grace Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Malia & Savelina Tuipulotu, Elaine Williams, Tatupu Vaalepu, Kilika Leavasa, Iufita Sefo, Ane Enosi

Anniversaries for the coming week

11.	Edward Henry Clune (1989), Carolyn Donna O'Shea (2011)		
12.	Joseph Hector Sharrock (1975), Blanche Bernice Tait (1981), Harry D'Santos (1971)		
13.	Edna Latu (2005), Lesieli Fotuaiko (2011), Rosa Metzler (2009)		
14.	Edith Rose McCurd (1986)		
15.	Margaret King (1980), Mary Elizabeth Casey (2004)		
16.	Kenneth John Heaton (1975), Msgr Mathew Brady (2012), Margrett Millar (2005), Bryan Francis Casey (2006)		
17.	Lorna Mary Andrew (1989), Joseph Ruprecht (1989), Joseph Bouzaid (1997), Iris Gertrude Kennedy (1998), Anthony Stephen Tordeich (2014)		
18.	Donald Michael Choy (1991)		
19.	Constance Mary Power (2000)		
20.	Iris Lois Irving (1985)		
21.	Lois Mary McCartney (1988)		
22.	Mary Veronica Smith (1981)	23.	24.

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Caritas \$17.00 Collection \$2091.60**

Readings for Next Week (24/03/19)

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

1st Reading: Exodus. 3: 1-8,13-15

Psalm: 102: 1-4,6-8,11.R.v.8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians. 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke. 13: 1-9

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