

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations: Harrison BRILL 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.

AGAIN THANKS: To our Parishioners that made further donations of \$4000 towards the repairs on our Church roof, and also to those who made general donations amounting to \$6000. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

1. Solidarity & Prayer: this Sunday the 24th March after the 10.00am Mass, a procession to show our love & support from our **Church to the (Mosque) Onehunga Islamic Centre 140 Church Street**, will take place. All are welcome. Please if you can bring candles & flowers.

2. St Joseph's Prayer Group this Sunday 24th March in the Hall after the 8.30am Mass. All are welcome.

3. Family Committee: meeting Wednesday 27th March 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

4. 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.**

5. Women of the Bible with Bro Kieran Fenn continues. **When: 28th March 2019 on #Ruth. 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, 4th April #Esther and the 11th April #Judith all sessions at 2.00pm.**

6. 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

7. Central Youth Fellowship and Formation, hosted by **OLOTA PARISH YOUTH**, Saturday 30th March, 6pm beginning with Vigil Mass followed by activities, fellowship and light refreshments - all youth are welcome. For more details please contact FIA 0226227481 or email: olotaparishyouth@gmail.com

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... **29 March** – Stations of the Cross with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm **REFLECTIVE WORK-SHOP 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 to register.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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“The Lord
is kind
and
merciful.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 24TH 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

(Ex 3:1-8,13-15). This tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as 'Yahweh' (I am the Existing One). What comes across in the incident is God's concern for his people. Fire is a symbol of love. God's love is not diminished in giving. God has heard the cries of his oppressed people, and sends Moses to liberate them from Egypt and lead them to a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' It is a turning point in the Old Testament, and leads to the Exodus and beyond. The role of Moses prefigures the role of Jesus. Through Moses God saved his people Israel from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the slavery of sin, and now on route under the leadership of Jesus to the promised land of eternal life.

(1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12). In spite of all God had done for the Israelites, most of them were not pleasing to God, with the result that they died in the desert. Paul tells the Corinthians that what happened to them is a warning for us Christians. Christians must not think that just because they have received the sacraments they are automatically saved.

(Lk 13:1-9). Here we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents that befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolises the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

Third Sunday of Lent Year C 24th March 2019

First reading:

A reading from the book of Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you!

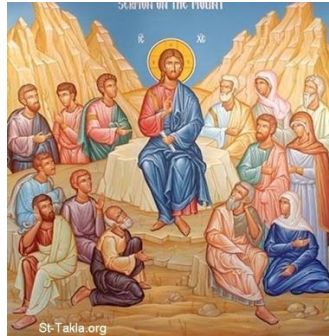
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 27: 1, 7-8, 13-14, (R.1a)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.



Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 10: 1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit!

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 13: 1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did!

The LORD is kind and merciful Ps.103

**For all people throughout
Aotearoa New Zealand**

We pray that anger and grief
lead not to violence
but to consolation
and peace...



Readers for this 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 this 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, Kiliika Leavasa, Iutita Sefo, Ane Enosi

Readers for next week: Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Bro Kieran	1. Lois Armiger 2. Bro Peter	Veronica Hagar Sulieti Latu
8.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Fiesola Pifeleti 2. Savelina Mahoni	Christina Christopher Hulu Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Multicultural Mass	1. Ednalyn Borja 2. Melanie Duarte	

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week:

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st March 2019

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

Anniversaries for the coming week

- 25. Harry McGlynn (1975), Harvey Aloysius Nicholson (1976), Kathleen Ena Vaughan (1989), Andrew (Tom) Sheehan (2004)
- 26.
- 27. Eliza Lean (1989)
- 28. Helen Hotchin (1978), Lucille Brennan (1988), William Peters (1989)
- 29. Mabel Alice Murphy (1992)
- 30. Teresa Vailea Hurrell (1989), Olwyn Maria Robinson (1991)
- 31. Myrtle Ruby Hill (1992), John Kevin Williams (1996)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Caritas \$235.00 Collection \$2078.10**

Readings for Next Week (31/03/19)

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

1st Reading: Joshua. 5: 9-12

Psalm: 33: 2-7.R.v.9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians. 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke. 15: 1-3, 11-32

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