

## PARISH NOTICES

**Congratulations: Sione Lilo Langafoou FATAI** 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.

**1. 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.** This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2. 1. Women of the Bible with Bro Kieran Fenn** final session **When: 11th April 2019 on #Judith. Where: 102a Victoria St. Onehunga. Time: 2.00 pm Thursday afternoon.**

**3.** A further donation towards the Church Roof of \$2000 was received this week from two more of our parishioners. **GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILIES, THANK YOU.**

**4. Palm Sunday:** (Saturday Vigil) 13th & 14th April 2019. Please assemble in the carpark 30 minutes before each Mass for the blessing of the **Palms.**

**5.** Please check your emails, as we have already sent out the bulletins for **THE EASTER TRIDUUM.** If you are rostered to serve at any of the celebrations and is unable to do so, please call the office at 320-4558. Thanks.

**6. Finance Committee** meeting Tuesday the 15th April, 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**1. Mercy Spirituality Centre** 104e 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) **Gratitude in the Bible: Psalms and St Luke's Gospel** with Fr KEVIN WALDIE sm. Wed 10 April, 10.30am-

12.30pm. \$15. We will explore the biblical idea of "gratitude" and how it applies to our everyday life. By considering selected passages from the Bible we will connect "gratitude" with words such as grace, graciousness, and thanksgiving. **LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session... **12 April –**

**Contemplation at the Foot of the Cross** with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm **New Zealand SIGN LANGUAGE: With Sign language – we are equal and accessible** with RACHEL

MARR & ERIC MATTHEWS. Wed 1 May, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15 See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**2. 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)

### **3. 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).

### **4. Stabat Mater – Choral Reflections for Good Friday**

The Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph continues their Holy Week tradition of offering a concert of choral music that reflects the nature of Good Friday.

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph's Vocal Ensemble present a selection of beautiful, reflective pieces for Good Friday, including Robert White's haunting setting of the Lamentations and Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's Beatitudes.

Friday 19 April, 7.30 pm FREE ENTRY. Retiring donations welcome.

Validated parking available at the Wilson car parks, Hobson St (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2). <https://www.facebook.com/events/421605225321118/>

**5. Marriage preparation:** All those seeking to marry in the Catholic Church are required to attend marriage preparation classes. Your parish has flyers that explain the process and give details for registration. See foyer table.

## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**“Let the person without sin, be the first to throw a stone.”**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 7TH APRIL 2019**

|                                     |   |
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| <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

**(Isa 43:16-21).** This contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. There will be a new exodus, so glorious that the great events of the past need scarcely be remembered any longer. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people. This prepares us for the Gospel.

**(Phil 3:8-14).** For Paul nothing can outweigh the privilege of knowing Christ. He has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection. Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he doesn't look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

**(Jn 8:1-11).** Notice the switch to John. Here we are dealing with an 'entrapment' story, which sought to show Jesus' wisdom in besting his adversaries.

**The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. Mosaic law required the execution of the woman by stoning (Lev 20:10;Dt 13:9-10). Not to enforce it could be seen as condoning the sin and encouraging people to break the Law of Moses.**

**In his response, Jesus displayed a profound compassion, while at the same time upholding the Law. He did not condone the woman's behaviour; he told her to sin no more. Besides, he turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins.**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C 7th April 2019**

**First reading:**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 43: 16-21

***I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people!***

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 126: 1-2a, 2b-3,4-5,6 R.3

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.  
May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.



**Second reading:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. 3: 8-14

***I have suffered the loss of all things, in order that I may gain Christ!***

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord,  
for I am gracious and merciful.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. 8: 1-11

***Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone!***

**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?**

**Readers for this week: Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April 2019**

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

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week:  
Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April 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<br>Elaine Williams, Savelina Tuipulotu |

**Readers for next week: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April 2019**

|                | <b>Commentator</b>   | <b>Readers</b>                        | <b>Reserves</b>                  |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>6.00pm</b>  | Pauline Calvert      | 1. Bro Kieran<br>2. Lois Armiger      | Thomas Taamale<br>Nerid Lima     |
| <b>8.30am</b>  | Susitina Tu'inukuafe | 1. Fiesola Pifeleti<br>2. Paul Lovett | Tanya Robertson<br>Cheryl Peters |
| <b>10.00am</b> | Eseta Oloa           | 1. Peta Sefo<br>2. Tafaoimalo Leavasa | Kalala Soolo<br>Rachael Vaalepu  |

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week:  
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April 2019**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>6.00pm</b>  | Heloyis Titus, Tony Atonio, David Hagar, Bro Peter, Therese Ulberg                               |
| <b>8.30am</b>  | Katarina Lovett, Amanda Peters, Hulu & Grace Tu'inukuafe, Imeleta Kelemete                       |
| <b>10.00am</b> | Malia Fuga, Tatupu Vaalepu, Melanie & Stan Duarte, Elaine Williams,<br>Faumuina Lio, Lutita Sefo |

**Anniversaries for the coming week**

8. Martin Patrick Coughlan (1980), Thomas Alfred Kemp (1984), Francis Joseph Coyne (1996), Henry Hart (2014)
9. Felipe Cagasan (2005), Gracy D'souza (2012)
10. Mona Hallam (2001)
11. Francella Brown-Muliaga (2014)
12. Coral Mary Millicent Terry (1981), Rudolph Grant (1999), Joan Doreen Ashman (2009)
13. Mary Josephine Berry (2003)
14. Siale Hola (1977), Thomas Patrick Monaghan (1980), Kevin Joseph Doherty (2003), Ermaline Fernandez

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00**  
**Caritas \$295.00 Collection \$2370.30**  
**Parish Account Number: ANZ 020100-0120974-20**

**Readings for Next Week (14/04/19)**

**Passion Sunday Year C**

1st Reading: Isaiah. 50: 4-7

Psalm: 22: 7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 R.1

2nd Reading: Philippians. 2: 6-11

Gospel: Luke. 22: 14-23:56

**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