

PARISH NOTICES

1. RCIA "Rite of Election" this Sunday 1st March 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.
2. 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 Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.
Spirituality & Art with MARY BARKER. Mon 2 Mar, 10am – 1.30pm. \$25 incl. lunch.
Rejoice & Sing! with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Tues 3 Mar, 10am – 1.30pm. \$25 incl. lunch.
Aromatic Anointing Jesus: "Our Ultimate Healer" with REBECCA MCGINTY. Wed 4 Mar, 7-9pm. \$15. Reflection on the biblical use of oils throughout the old & new testament. See our website for more details.
2. **BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING** will be held on **Thursday 5 March 2020 – 6.30 p.m.** We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at **Gate 2 to the Auditorium.** **Enrolments for Year 7, 2021** are presently being accepted and will close on **Friday 13 March 2020 at 3.00 pm.** A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on **Friday 13 March, 2020 at 3.00 pm.**
3. **Ignatian Spirituality for Women.** An 8-day silent, individually guided retreat, given by Adriana Janus, Nicola McCarthy and Joy Cowley. 20-29 March 2020 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Cost: \$675, includes accommodation for 9 nights, all meals and daily spiritual direction. For further information and registration please contact Joy Cowley, joycowley@xtra.co.nz. (see poster ATTACHED). **Land pilgrimage:** A few places are still available for a 21-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land to be led by Pat and Suzie McCarthy from April 24 to May 14, 2020. The itinerary includes all major holy places in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and around the Sea of Galilee, plus Mount Carmel, Acre and the Dead Sea. Cost around \$8500. Contact Pat at patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz or on 480-4463.
4. DRCNZ – Lenten Retreat in Auckland
Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand (DRCNZ) an Apostolate of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland is organizing a Lenten Retreat led by Fr Michael Payyapilly VC from DRC, Potta now based in Melbourne Australia for 2 evenings, Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March – 7 to 9.00p.m. at Christ the King Church, 260 Richardson Road, Owairaka, Auckland. Please spread the word around.
No registration required. For further details please contact: Website: www.drcnewzealand.org
Facebook: Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“BE MERCIFUL,
O LORD,
FOR WE HAVE
SINNED.”**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 1ST MARCH 2020

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 prayer meetings:	Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm
The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:	Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (Pavilion)

Reflection

The season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Thursday of Holy Week. It thus includes six Sundays, the five Sundays of Lent plus Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. (Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7). The first section of the reading deals with the creation of Adam and Eve. Though made of dust, man and woman are the pride of God's creation. Enlivened by his breath, God has destined them for happiness - they live in an idyllic garden. The second section deals with the tempting and fall of Adam and Eve. It illustrates the psychology of temptation. The cunning serpent succeeds in portraying God as unreasonable and jealous. After that, the fall is inevitable. The source of all evil, the writer suggests, is man's foolish striving to be independent of god. Only by accepting their status as favoured creatures of a loving, caring creator, can man and woman find fulfilment. The result of their disobedience is that there is in human beings a sinful tendency which goes beyond personal sins we may commit. This basic tendency towards evil is part of the corruption that human beings introduced into the world, not an endowment of God. The story of the tempting of Adam and Eve prepares us to hear the tempting of Jesus in the Gospel. (Rom 5:12-19). Paul portrays Jesus as the new Adam, who by his obedience to God restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam. (Mt 4:1-11). The story of the temptations of Jesus is a highly contrived story. First of all, it looks to the past. Matthew sees Jesus as reliving the history of his people. He goes into the desert for forty days and forty nights. But the story also looks to the future. Jesus has come to inaugurate the kingdom of God. The story condenses into a single expression the struggle he endured at every step to be faithful to that mission. The first temptation is the same as that which confronted the Israelites: to doubt the power of God to provide for him. The second temptation is to turn his trust in God into crass presumption: if God cares for you, then you will come to no harm no matter what you do. The third temptation is to commit the sin of Israel of old, idolatry. The temptations are prognostic of eventual victory, for after Jesus has demonstrated that he is the Son of God who completely serves God's will the devil departs and angels wait on him.

Readings for The First Sunday of Advent 1st March 2020

First reading:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 2: 7-9;3: 1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin!

Responsorial Psalm: 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise

Second reading:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans. 5: 12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

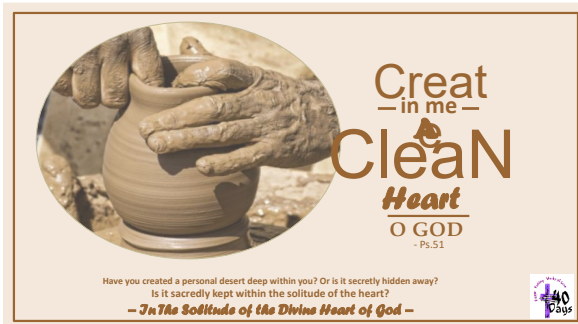
Man does not live by bread alone,

But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Matthew. 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights!



Readers for this week: Saturday 29th Feb & Sunday 1st March 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Veronica Hagar	1. Bro Kieran 2. James Williams	Joseph Tuipulotu David Hagar
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa	1. Susitina Tu'inukuafe 2. Cheryl Peters	Christina Christopher Lily Ulberg
10.00am	Lisa Schaumkel	1. Ane Enosi 2. Iufita Sefo	Fusi Mataeale Maka Falemaka

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week:

Saturday 29th February & Sunday 1st March 2020

6.00pm	Bro Peter, Don Hodges
8.30am	Limpia Britto, Glen Hill
10.00am	Inoke Kata, Stan Duarte

Readers for next Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	James Williams	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Assumption Ilalio	Veronica Hagar Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Savelina Mahoni	Su'a Tagaloa Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Kalala Soodo	1. Peta Sefo 2. Eseta Oloa	Eseta Oloa Selesitina Taamale

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 2020

6.00pm	David Hagar, Tony Atonio
8.30am	Imeleta Kelemete, Paul Lovett
10.00am	Iufita Sefo, Melanie Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 2nd to 8th March

2. Zela Theodora Gertrude Williams (1982), Mary Christine Thorne (1985), Lena Ellen George (1985), Patrick Emmet Murphy (2007)
3. Victor Rupert Barchard (1986), Marjory Molly Bouzaid (1986), Michael Joseph Bouzaid (1986), Terese Marshall (2008)
4. Fr. Sebastian Palich (1989), Phyllis Margaret Beeson (1990), Kathleen Marjorie Hooker (1990)
5. Mary Ethel Patten (1986), Catherine Patricia Hetherington (1988), William Gregory Williams (2011), Maselino Toafa Poloie Tu'I (2012)
6. Leo Mathew Dwyer (1977), Margaret Skynner (1989), John Philip Matheson (1989)
7. Effie Williams (1976), Sr. Mary Fidelis (Margaret McVicar) (2002)
8. Ronald Randall (2003), Bill and Mary Dutton

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00

Last week's collection was \$1659.40

Readings for Next Week (8/03/20)

Second Sunday of Lent Year A

1st Reading: Genesis. 12:1-4

Psalm 33

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy. 1: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew. 17: 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

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