

## PARISH NOTICES

1. **St Joseph's Prayer Group** meeting in the hall after 8.30am mass this Sunday 22nd March. All are welcome.
2. **Family Committee** meeting Wednesday 25th March 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
3. **WORD & SACRAMENT** A presentation on the Gospel of Matthew with Brothers Kieran and Peter, is now cancelled until further notice.
4. **Reconciliation (Confessions)** Friday 27th March after Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm.
5. **Multicultural Mass** Sunday 29th March at 10.00am. All are Welcome.
6. **Large Palms** for Palm Sunday is needed. If you can provide us with some, it's much appreciated. Please call the office 09)320-4558
7. **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. **March Joshua Meeting** Date: Wed 25 March 2020 Time: 7.30 pm  
Speaker: Michael Lobo from ACCR Team  
Topic: **'HOW DO I RESPOND TO GOD'S VOICE IN MY LIFE'**  
Venue: St Josephs Centre, Takapuna. For more information contact: Russell Sobotker Ph 022 034 5678 This is an invitation to all men to fellowship with other men and spend time in prayer. Hope to see you soon
2. **Mercy Spirituality Centre** @ 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) **LENT SERIES: Journey of the Cross** with ANNE WARREN chf & CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm. Friday's 10.30am-12.30pm, 27 Mar & 3 Apr. \$15 each. Incl. morning tea. Our Lenten Series will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cross through music, Scripture, reflection, prayer and times of silence. **WEEKEND** with EAMON BUTLER. Fri 27 Mar, 7pm to Sun 29 Mar, 12.30pm. non-residential \$160 incl. meals on Sat **RETREAT DAY: Recycling our Rubbish** with JOY COWLEY & FR JOHN O'CONNOR Sat 4 Apr, 9.30am-4pm \$75 incl. lunch **ENNEAGRAM Unit 1** with MARIE CORBETT Fri 1 May, 6.30-9pm, Sat 2 May, 9am-4.30pm & Sun 3 May, 9am-4pm \$200 (a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking See our website for more details.
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](mailto: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](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz) or on 480-4463.
4. **BARADENE COLLEGE ALUMNAE A.G.M.**  
The President, Melanie Watson and committee invite all Alumnae to the 2020 AGM  
Where: BARADENE "The Parlour" Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Time: 6.30pm
5. **Scholarship Medical Students -The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship** - If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year medical student in 2020, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. For more information contact Catherine Ryan, Vicar for Education, Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Phone (09) 360 3057 or email [CatherineR@cda.org.nz](mailto:CatherineR@cda.org.nz)

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“JESUS  
THE LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD.”**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 22ND MARCH 2020

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

## Reflection

**(1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13).** This passage tells the story of how Samuel identified and anointed David as the future king of Israel. The story shows the depth of God's seeing. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart. This is illustrated in the fact that God chose David, the last and most insignificant of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. Seeing is the connection with the Gospel.

**(Eph 5:8-14).** Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a life-style in keeping with their new state. They must shun the works of darkness and live as children of the light.

**(Jn 9:1-41).** On the surface this is a story about a blind man receiving sight. But on a deeper level it is a story about a man coming to faith in Jesus. The man's journey from blindness to sight symbolises the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light, as St Paul tells his converts at Ephesus: 'Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord'. In particular, the story illustrates growth in faith. There is a beautiful progression in the man's understanding of who Jesus is. At a first stage, he calls him 'a man'. Then he calls him 'a prophet'. The climax of the story comes when he calls him 'the Lord.' Notice how his faith grows stronger and deeper the more he is called upon to defend it. In the story of Jesus is proclaimed to be 'the light of the world'. Not only does he give sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind. Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind. There is a clear baptismal dimension to the story. As the blind man got sight by washing in the pool of Siloam, so we are enlightened by washing in the waters of Baptism.

## Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent 22nd March 2020

**First reading:** A reading from the first book of Samuel. 16:1, 6-7,10-13  
*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel!*

### Responsorial Psalm: 22.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**Second reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 5:8-14  
*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John: 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored!*



**Arise! Shine!**  
For your light has come! -Isaiah 60:1

**What would be a good image of light to use to depict that Jesus is the Light of Our Way?**

## Readers for this week: Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Joseph Tuipulotu 2. Ane Enosi	David Hagar Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Paul Lovett	1. Glen Hill 2. Christina Christopher	Fiesola Pifeleti Grace Tu'inukuafu
10.00am	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Dilynne Muller 2. Alison Finekifolau	Vahea Falemaka Tonga Tuipulotu

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2020

6.00pm	Tonga Enosi, Assumption Ilalio
8.30am	Su'a Tagalao, Imeleta Kelemete
10.00am	Malia & Savelina Tuipulotu

### Readers for next Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Lily Ulberg	1. David Hagar 2. Therese Ulberg	Joseph Tuipulotu Lois Armiger
8.30am	Su'a Tagalao	1. Pat Doherty 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafu	Glen Hill Christina Christopher
10.00am		1. <b>Multicultural Mass</b> 2.	

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2020

6.00pm	Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafu
10.00am	<b>Multicultural Mass</b>

### Anniversaries for the coming week 23rd to 29th March

- 23.
- 24.
- 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)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2500.00**  
**Last week's collection was \$1809.20**

### Readings for Next Week (29/03/20)

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A**

1st Reading: Ezekiel. 37: 12-14  
Psalm 130  
2nd Reading: Romans. 8: 8-11  
Gospel: John. 11: 1-45,

**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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