

## PARISH NOTICES

**Congratulations to Santana & Ethan SOALII-TAULU** upon receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. 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. Finance Committee** meeting Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
- 2. WORD & SCRACMENT** A presentation on the Gospel of Matthew followed by "Becoming the Eucharist, we celebrate." Enrich your appreciation of the Mass. With Brothers Kieran and Peter, 102a Victoria St. Onehunga. 2.00-3.30 Thursdays beginning 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- 3. St Joseph's Prayer Group** meeting in the hall after 8.30am mass Sunday 22nd March.
- 4. Family Committee** meeting Wednesday 25th March 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.
- 5. Reconciliation (Confessions)** Friday 27th March after Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm.
- 6. Multicultural Mass** Sunday 29th March at 10.00am. All are Welcome.
- 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. 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](http://www.drcnewzealand.org) Facebook: Divine Retreat Centre New Zealand.

**2. Central Auckland Grief Support** is a peer support group for adults who have gone through grief or loss, such as separation or divorce, the death of a significant person in their life or other major family changes. Our next meeting is planned on Saturday 21 March 2 pm in the Hillsborough area.

To find out more and to register, please contact Mabel at 625-8378.

**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

### Parish Priests:

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**“THE THIRST  
THAT ONLY  
GOD  
CAN QUENCH.”**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A 15TH 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

**(Ex 17:3-7).** In spite of having experienced God's help in various ways, the liberated slaves remain apathetic and sullen towards Yahweh, and complain bitterly against Moses, his spokesman. Here they are complaining about lack of water. Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert. This prepares us for the Gospel, and the 'living water' God offers us through Jesus.

**(Rom 5:1-2.5-8).** Paul says that we have abundant grounds for hope. Our hope lies in what God has done for us in Christ. God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. The Christian life is a response to something that has already been accomplished on our behalf by a loving God.

**(Jn 4:5-42).** For this Sunday and the next two, the Gospel readings are taken from John. John doesn't give us parables. He gives us extended discourses built around images. The lectionary presents the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. In the first story Jesus speaks of water; in the second he speaks of sight; and in the third he speaks of life. There is a double level of meaning in all three. There is a clear baptismal dimension to these stories - the symbols of water, sight and new life are closely associated with Baptism. They are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation, and therefore may also be read in Year B and Year C, especially in places where there are catechumens. Our passage is an invitation to faith. But in it we also see the goodness of God in the compassion Jesus showed to a poor lost woman.

## Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent 15th March 2020

**First reading:** A reading from the book of Exodus. 17:3-7  
*Give us water to drink!*

### Responsorial Psalm: 95.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
 let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
 and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
 as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
 when your ancestors tested me,  
 and put me to the proof,  
 though they had seen my work.

**Second reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 5:1-2,5-8  
*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world,  
 Give me living water, that I may never be thirsty.  
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel  
 according to John: 4:5-42

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life!*

What is your pathway to satisfaction?  
 Is it the greatest meal you've eaten? Or the most luxurious seat at a football game?  
 How does Mother Church help us to escape this perpetual pursuit?

**Fasting**  
 creates  
 room for  
**GOD'S LOVE**  
 to Rest IN US

**"OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU, O LORD"**  
 - St Augustine



## Readers for this week: Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th March 2020

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Lois Armiger	1. Bro Kieran 2. Veronica Hagar	Therese Ulberg Pauline Calvert
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Pat Doherty 2. Paul Lovett	Glen Hill Lily Ulberg
10.00am	Su'a Tagaloo	1. James Williams 2. Selesitina Taamale	Peta Sefo Iutita Sefo

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th March 2020

6.00pm	Assumption Ilalio, Heloyis Titus
8.30am	Limpia Britto, Tony Atonio
10.00am	Stan & Melanie Duarte

### Readers for next 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 next Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March 2020

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

### Anniversaries for the coming week 16th to 22nd March

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)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00**  
**Last week's collection was \$2087.20**

### Readings for Next Week (22/03/20)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A**  
 1st Reading: 1 Samuel. 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13  
 Psalm 23  
 2nd Reading: Ephesians. 5: 8-14  
 Gospel: John. 9: 1-41,

**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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