



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

126 Russell Rd, Manurewa, Auckland 2102
Est. 1947



Sunday 26th February 2023 | 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A | Issue #5

Kneeling after the "Lamb of God"

Dear Parishioners

If you have a Mass book you might have seen the instruction "Kneel" that comes after the "Lamb of God". Then follows the priest's prayer "Behold the Lamb of God..." with the people's response "Lord I am not worthy..."

Here at St Anne's, however, we keep standing. I propose that we now observe that instruction to kneel at the end of the "Lamb of God". It is deeply good and right. It would also bring us into line with other NZ parishes.

Poor Health - Exemption

Of course, if your health is not good you are exempted. So please be seated. (Poor health overrides most Church disciplines – like fasting or even attending Sunday Mass.)

"Old Fashioned"?

Perhaps you have heard kneeling criticised as being 'medieval' or 'old fashioned'.

A little background might be helpful. Kneeling is much older than 'medieval' and far more solemn than 'fashion'. It is a gesture all through the Bible which is reserved for being in the presence of God - and only God. This makes it a posture of prayer.

It is deeply biblical and Christian.

Jesus at Gethsemane "withdrew about a stone's throw away and knelt down and prayed, 'Father...'

(Lk 22:41).

Many people knelt before Jesus in faith, eg a leper (Mk1:40) "came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees saying..." When Jesus entered the boat having walked on water "the men in the boat fell at his feet saying..." (Mt 14:33). One suffering from epilepsy "went down in his knees before Jesus" (Mt 17:14).

There are many other examples.

Ev'ry Knee Shall Bow..."

We know well the song "He is Lord, He is Lord... Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess..." It is a paraphrase of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11) "Therefore God... bestowed on him (Jesus) the name which is above every name (that is: God's name) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth; and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...". To go down on our knees before Jesus, is to co-operate with God's plan.

At every Mass we fulfil this prophecy – in this physical way.

Together with the prayer of our lips, may we profess with our whole being that Jesus truly is Lord.



God Bless!



Fr Peter McAfee SM.
Parish Priest.

ST ANNE'S MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 12:05pm
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tues - Thurs 12.05pm Mass
Friday 9am Mass
Saturday 8am Mass

OCCASSIONAL MASSES:

Maori: 4th Sunday of every month at 11.30am
Samoan: 3rd Sunday of odd months at 12pm.

RECONCILIATION



Saturday after 8am Mass
Saturday 4-5pm in the hall

PREVIOUS OFFERINGS

January Offerings: \$37,205.77
December Offerings: \$29,220.47

BAPTISMS

Enrol your **0 - 6 year old child** for baptism. You will need to attend two classes before the ceremony can be booked. Contact the office for details.

PREFERENCE FORMS

Enrolling your child at a Catholic school? For a preference certificate please contact the office. **Processing times can vary** so don't delay!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Can be undertaken six months in advance. Call the parish office today.

THINKING OF CATHOLICISM?

Or do you know someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith? RCIA is for you. Contact **Therese Lautua**, 021 263 6812.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT

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Registrations for the Sacramental Programme are now open!!!

This program is for children Year 5-8 to prepare for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation (and if necessary, Baptism and changing to become a Catholic).

All registrations are online by typing this link into your browser:

shorturl.at/sxVW2. **Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th of March we will be at the 5.30pm, 8.00am, 10.00am and 5.00pm masses to help you register if you don't have internet or a device at home. Email stannesacrament@gmail.com for more information.**

NOTICE:

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor, through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work in New Zealand and around the world. You can pick up your sets of Envelopes from the Atrium.

For more info, please see Deacon Sanele

Last week to register for the Beginners

Theology of the Body Course:

Human Love in the Divine Plan based on Pope Saint John Paul II's catechesis on human love and dignity.

Dates: Sat 4th and Sun 5th March 2023, 8am -6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland.

This course is for adults (20 years and older). For more information and to register please visit:

www.theologyofthebody.nz or email tobauckland@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR WORK?!

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School has a Learning Assistant position vacancy at school. The position is for a full time Learning Assistant (25 hours per week, 5 hours per day) to support students with additional learning, social and behavioural needs. This position is in a junior Learning Community (5-7 year olds). Please email Carmel - office@holytrinity.school.nz or ring the school office 09 296 9039 for further information.

ST ANNE'S 2023 CALENDAR



Pencil these dates into your diary & stay involved with our Parish.



FEBRUARY

27: Mihi Maori Mass at 11:30am

28: Knitting Group

MARCH

07: Knitting Group
19: Samoan Mass 12pm
21: Knitting Group
25-26: Sacramental Assistance at Mass
28: Knitting Group

REGULAR EVENTS

Temples of the Holy Spirit

Prayer Group

Every Monday 8pm
Zoom - contact Serena



Christian Meditation Group

Every Tuesday 7pm-8pm, in the chapel



Knitting Group

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays of the month
10am-12pm, Church Lounge



Legion of Mary Senior Meeting

Every Tuesday
6.30-8pm, Church Lounge



Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Every Wednesday
6.30-8.30pm, Chapel

Indoor Bowls

Every Wednesday
7:30pm, Hall
Contact Bev 267 2026



Legion of Mary Junior Meeting

Every Friday
5-6pm, Church Lounge



Tongan Sunday School (ECL)

Every Sunday
11am, Church Hall

Samoan Sunday School

Every Sunday
8-10am, Church Hall





1st Sunday of Lent 26th February 2023

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

Rom 5:12-19

Rom 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11, 5:12, 17-19

2nd Sunday of Lent 5th March 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:5

Matthew 17:1-9



RECENTLY DECEASED



Armando Pereira, Lusitina
Laumatia, Teofilo Iakopo



THE SICK

Ian Milliken, Fotulafai
Chungsum, Phong Lan, Su'a
Pese, Wayne Henry, Alan
Taylor.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Peto Hunt, Llevellys Huny, Katy
Vuna, Robert Rankin, Lorenzo Tau,
Pesamino Papali'i, Peter
Zanzottera, Filomena Hutchinson,
Rosanna Collier, Lakapi Muliaga-
Ioane, Siosiana Mafivaea, Rose
Agana, Frank Filipo Lealaialoto,
Noreen Cao, Marina Montilde,
Taliah Poto, Kristen Legaoi, Marian
Hummel, Jacob Tuusolo, Fatia
Talanoo, Bohden Vaai, Sieni Ioane
Telea, Tevita Vatuvei, Dale
Montilde, Dean Wearmouth, Atimoo
Taliai and Edward Mercado.

A very special Happy Birthday to
Ofa Falekaonio who is turning 50
years old!



*Birthday Blessings
to you all!*

Frances Mazur looks back....



First 'Local Boy' Priest - Leonard Danvers

PART 2...

Mons. Danvers currently in Hamilton, Hon. Dio Administrator

Our school was small in those early days and one memory was that we were going to be inspected by the Government Inspectors. The curtains in our Room were wearing very thin – in fact had holes in a number of places. Sister Helena decided we needed to do something about them before the inspectors arrived. So we were all invited to bring oddments of material and cut out jungle figures and trees etc to cover the holes in the curtains. They were certainly very colourful at the end of the project and drew many comments not only from parents but also from the inspectors. The curtains lasted a few more years as a result!

Shifting the Sisters from their home in Selwyn Street to the new Convent in Weymouth Rd was another day to remember.



Opening of St Anne's School, February 1952

The moving truck took the big items but the older Children from the school formed a chain gang and carried all manner of items including garden tools and boxes of preserves down to the new home – it was a great day off school, and we had a great time.

Sister's Feast Day was another special day. We would be allowed into the classroom early that morning and would decorate the whole blackboard in colour chalk drawings with all sorts of messages and special prayers for Sister on her

special day. It was most colourful. And of course the children insisted that it could not be rubbed off all day! So we amused ourselves with other activities which were far more fun than formal lessons – and there was always a huge morning tea and Feast day cake.



Genesis

Creation of Adam from Whēnua...

with Dr Christopher Longhurst



'So, God created humans in God's own image, in the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them'...

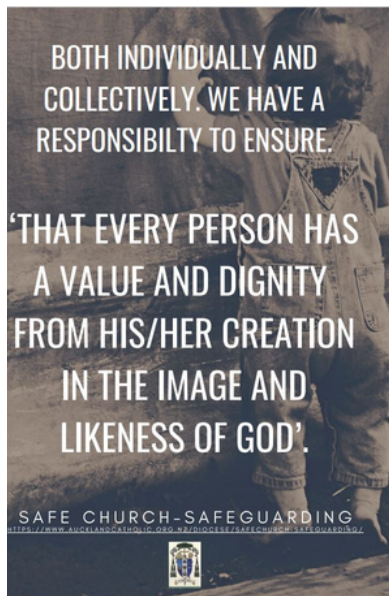
Genesis starts with a creation narrative and then tells the early history of humanity—but how does Genesis connect Christians with other faith traditions and world views?

Dr Christopher Longhurst will lead us across religious and cultural borders into Islamic and Māori creation stories through Michelangelo's extraordinary scientific gender-neutral image of the divine in humankind.



Part 1: Creation Story in Genesis with Kieran Fenn fms (including study material), Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm
Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst, Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm
Fee: \$25/session or \$40/both sessions (ZOOM)
For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

SAFEGUARDING



COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS:

(Strictly Confidential) For any feedback, complaints and concerns. Your first point of contact for this Parish is Tina Pakipaki: opsmanager.stannes@gmail.com

OR TO LEAVE A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE, CALL 2665826 OPT 9. ONLY TINA HAS ACCESS TO THIS MAILBOX SO YOU CAN REST ASSURED YOUR MESSAGE WILL BE HELD IN THE STRICTEST MEANS. THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS FOLLOWED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR, LISA-MAY GRAY AND THE DIOCESAN PEOPLE AND SUPPORT MANAGER, LEANNE KILGOUR.

COMMITTEES, GROUPS, & MANAGEMENT

Finance - Meg Goodman, 267 6177, michaelfg@extra.co.nz
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Knitting Group - Tina Shore, 027 440 4563 or 266 7699
Indoor Bowls - Bev Glass 267 2026

PRAYER AND CATHOLIC LIVING GROUPS

Couples for Christ - Glen Cunningham, 027 800 0050
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Temples of the Holy Spirit - Serena Rouse, 269 6353 or 027 322 3540
Sacramental Prog. - Andrew Malele, 021 023 90935, stannesacrament@gmail.com
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To prepare people to lead
Liturgy of the Word
& Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

SATURDAY 9.30AM TO 3PM
Lunch provided
One-off koha of \$10

Day 1: 18 March
Day 2: 29 April
Day 3: 27 May
Day 4: 24 June
Day 5: 29 July

Day 1 will be held at
Pompallier Diocesan Centre
30 New Street, St Mary's Bay
Participants need to be present at
all sessions.



Register by scanning the QR code
or visit aucklandcatholic.org.nz/layleaders.prayer

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

WEEKEND OF THE 04/05 MAR	4th – 8am	5th – 8am	5th – 10am	5th – 5pm
ALTAR SERVER 1	Mateo Baice	Zavius Collier	Clement Leuea	Thomas Enoke
ALTAR SERVER 2	Keely- Shae Whaiapu	Daniel Tuusolo*	Maotu Leuea	Jian Gabitan
ALTAR SERVER 3	Kaia Whaiapu	Alexandria Ligamate	Tulua Leuea	Latu Enoke
COMMENTATOR	Brendon Ward	Susana Nofu'akifolau*	Anne Singh*	Caroline Lauaki
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LECTOR 2	Meher Pereira- Dsor	Catherine Dodson	Maria Bureta	Crispin Montilde
SP. MINISTER	Manaiapoto Vuna	Amy Verissimo	Natui Sala-Pesa	Ana Amato
SP. MINISTER	Tavita Gafoi	Liz Hilliar	Lionel Bureta	Luana Enoke
SP. MINISTER	Vivian Pereira*	Paul Burns	Telesia Burgess	Hanna Malele
SP. MINISTER		Sarah Beacom	Anne Changaiya	
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