



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 1st March 2026 | Second Sunday of Lent - Year A | Issue #9

FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE, "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."

Today, the Transfiguration is proclaimed. Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him up the mountain and his beauty as Son of God is revealed to them.

**"He was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white"**

They see the light of God's holiness shining on the face and on the clothing of Jesus, the perfect image of the Father. God's beauty is revealed. God who is Love.



Jesus, prepares them for a more important step, to recognise and see the same beauty in him when he mounts the cross with his face disfigured.

Peter wants to stay up the mountain. But the light of Jesus cannot be reduced to a "magical moment"! That would be false, artificial, something soon forgotten.

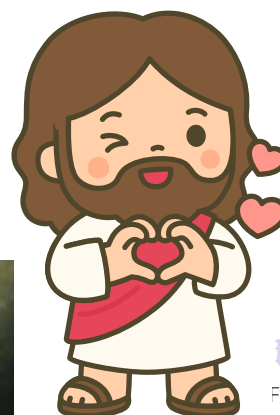
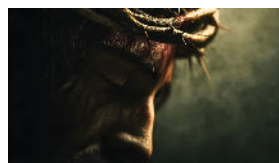
Christ is the light. He gives them strength to follow him all the way to Jerusalem, on to the Cross.

So too, Christ's beauty brings us forward, to remain with Jesus even when it is not easy to understand everything he says and does for us. By staying with him, we recognise on his face the luminous beauty of love he gives us, even when it bears the marks of the cross.

Then we see the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day – family, friends, colleagues who take care of us in the most varied ways. How many luminous faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognise them and to fill our hearts with them.

Then we can bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love diving into our daily occupations more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.

May Mary, who kept the light of her Son in her heart even in the darkness of Calvary, accompany us always on the way of love



Nga Miki Nui.
Fr Tony O'Connor SM.
Parish Priest.



March/Māehe

- 5: 6:30pm RCIC Reconciliation
- 7: 6:30pm Indian Community Gathering
- 8: 12pm Tongan Mass
- 12: 7pm Rite 2 Lenten Reconciliation
- 14: 5pm Parish/School Vigil Mass
- 15: 12pm Samoan Mass
- 17: 12pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 20: 11am Elmwood Mass
- 22: 11:30am Maori Miha
- 29: Palm Sunday & Sacramental Programme Hui #2

April/Āpereira

- 2: Holy Thursday
- 3: Good Friday
- 5: Easter Sunday
- 6: Easter Monday
- 7: Easter Tuesday (Office Closed)
- 12: Divine Mercy Sunday
- 17: 11am Elmwood Mass
- 18: 7pm St Joachim & St Michaels Group Bingo Night
- 21: 12pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 24: 11am Acacia Cove Mass
- 25: ANZAC Day
- 26: 11:30am Maori Miha



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate

Trish Kaminski (the aunt of Glen Ryan), Marie Gwilliam & Wendy Cheng

The Sick/Ngā Turoro

Phuong Lan, Su'a Pese, Elham Kemp, Anne Wallbank, Anne Stickney, Punipua Su'a, Anarosa Tofaeono, Gloria Williams, Lorraine Va'a, Lourdes Collins, Pauline Arthur, Helmut Rudolph, Mirjana Dorotich, Kirita Ah Loe, Valda Nicklin, Sesilia Latu, Eseneiaso Moefaaou, Darryl Kemp, Neil McCarthy, Ginger Manavaofa, Lafaele Baice, Audrey McKay, Te Amo Herewini, Mikaele Pritchard, Steve Lauaki, Alexander Brown, Donny Tahir, Ruth Stewart

Birthday Blessings/

Manaakitanga Huritau

Majolica Schuster, Hane Hormes, Teeta Timi, Amanakilelei Tangitau, Siosiana Mafivaea, Rose Agana, Frank Filipo Lealaialoto, Surita Andy, Noreen Caom Ofa Falekaonom Marina Montilde, Kristen Legaoi, Marian Hommel, Jacob Tuusolo, Fatia Talanoa, Bohden Vaai, Justina Fariu, Sieni Ioane Telea, Tevita Vatuvei, Maya Strub, Rosanne Paselio, Nina Croker, Dale Montilde, Dean Wearmouth, Atimoa Tali'ai, Edward Mercado, Mihindukulasuriya Tissera, Burnedine Sioli, Sakalia Sili, Emma-Ahmari Papali'i, Persia Hunkin, Mason Greathead, Wayne Iosefa, Vasati Tafuna'i Leota-lu, Sherman Galilea, Arvin Pacuan
Special mention to Natui Sala celebrating his birthday today!

In Our Parish / I roto i to tatou Pārihe

LENT ADORATION
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
5:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
7PM

RITE II LENTEN RECONCILIATION
12TH MARCH 7PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED RANGITAHU/YOUNG PEOPLE

May your life be filled with the joy, love and endless blessings that come from God. We pray that you continue to grow in grace & love.

Anya Bela, Kingston Makiteiaa-Leafi, Khaled Aleah Daleon, Ayden & Maddison van de Berg, Ria & Ryan Rajendra



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are grateful to our Office Staff (the Office Angels) who prepared and led our first Stations of the Cross with their little Angels, a truly family affair. The is one photo of a Dark Cloud but it didnt rain. Saint Padre Pio said "Faith , Hope and Don't worry" So no worries.

Next Friday, the Indian Community will lead the stations. They wish to follow the same route but want to start in the Church and have the final blessing back in the Church.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 4th March for the Diocesan Secretary Formation Day.



Happy 70th Birthday Papa Sala Sefo Kalolo
Love from your grandchildren ❤️

MAKE SURE TO GRAB A BIBLE DIARY!

For those who have missed out there are bible diaries available at the office. Payment can be made into the account below or come into the Parish office to pay via eftpos:

Name: ST ANNE'S MANUREWA

Acct #: 02-0108-0707622-000

Reference: Your Name

Code: Bible Diary



CARITAS LENTEN BOXES



There are a limited number of Lenten boxes that families can use with their kids to help them learn solidarity. These will be given out after each mass this weekend. Please make sure to register your name and telephone number for both the box and the registry sheet.

INDIAN COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER

We warmly invite you and your family to join us for our Indian community get-together on Saturday 7th March after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. It will be a lovely opportunity to reconnect, share fellowship and enjoy time together. Please bring a plate to share - we look forward to seeing you there!



CANS CANS CANS CANS CANS CANS CANS

Thanks to all for can collecting and leaving them here in the Parish. Thanks to the special people who crush and prepare them for the market. Thanks to St Anne's school for the use of their trailer. Thanks to the Sanele and Gafoi family. We received \$607.50 for a rather large load of cans delivered to the scrap market



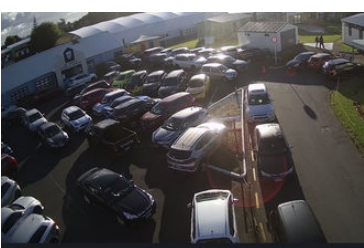
TRAFFIC NOTICE

Have you ever shuddered when you received an envelope in the mail from "Waka Kotahi" and opened it up to see you have a speeding or parking fine, or you got photographed in a bus lane, and \$150 of your money has gone to grief???

Well, this notice is not that. First, the **Good News**. The Good News is that at Ash Wednesday Masses, so many people came, and then last Sunday the congregations increased considerably. Lent has come into fashion. Thank God, "God is Good".

The **bad news** is that this has exacerbated our parking problems. **Please come early** to get a park, or if the parking lot is full, it will be closed and you will be directed along the street. You will find plenty of space on the road and have time to leisurely walk to the Church in time. Closing the parking lot when full allows safe access for ambulances, fire engines and police in the case of emergencies. Last Sunday, an ambulance could not enter because of congestion.

Please, please be kind to the Traffic Wardens that are VOLUNTEERS and are only doing their job.



ST ANNE'S REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

Temples of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group

7pm every Monday

In the Church Lounge

Contact: Serena - 269 6353 or

02040880300



TUESDAY

Legion of Mary Senior Meeting

Every Tuesday

6:30-8pm in the Church Lounge

Contact: Sesilia - 021 117 6334

Christian Meditation Group

Every Tuesday

6pm-7pm in the Church Chapel

Contact: Grace Switzer -

027 250 7206



Knitting Group

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday of every month

10am-12pm, Church Lounge

Contact Dianne - 021 152 4310

WEDNESDAY

Divine Mercy

Every Wednesday

6pm-8pm in the Chapel

Contact: Pesi Tuala - 027 256 1955,

bessietuala@hotmail.com



Indoor Bowls

Every Wednesday

7:30pm in the Church Hall

Contact: Bev - 267 2026

FRIDAY

Legion of Mary Junior Meeting

Every Friday

5pm-6pm in the Church Lounge

Contact: Sally Roberts -

027 406 1724

Friday Adoration

Every Friday

6:30pm in the Chapel

Contact: Lata, 0210 817 1178



SUNDAY

Samoan Sunday School

Every Sunday

8:30am-9:30am in the Church Hall

Contact: Iuni Terry - 0272431887,

Iuni.Terry@jarussell.co.nz

Tongan Sunday School (ECL)

Every Sunday

11am in the Church Hall

Contact: Kaifa Fatongiatau -

0211756198,

kaifafatongiatau12@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Young Adults

Meeting

Every Sunday

6:30pm-8pm in the Church Lounge

Contact: Malia Fafoi - 02102820142



PARISH CONTACTS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND COMING HOME

For expressions of interest please scan the QR code or via [link](#)



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

6 WEEK PROGRAMME

Starts **Thursday 7th May**

To register please scan the QR code on the right or via the [link](#)



1ST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN 8 - 17 YEARS

Registrations are open for July.



INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

FOR CHILDREN 0 - 7

To register please scan QR code or via [link](#)



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

8am Mass

10am Mass

5pm Mass

OCCASIONAL MASSES

MAORI MASS 11:30AM -
4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH

SAMOAN MASS 12PM -
3RD SUNDAY OF ODD
MONTHS

TONGAN MASS 12PM -
2ND SUNDAY OF ODD
MONTHS

MONDAY

12:05pm Liturgy

TUESDAY

7am Mass

12:05pm Mass

WED-THURS

12:05pm Mass

FRIDAY

9am Mass

SATURDAY

8am Mass

ANOINTING OF THE SICK -

Midday Mass every 3rd
Tuesday

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturdays after 8am
Mass and 4pm-5pm

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Private Houses - Coordinator Amy Verissimo, 029 264 2102, stannes.sick@gmail.com

Rest Homes - Coordinator Joseph Tucker, 021 037 0363, stannes.circ@gmail.com

CULTURAL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Fijian - Chermayne Raega, 0211679230

Filipino - Cesar Cozo 027 444 4695

Māori - Eddie Hita, 027 279 9556

Samoan - Leilua Pulimo Tuisaemo, 0212942361

Tokelauan - Matt Ineleo, 022 326 6139, ineleom@gmail.com

Tongan - 'Etuete Manu, 021 183 2334, etuate.manu@hotmail.co.nz

COMMITTEES, GROUPS & MANAGEMENT

Altar Servers - Andrew Malele, 021 023 90935
altarservers.stannes@gmail.com

Finance - Lorna Gayatin, 09 266 5826

Health and Safety - Sally Roberts, 027 406 1724, hns.stannes@gmail.com

Liturgy - Tala Tafu, 021 051 0243

Music - Parish Office, frontdesk.stannes@gmail.com

Pastoral Committee - Matthew Norman, pastoralcommittee.stannes@gmail.com

St Anne's Climate and Social Action

Group - Sr Margaret Martin, 09 2636464, margaret@sistersofmercywiri.org.nz

St Vincent de Paul Shop - 4 Station Road, Manurewa (09) 267 4581

SAFEGUARDING / TIKANGA HAUMARU

BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE.

For any feedback, complaints and concerns which are all strictly confidential. Your contact is Tina Pakipaki: opsmanager.stannes@gmail.com

'Every person has a value and dignity from his/her creation in the image and likeness of God'.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS

BANK ACCOUNT:

Name: ST ANNE'S MANUREWA

Acct #: 02-0108-0707622-000

Reference: Your Giving Number

Particulars: Your Last Name

Code: Offering

PREVIOUS OFFERINGS Dec - \$43 396.57 Jan - \$37 058.57



REBUILD BANK ACCOUNT

Name: ST ANNE'S MANUREWA

Acct #: 02-0108-0707622-004

Reference: Your Giving Number

Particulars: Your Last Name

Code: Rebuild

YEAR A READINGS

1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4 | Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10 | Matthew 17:1-9

R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | John 4:5-42

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS: MARCH 2026

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR & SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

	5:30pm Vigil Saturday 7th March	8am Sunday 8th March	10am Sunday 8th March	5pm Sunday 8th March
ALTAR SERVER 1	Kieran Brzozowski	Levi England	Abraham Matautia	Patience Mugadza
ALTAR SERVER 2	May Leaana	Andrew Tuiatua	Antoinette Kolo	Pesamina Ah Tong
ALTAR SERVER 3	Mya-Rose Lealaogata	Tyler Utupo	Aydan Fui	Latu Enoka
ALTAR SERVER 4		Isaiah Utupo	Liz Dang	Salamina Tipasa+
COMMENTATOR	Matthew Norman	DIVINE MERCY	SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL	Micah Scoringe
LECTOR 1	Heather Kavanagh			Crispin Montilde
LECTOR 2	Alethia Beirne			Ursula Tamiano
SP. MINISTER	Nicholas Beirne	Waina Emery*	Sina Lemana	Luana Enoka
SP. MINISTER	Hazel Dela Cruz	Amy Verissimo	Sita Sanele	Mele Kautai*
SP. MINISTER	Alfonso Dela Cruz	Ana Saili	Soane Nofu'akifolau	Olivia Malele
SP. MINISTER		Angelica Williams	Anna Kiely	
SP. MINISTER		Annie Tatireta	Anah-Maria Ioane	