



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH TE PĀRIHE KATORIKA O HĀTA ANA



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LAETARE SUNDAY A DAY OF JOY

“THERE IS NO ONE AS BLIND AS HE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SEE”

This saying can be applied perfectly to the Pharisees in the Gospel today. In fact, we can also see that in ourselves sometimes, but more easily in others who fail to see the truth of facts or events or others points of view. With our physical eyes, we see, but we are blind to the truth or other points of view.

Then, on the other hand, the physically blind man in our story is so blind, but he does want to see. Not only does he witness and see the physical act of healing (the anointing with clay by Jesus on his eyes), but he sees Jesus as the Christ.

What a contrast there is between the physically blind man who physically sees and then believes, and the Pharisees so full of their so called knowledge of the Law of Moses and the Prophets and their puffed up egos that they just can't bring themselves to believe in a miracle of physical healing and even more the conversion of the blind man come beggar to become a believer and disciple of Jesus.

As for the Pharisees, they sink back into their blindness, having missed the challenge to step out and believe. On them falls the judgment:

**“I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind.”**

As for you and me, this is our choice. There is a blind man and a Pharisee in each of us. We make the choice. It is not easy because we can be so blind that we don't even know we are blind. We may know some people like that? The path is best that of the physically blind man. He knows he is physically blind, but he has the will, and he does want to see. Jesus then does the rest

SAME WITH US. TRUST HIM. BE JOYFUL! BE HAPPY!



Nga Mihinui.
Fr Tony O'Connor SM.
Parish Priest.



March/Māehe

- 17: 12pm Anointing of the Sick Mass & St Patrick's Day
- 20: 11am Elmwood Mass
- 20: 10am Seniors Day in the Hall
- 22: 11:30am Maori Miha & Altar Server's Training
- 29: Palm Sunday & Sacramental Programme Hui #7

April/Apereira

- 2: Holy Thursday
- 3: Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 5: Easter Sunday
- 6: Easter Monday
- 7: Easter Tuesday (Office Closed)
- 12: Divine Mercy Sunday
- 17: 11am Elmwood Mass
- 17: 10am Seniors Day in the Hall
- 18: 7pm St Joachim & St Michaels Group Bingo Night
- 21: 12pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 22: 3pm Altar Server's Practice
- 24: 11am Acacia Cove Mass
- 25: ANZAC Day
- 26: 11:30am Maori Miha



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate

Trish Kaminski (the aunt of Glen Ryan), Sanele Siaki, Elizabeth Walsh & Mary Rudge

The Sick/Ngā Turoro

Puong 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, Jon Maplesden, Cheryl Jory

Birthday Blessings/ Manaakitanga Huritau

Anarosa Tofaeono, Christina Vatuvei, Liam Bronil Dabreo, Benedicta Halapio, Jose Maria Mina, Patricia Loto, Aramoa Hekau, Mia Yandall, Charles Alexander, Patelesio Manukeu, Maylene Fuiimaono, Inari Madduma arachchige, Emanuella Fiapito, Lasalo Wilson, Kyle Guerrero, Julia Iosefo Samu, Lavi Lameta, Lennox Figota, Christine O'Brien, Mata Passi, Hunter Taylor, Adi Watta, Lautele Jensen-Faalili, Russell John Cago, Cyréllia Nakaora, Madison Tamuera, Matalena Vaotua, Zendell Veda Mari Jareno Comia, Jose Karlo Calderon Martinez, Mac Bentley Balbin, Ali Nagi, Artheus Blaze Pacuan, Duane Tully, Kalan Kippen, Malina Tagilala, Ansel Hetutu, Binoj Pullattu, Frank McVey, Theresa Williams, Melefinau Sood, Kara Whitehead, Tessa Olaño, Kuh Cago

In Our Parish / I roto i to tatou Pārihe

THIRD STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Tongan Community leads the third Friday Lenten way of the Cross (Stations). A beautiful evening and a profound meditation with many people. Next week, the fourth Stations of the Cross will be led by the Fijian Community.



FRIDAY SENIORS DAY

We all know how, when we forget something and say we had a "senior moment", that's a bit of an unfair comment. Because the first Friday of the month, there was a real senior moment here in St. Anne's, a genuine get-together. Not all the players were here to mention, some were absent (Michael and his wife), but a good number were present. They did not eat meat in their bread buns, it was tuna, tasty, tasty tuna. Next meeting Friday, the 20th March. All Welcome but no meat, it will still be Lent.



MONTE CECILIA EASTER EGG MOUNTAIN

Receiving a chocolate egg on Easter is something many of us took for granted during our childhoods. Being able to take part in this tradition alongside their friends is important for giving children a sense of connection and normality. But for many of the low-income families living in Monte Cecilia Housing Trust accommodation, it's a tough expense to justify during a difficult period in their lives.

We invite you to contribute to the Easter Egg Mountain in the Parish Office as in other years.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION RITE 2 LENT 2026

- Otahuhu, 7pm **Tuesday 17th March**
- Otara 7pm **Tuesday 17th March**
- Clover Park 7pm **Wed 18th March**
- Mangere 7pm **Thursday 19th March**
- Papatoetoe 7pm **Thurs 26th March**
- Papakura **Friday 20th March** (6:30pm) 90 children + parents:
- Papakura 7:30pm **Wednesday 25th March**

WE NEED PALMS!

If you have palms, or know someone who does, we would be grateful for your donation for our Palm Sunday celebration! Please bring them to the office.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

There will be a practice held on **22nd March** from 3pm to 4:15pm in the Church. **ALL servers must attend... no excuses please!**



LEGION OF MARY HIKOI

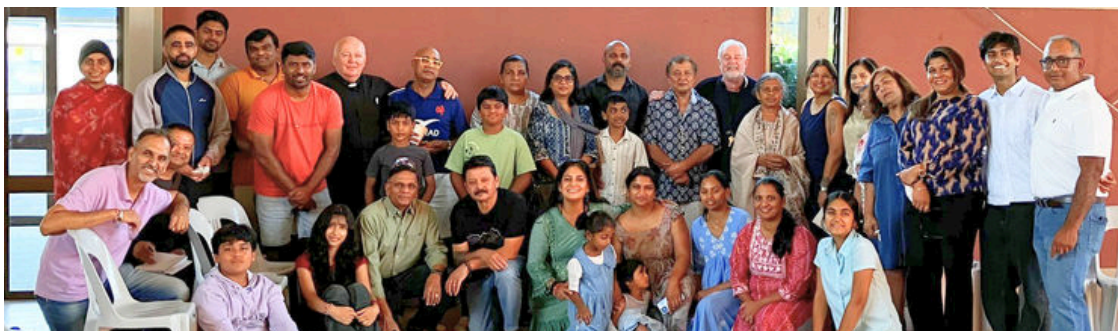
The Senatus of the New Zealand Legion of Mary have officially informed us that some 13 junior members from the Queen of Angels Junior Praesidium will go on a Hikoī to Motuti in the Hokianga this weekend, leaving Saturday morning, 14th at 4 am. They will be with some members of our adult praesidia and all return Sunday night 15th.

The New Zealand Legion of Mary Senatus takes full responsibility for the care, safety, and supervision of all junior members while on this hikoī, as well as all appropriate safeguarding, parental consent, transportation arrangements, and adult supervision requirements being met in accordance with Senatus guidelines.

We here in St Anne's are very excited for our very much loved juniors and Fathers Kevin and Tony are expected to get up at 4 am to bless them and pray for a safe and God Filled Journey

SECOND MEETING OF OUR INDIAN COMMUNITY

On Saturday, 7th March the Indian Community came together to solidify their community organisation. Through the intercession of Thomas the Apostle and Francis Xavier. We wish them every success so that together they may enrich our Parish with their religious and cultural heritages. Amen.



RCIA ANNOINTING OF CATECUMENS AND FIRST SCRUTINY RECEIVING THE CREED



CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICA & TERENCE



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 Kenefick Lounge

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, bessituala@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

LENT ADORATION
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
5:30PM

SENIORS DAY
10AM - 1PM
20TH MARCH & 17TH APRIL

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 Fatongiatou - 0211756198, kaifafatongiatou12@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Young Adults Meeting

Every Sunday

6:30pm-8pm in the Church Lounge

Contact: Malia Faafoi - 02102820142



ST ANNE'S EASTER SCHEDULE 2026

Sun
March 29

PALM
SUNDAY

8AM
10AM
5PM

Mon March 30
HOLY MONDAY
12:05PM LITURGY

Tues March 31
HOLY TUESDAY
7AM
12:05PM MASS

Wed April 1
HOLY WEDNESDAY
12:05PM MASS

Thurs April 2

HOLY THURSDAY

NO 12:05PM MASS

7PM COMMEMORATION OF
THE LAST SUPPER

8PM - 10PM ADORATION
AND RECONCILIATION

Fri April 3

GOOD FRIDAY

10AM OUTDOOR
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
BY THE YOUTH
(NO 9AM MASS)

3PM GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE

Sat April 4

EASTER SATURDAY

8AM OUR LADY OF
SORROWS & 7 WORDS
OF JESUS

7PM EASTER VIGIL
(NO 5:30PM MASS)

Sun April 5

EASTER SUNDAY

8AM
10AM
5PM



Mon
April 6

EASTER
MONDAY

12:05PM
LITURGY

(OFFICE
CLOSED)

Tues
April 7

EASTER
TUESDAY

7AM
12:05PM MASS

(OFFICE
CLOSED)

Wed April 8 & Thurs April 9

12:05PM MASS

Fri April 10

9AM MASS

NORMAL MASS TIMES RESUME

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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 Jan - \$37 058.57 Feb - \$36 170.83



REBUILD BANK ACCOUNT

Name: ST ANNE'S MANUREWA
Acct #: 02-0108-0707622-004
Reference: Your Giving Number
Particulars: Your Last Name
Code: Rebuild

15th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 | Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

YEAR A READINGS



22nd March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

R: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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 21st March	8am Sunday 22nd March	10am Sunday 22nd March	5pm Sunday 22nd March
ALTAR SERVER 1	Isaac Tokona	Nina Leolaga+*	Grace Lemana	Anoshken Kiritharan
ALTAR SERVER 2	Isabella Tokona	Magdala Faafoi+	Livian Chute	Avishken Kiritharan
ALTAR SERVER 3	Kieran Brzozowski	Muaimalae Vie Tuivaiave	Iosefo Tominiko	Ropati Tipasa+
ALTAR SERVER 4	James Abong	Peter J Eti	Jasmine Ah-Ching	Latu Enoka
COMMENTATOR	Nick Agana	Lydia Gafoi	Lydia Gafoi	Joseph Malele
LECTOR 1	Josephine Fiso-Lolohea	Isaiah Raega+*	Isaiah Raega+*	Michelle Scoringe
LECTOR 2	Rose Agana	TJ Gafoi*	TJ Gafoi*	Patience Mugadza
SP. MINISTER	*Eucharistic Minister Crosses belong to the Parish. Return to the sacristans at end of Mass	Sally Roberts*	Kave Saili+*	Sita Sanele
SP. MINISTER		Gabriel P Tully	Lucy Tofa	Fatima Roberts*
SP. MINISTER		Lorna Gayatin	Tavita Gafoi	Giovanna Sila
SP. MINISTER			Ilisabeta Qereqevetabua	Papalii Lesina Chungsum
SP. MINISTER			Malia Faafoi+	Natui Sala