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JESUS OUR HOPE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT CYCLE A - LAZARUS

The story of Lazarus' resurrection is surprising. On the one hand, Jesus is never presented to us as so human, fragile, and endearing as at this moment when one of his best friends dies.

On the other hand, we are never invited so directly to believe in his saving power: "I am the resurrection and the life: he who believes in me, even though he dies, will live... Do you believe this?"

On the other hand, we think of our own catechumens, who at the Easter Vigil will, in faith, give an energetic reply to Jesus' question, and all of us supporting them will renew our reply, made many times before.

There is an insatiable desire for life within us. We cling to science and, above all, to medicine to prolong this biological life, but there always comes a final illness that no one can cure.

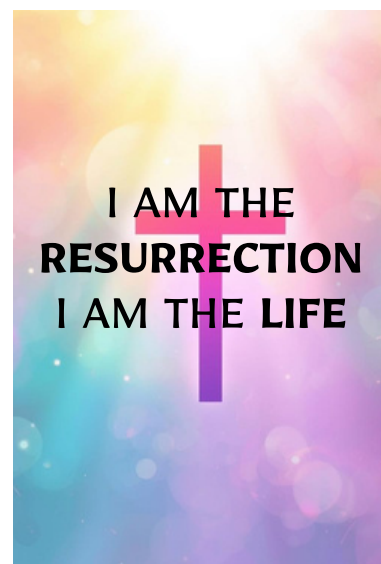
Nor would it be good for us to live this life forever. An aging world, full of old men and women, with less and less space for young people.

What we hope for is a different life, without pain or old age, without hunger or war, a life of complete happiness for all. That's what Jesus offers us.

Humans have always been surrounded by darkness. What is life? What is death? How should we live? How should we die? "I am the Way, the Truth and the light" "Do you believe this?"

Despite doubts and darkness, we Christians believe in Jesus, Lord of life and death. Only in him do we seek light and strength to fight for life and to face death. Only in him do we find hope for life beyond life.

"I am the resurrection and the life: he who believes in me, even though he dies, will live..."



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March/Māehe

**29: Palm Sunday & Sacramental
Programme Hui #2**

April/Āpereira

- 2: Holy Thursday**
- 3: Good Friday (Office Closed)**
- 5: Easter Sunday**
- 6: Easter Monday**
- 7: Easter Tuesday (Office Closed)**
- 11: 6:45pm Indian Community Meeting**
- 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

Sanele Siaki, Elizabeth Walsh & Mary Rudge

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 Moefaau, Darryl Kemp, Neil McCarthy, Ginger Manavaofa, Lafaele Baice, Audrey McKay, Te Amo Herewini, Mikaele Pritchard, Steve Lauaki, Alexander Brown, Donny Tahir, Jon Maplesden, Cheryl Jory

**Birthday Blessings/
Manaakitanga Huritau**

Margaret McVey, Malialofa Faleono, Diana Kauvalu, Heni Kauvalu, Chaska Guffens, Orlando Vatuvei, Patrick Curran, Cooper O'Donnell, Joel Amosa, Jasmine Singh, Pauline Grainger, Aaron Ryan, Martin Thoman, Ronald Thoman, Arlei Ah Leong, Dona Kurian, Morales Lim, Malia Amato, Reign Mua'au, Vitolio Faalili, Bronson Tuiafitu, Misericordia Kaihau, Easton Kelsall, Carlos Raega, Bryan Ah Ching, Monique Uaine, Ashley Ward, Cesar Cozo, Melanie Su'a, Ava Nguyen, Timothy Fidow, Cristiano Otukolo, Ikenasio Pesamino, Ivy Stirrat, Kalileo Nofoakifolau, Juanito Tevaga, Marie-Lois Nakaora, Danie Apulu, Semo Letufuga, Maisie Wearmouth, Makerita (Rita) Loto, Christina Kolo, Novro Kolo, Ainsleigh Cribb-Su'a, Atonio Sanele, Benita Sumaru-Patel, Telesia Apulu, Andrew Tuiatua, Easter Iakopo, Iulieta Leafa, Kaden Downes, John Vatuvei, Wayne Matthew Lim, Fa'afouinah Oge, Eseni fonise, Doreen Godinet Tuauu, Cesar III Cozo, Eneliko-Peter Fafofi, Fatima Paclar, Talosaga Vise Muliaga Tominiko

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe



Today (Sun 22nd March), there will be an Altar Server's Training at 3pm in the Church. All servers must attend!

FOURTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Samoan Community Stations of the Cross led by the young ones. The fifth Stations of the Cross will be led by the Fijian Community.



WE NEED PALMS!

If you have palms, or know someone who does, we would be grateful for your donation for our Palm Sunday celebration (29th March)! Please bring them to the office.



CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE!

Are you interested in being in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday Morning (10am)? Please contact the Parish office with your name or Fr Kev.

LEGION OF MARY HIKOI IN HOKIANGA



Our Legion of Mary Snrs & Jnrs setting off at 4:15am for their hiko

The Legion welcomed at Motuti



Legion of Mary coming home after their hiko

PARISH & SCHOOL COMBINED VIGIL MASS - 14TH MARCH

THE BLIND MAN'S STORY AND A GOOD SHEPHERD

MUSICAL MOVEMENT



END OF FINANCIAL YEAR RECEIPTS

The end of the financial year is coming up. If you usually get a paper receipt but would prefer to have your receipt emailed instead, please let the office know. Receipts will be processed after Easter, people that get their receipts emailed will have them immediately. Paper receipts will need to be collected from the atrium. We do not send receipts via post. If you need information on how to claim a rebate from Inland Revenue, please contact the office. We are happy to help.



C M DALAG can you please contact the office? We would love to hear from you!

EASTER EGG MOUNTAIN

Goodies can be left in the office or placed in the Offertory basket at Mass. Monte Cecilia Foundation has 600 families they care for.

Any and all contributions are appreciated



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All these committees met this week. The PPC set up an agenda for 2026; the liturgy committee met with the R.C.I.A leaders to coordinate the Easter Vigil and all other Holy Week ceremonies were looked at. The Finance Committee had a long agenda dealing mainly with nuts and bolts around maintenance, health and safety and 31st March end of financial year.

RCIA SECOND SCRUTINY AT 10AM MASS - 15TH MARCH



LENTEN RECONCILIATION RITE 2 LENT 2026

- Papakura 7:30pm **Wednesday 25th March**
- Papatoetoe 7pm **Thursday 26th March**



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

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 Fatongiatu - 0211756198, kaifatongiatu12@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

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.

YEAR A READINGS



29th March

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66

R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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 28th March	8am Sunday 29th March	10am Sunday 29th March	5pm Sunday 29th March
ALTAR SERVER 1	Jacob Brzozowski	Niah England	Leon Dang	Aayan F. Eugene Taupo
ALTAR SERVER 2	Johann Peter Kaihau	Isidro Masoe	Malololelei Rarotonga	Joseph Muller
ALTAR SERVER 3	Josephine Fiso-Lolohea	Levi England	Mataele Takai	Katarina Yavala
ALTAR SERVER 4	Josephine Toilalo	Tyler Utupo	Therese Matautia	Latoya Tully
COMMENTATOR	Lorna Gayatin	Kave Saili+	TONGAN COMMUNITY	Micah Scorrige
LECTOR 1	Mehr Pereira Dsor	Carmelite Manu		Flodelis Tanyag
LECTOR 2	Aryan Pereira Dsor	Catherine Horgan		Crispin Montilde
SP. MINISTER	*Eucharistic Minister	Vivian Pereira	Josefo Kalolo	Mary Bartlett
SP. MINISTER	Crosses belong to the Parish.	Monty Dsor	Steph Lee	Pesi Tuala
SP. MINISTER	Return to the sacristans at end of Mass	Hazel Dela Cruz	Fatima Roberts*	Maryjo Sorrano
SP. MINISTER			Imakulata Tullilo*	Grace Sorrano
SP. MINISTER		Mele Kautai*		Soane Nofokifolau