



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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NOTHING COULD STOP HIM

HOLY WEEK PART 1

But Jesus was not suicidal. Nor was he seeking martyrdom. He never wanted suffering—neither for himself nor for anyone else. He dedicated his life to combating it in the form of illness, injustice, marginalisation, or despair. He lived devoted to a more dignified and joyful world for all.

If Jesus accepts persecution and martyrdom, it is out of fidelity to God's plan. He does not rush toward death, but neither does he back down, not fleeing in the face of threats nor altering his message or retracting his statements.

He could have avoided execution by just remaining silent and not insisting on what might provoke anger in the temple or in the Roman prefect's palace. He continued on his path, preferring to be executed rather than betraying his conscience and being unfaithful to himself and God the Father.

He lived in a climate of insecurity, conflict, and accusations. But he grew more steadfast in his mission and continued to proclaim his message clearly. He dared to speak not only in the remote villages of Galilee, but also in the dangerous surroundings of the temple. Nothing stopped him.

He dies faithful to the God in whom he has always trusted, continuing to welcome everyone, including sinners and outcasts. He dies an "outcast," but his death confirms what his entire life has been: total trust in a God who rejects or excludes no one from his forgiveness.

He is executed on the cross—a punishment reserved for slaves—dies as the poorest and most despised, but his death forever seals his faith in a God who desires the salvation of all peoples.

We discover in Jesus his love and extreme self-giving to humanity. In the love of that crucified one, God himself is identified with all who suffer, crying out against all injustices and forgiving the executioners of all times. In him we Christians place our trust.

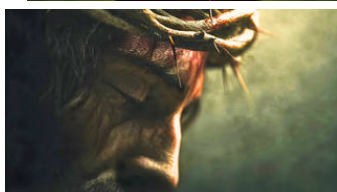
Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday to Golgotha, confirms all this and Easter Sunday is its Vindication



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Nga Mishi Nui.
Fr Tony O'Connor SM,
Parish Priest.



April/Āpereira

- 2: Holy Thursday
- 3: Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 5: Easter Sunday (Daylight Savings End)
- 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
- 28: Feast of St Peter Chanel

May/Mei

- 7: Marriage Preparation Course #1
- 10: Mother's Day & 12pm Tongan Mass
- 14: Marriage Preparation Course #2
- 15: 11am Elmwood Mass
- 17: 12pm Samoan Mass
- 19: 12pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 21: Marriage Preparation Course #3
- 24: Pentecost Sunday, 11:30am Maori Miha & 3pm Sacramental Programme Hui #3
- 28: Marriage Preparation Course #4
- 30: 5:30pm Parish/School Vigil Mass



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, Kirita Ah Loe, Valda Nicklin, Sesilia Latu, Eseneiaso Moefaauo, 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

Philomena Temaraa Itiona, Calvin Siketi, Michelle Rodricks, Maria Pitoula, Cecelia Samuelu, Fiadh Curran, Kristian Ray Agna, Lemisio Siketi Fred Jr Uaia Tefoualiki Siketi, Tamiano Uepi-Mataiti, Madeleine Uaine, Gaylene Kamali, David Loto, Joan Henley, Tuua Vaotuuu, Some Wulf, Misinikani Nofoaikofolau, Soni Tauasa, Silino Tevaga, Dylan Fiu, Gabiel Thomas, Anh Nguyen, Maria Ofisa, Sarona Tauilili, Moungalakepa Lo, Christine Fualalo, Portia Lim, Jamalliett McFarland-Faaliga, Gilon Cameron, Gil Cameron, Jason Borsos, Magdalene Nakaora, Violet Hawes, Timoti Davey, Theresa Simson, Kaufu Ekeieta, Kamatie Ekeieta, Candice Mendonca, Neta Ah Kiau, Lentine Fidow, John Coldicutt, Maria Zinck, Bonyson Gonsalves, Violet Nguyen, Taniela Latu, Oliver Mikaele, Thomas-Aquinas Enoka, Madilyn Abucay, Teri Tuuau, Ilisapeta Halafih, Maria Nguyen, Maria Sanele, Raiden Dawinan, Benedict Fariu, John Galumalemana, Allison Crann

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED RANGITAHY/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.



Philomena Itiona, Nyla Williams, Kite Daleon,
Joachim-Gabrielle Mafivaea, Stephanie Ioane,
Nernard Marnel Payot, Noah Choi, Hailey Ylana Jasareno,
Jathean Ramanior Pita, Azariah Pita & Florisah Sua



FIFTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross led by the Fijian Community and St Cecilia Music Group. The sixth Stations of the Cross will be led by the Divine Mercy Group



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.

SENIORS DAY - 20TH MARCH

No session on Good Friday (first Friday of April), will be back on Friday 17th April



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.



INDIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The next Indian Community Meeting will be Saturday 11th April after Vigil Mass.

BUSY SUNDAY (22ND MARCH) HERE AT ST ANNES

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, 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



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, kaifafatongiatu12@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Young Adults Meeting

Every Sunday
6:30pm-8pm in the Church Lounge
Contact: Malia Faafoi - 02102820142



Third scrutiny (OCIA) with great hope (double) as indicated in the sky leaving the church.



10am Mass Children's Liturgy



Altar Server's Training

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



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION OFFERS HOPE IN WAR-TORN HOLY LAND

Ahead of the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, we are encouraged to offer what we can to help restore hope to the people who reside in the places where Jesus lived. At the veneration of the cross and at the exit of the church, there will be baskets available for offerings.

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

*NO 5:30PM ADORATION

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

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?

YEAR A READINGS



5th April

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 116-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-9

R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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 4th April	8am Sunday 5th April	10am Sunday 5th April	5pm Sunday 5th April
ALTAR SERVER 1	Kieran Brzozowski	Sophia England	Sarona Ioane	Nathan Mugadza
ALTAR SERVER 2	May Leaana	Isaiah Utupo	Tiffany Yape	Patience Mugadza
ALTAR SERVER 3	Mya-Rose Lealaogata	Rita Eti+	Uiti Lemana	Mia Galilea
ALTAR SERVER 4	Priscilla Kaihau	Roslyn England+	Azriel Yape	Pesamina Ah Tong
COMMENTATOR	Josephine Fiso-Lolohea	Malia Fafoi+	Theresa Tulafono	Hoy Neng Wong Soon
LECTOR 1	Mark Baice	Nina Leolaga+*	Margaret Kiely	Elaina Scoringe+
LECTOR 2	Mateo Baice	Lucy Tofa+	Andy Filimaua	Eline Tipasa+
SP. MINISTER	Jose Darwin Dela Cruz	Foa Patelesio Ioane	Laura Tominiko	Evienna Eden Hartman
SP. MINISTER	Alfonso Dela Cruz	Pine Old	Lealo Tuiatua	Hanna Malele
SP. MINISTER	Nicholas Beirne	Pita Eti	Lionel Bureta	Olivia Malele
SP. MINISTER		Sarah Beacom	Lusia Talaia	
SP. MINISTER		Sesilia Eti	Maara Tatari	