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WHERE TO LOOK FOR THE ONE WHO LIVES?

HOLY WEEK PART 2

The disciples did not initially believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. The Gospel speaks of their confusion, of their search around the tomb, their questions, and their uncertainties.

Mary Magdalene, for example, seeks the crucified one in the midst of darkness, "while it was still dark." Looking for him "at the tomb." She does not know that death has been conquered. The emptiness of the tomb leaves her bewildered.

Without Jesus, she feels lost.

The other evangelists speak of women who cannot forget the Master who has accepted them as disciples: their love leads them to the tomb. They do not find Jesus there, but are told where to find him: **"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen."**

In us, faith in the risen Christ is not spontaneous just because we have been told in childhood catechism. **No, for each of us it is a journey to open ourselves to faith in the resurrection of Jesus.**

It is crucial not to forget Jesus, but to love him passionately, and to seek him with all our strength—but never in the world of the dead.

The one who lives must be sought where there is life and not in a religion of external observance of rules but among people who live according to the Spirit of Jesus, in faith, love, and responsibility for others.

We must not seek him in division either, but in peace and with passion for his mission, building families and communities that place Jesus at the centre because **"where two or three are gathered in his name, there he is."**

We won't find him in a stagnant and routine faith, worn out by all kinds of clichés and formulas just to fulfil obligations, but by seeking a new quality in our relationship with him and his people, identifying with all he stands for.

A living Jesus captivates and entices, touches hearts and spreads his freedom." He is the living Christ, raised by the Father who gives life.

Don't be afraid to reach out and seek me in family and community, there you will find me.

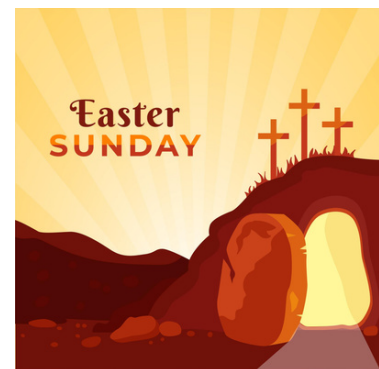
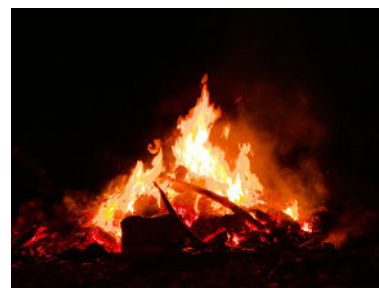


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Nga Māhi Nui.
Fr Tony O'Connor SM.
Parish Priest.



April/Āpereira

- 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
- 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
- 9: 6:30pm Altar Server's Practice & Fun Night
- 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

Pauline Braden-Brown & Veronica May Reilly

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

Birthday Blessings/

Manaakitanga Huritau

Peter Gisa, Antony Cullen, Saili Tafu, Niki Tuusolo, Peter Everatt, Faataualofa Futi, Pesamino Tuilau Pesamino, Haru Takeda, Aries Andrada, Samoa Priscilla Kaihau, Vincent Rae Gledhill, Alfonso Sirilan, Aiga Fea, Frank Lepou, Emily Asiasi, Lesieli Tuitavuki, Zara Sima, Paul Ikenasio, Tumua Pepe Joshua Tuiloli, Uaia Siketi, Robert Lamont, Ane Tauamo, Brooklyn Burgess-loane, Carmelita Vitaliano, Michael Vise Muliaga Tominiko, Felisiano Taulanga, Noah Hampton-Batten, Sanesh Francis, Peniamina Tofa, Josephine Hokai, Rammuni Aylah Silva, Jessica Lataipangai, Mary Loto, Greer Arona, Tomasi Tai, Vinstan Amato, Maleyla Tuala, Kamaliele Manukeu, Marivic Rico, Neil Lauaki, Shane Schwalger

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS



THANK YOU TO THE
KNITTING GROUP
FOR CLEANING THE
CARPET IN THE
LOUNGE

Please make sure to take
care when using our
Lounge space



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

We all know about the traditional celebrations in Holy Week called the Sacred Triduum: Commemoration of the Last Supper on Thursday night (a number of Marist Fathers will come to celebrate with us). During Adoration at the Altar of Repose, led in turn by groups of the Parish. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available should you wish.

Then, on Good Friday, the children and young people will lead us in an outdoor Stations of the Cross at 10am in the church grounds.

In the afternoon, after the official Good Friday service, the men of the Tongan Community will ceremoniously carry the three crosses to the plot by the flag staff on Russell Road. They will place these crosses as a testimony of this Holy Week and the symbolism of our Christian Way. After this, there will be Hot Cross buns, courtesy of the Indian Community, should you wish.

At 8am on Saturday, there will be an audiovisual reflection of the last seven phrases of Jesus and the seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary (in the Hall).

At 7pm on Saturday night we will have the Paschal Vigil, in which 16 people will be baptised and another 16 from other Christian denominations will be received into full communion in the Catholic Church.

On Easter Sunday, the Masses will be celebrated as usual, 8am, 10am and 5pm.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER
TUESDAY (7TH APRIL 2026)**

MONTE CECILIA EASTER EGG MOUNTAIN

Many thanks for the contributions of Easter Eggs to the Monte Cecilia Foundation for the many Children they care for through their housing scheme and more. Any other contributions left in the Parish will now pass on to our Food Bank.



INDIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

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



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

Friday Adoration

Every Friday

6:30pm in the Chapel

Contact: Lata, 0210 817 1178



SENIORS DAY

10AM - 1PM

17TH APRIL

SUNDAY

Samoan Sunday School

Every Sunday

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

Contact: Iuni Terry - 0272431887,
luni.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



ST ANNE'S EASTER SCHEDULE 2026

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

Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than any suffering or darkness we may encounter.
 - Saint Padre Pio



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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



REBUILD BANK ACCOUNT

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

PREVIOUS OFFERINGS Feb - \$36 170.83 March - \$46 680.37

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.

YEAR A READINGS



12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

R: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS: APRIL 2026

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR & SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

	5:30pm Vigil Saturday 18th April	8am Sunday 19th April	10am Sunday 19th April	5pm Sunday 19th April
ALTAR SERVER 1	Isaac Tokona	Niah England	Grace Lemana	Thomas Enoke
ALTAR SERVER 2	Isabella Tokona	Peter J Eti	Fay Rarotonga	Salamina Tipasa+
ALTAR SERVER 3	Jacob Brzozowski	Roslyn England+	Jackson Changaiya	Anoshken Kiritharan
ALTAR SERVER 4	James Abong	Tyler Utupo	Kym Chute	Avishken Kiritharan
COMMENTATOR	Matthew Norman	Etuate Manu	Penina Ifopo	Micah Scorringe
LECTOR 1	Rose Agana	Anne Finau	Maliana Manu+	Addison Scorringe+
LECTOR 2	Nick Agana	Celesmaria Hansell	Martha Ligamate	Michelle Scorringe
SP. MINISTER	*Eucharistic Minister	Maniapoto Vuna	Annie Tatireta	Susana Nof'o'akifolau*+
SP. MINISTER	Crosses belong to the Parish.	Gabriel P Tully	Diane Pilimai	Aiavao Muliaga-loane*
SP. MINISTER	Return to the sacristans at end of Mass	Monica Brzozowski	Dinesh Chand	Aimalefoa Patelesio loane*
SP. MINISTER			Joseph Tucker	Anah-Maria loane
SP. MINISTER			Kave Salli+*	Andy Filimaua