

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Whip of Cords

We see Jesus angry. We see his north side. The once business-like order of the temple was now a scene of chaos. Escaping doves fluttered overhead. Untethered oxen were wandering through the jumble of tables and boxes as Jesus surveyed the aftermath of his work. Some are troubled by this scene. Why would Jesus get angry? There is fear that this shows him as too "human".

The money changers, the ancient equivalent of the ATM, were still scrambling to find all the coins that were spilled when Jesus overturned their table. Other vendors were rolling up their wares and retreating.

A crowd of onlookers had quickly gathered. One man from the crowd, hoping to see a fight, shouted at Jesus, "Who do you think you are with your whip and your big mouth?" Another voice added: "He must be crazy". "Get the rabbi," another shouted. Jesus knew their hearts. They had little time for God. They had little concern for their temple which had been reduced to a public market. They had even less interest in the message of Jesus. There was a pall of hopelessness about the scene, but they would all be back in the morning. Business as usual.

Lent changes our lives once a year, overturning our tables. Lent challenges us to think about our interests, our positions, and our transgressions. Lent asks us to examine the way we live, and the integrity of our relationship with God. During Lent, we may uncover obstacles which keep us from living our faith to the fullest.

Jesus asks us, "What is this doing in your life? Get it out; it's blocking your path to me". Then Jesus will hand us his whip of cords so we can use it to drive the obstacles away, those things in the temple of our hearts that need "driving out" this Lent.

Jesus claims God's house. As a child of God, how do you stand in relationship to God's house?

We Respond ...

Who in your life is particularly in need of respect, kindness, or compassion?
How can you make a difference to this person?

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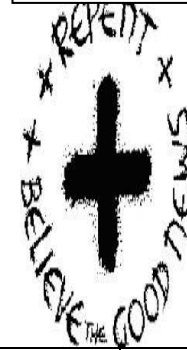


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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT- Year B

4th March 2018

MASS: Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 9.30am
Monday to Friday 7.00am & Fridays 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 8.00am

The Holy Rosary

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9-9.30am

Mass for Sick & Elderly – 25TH Mar. 2018 at 12.00 noon

1st Friday Mass – 6th April 2018

Tamil Mass 3rd March, 7:00 pm / Fijian Mass 11th Mar 3:00 pm

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 3rd March 2018 5:00 p.m.	Samantha Rodrigues Kenneth Mascarehnas	Lazarus Serrao Adelia Serrao Wilfred Mascarehnas Cynthia Mascarehnas Margaret Koay	Zoisha Chiara Matthew Aaron Kimberly	Parish Youth
Sunday 4th March 2018. 9:30 a.m.	Parish Youth	Fredrick Quadros Lydia Quadros Tiololo Otufangavalu Frances Fa'poi Bro. Micheal Goh	Nivelei Radelle Meela Stephan Ana	

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 10th March 2018 5:00 p.m.	Meliena Mascarehnas Anita Casterlino	Ferdanind Pinto Selma Pinto Diana Gomes Mathias Gomes Jeffery Rodrigues	Marika Dalia Matthew Leander Nelisa	Tongan Community
Sunday 11th March 2018. 9:30 a.m.	Tongan Community	Luc Marie Blanche D'Cuhna Bro. Micheal Goh Monica Austin Tasala Abeta	Emmanuela Paje Jared Greta Christina	

Please Recite after Holy Communion

Priestly/Religious Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 4th Mar 2018

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 or 17:3-7
Psalm 19B p.29 or 95 p.104
Second Reading: Corintians 1:22-25 or Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel: John 2:13-25 or John 4:5-42

Liturgy of the Word- Sunday 11th Mar 2018

First Reading: 2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 or 1Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Psalm 137 p.146 or 23 p.32
Second Reading Eph:2:4-10 or Eph. 5:8-14
Gospel John 3:L14-21 or John 9:1-41

Sunday Offering for 25th Feb 2018

1st Collection: \$ 560
2nd Collection: \$ 1121

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers For The Sick

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick:

Michael Brady, Virginia Faye Perelini, Regina Lee, Gloria Cruz, Monique Simon, Emily Matthews, Ali Ahmed, Ana Hiliate, Mafi Lelea, Rosemary Cannon, Jenny Toh, Leo Ziglani, Peter McConnel, Anamalia Vakameilalo, Fatima Rodrigues, Vyga Sanu, Tuala Akeli, Tafu Tuala, Anna Maria Coelho, Irene Makanga, Elena Roman, Siosianna Tuli, Po'e Heather, Neil Almeida, Philomena Stevens, Fili Otufangavalu, Telesia Folaumahina, Babs (Bridgette) Lyons, & Shirley Mathews..

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially:

Obert Coutinho, Gladys Lopez, Philomena Pinto, Bradley, Betty Drinnan, Wenceslaus Anthony, Jacob Saldanha, Peter R. Drinnan, Ngairé, Wim Bolscher, Finau Schaaf, Betty Coutinho, OlaDevit, Lila Vaiaoga, Rev. Msgr. Lui Tevaga, Carmeline D'cruz, Diego Coelho, Percy Nazareth, Mele Toloa, Felix Giborees, Rosy Vaz, Jerome Aranha,
Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

St Therese Parish News

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at 7.00pm followed by Holy Mass

09th March – Samoan Community
16th March – Indian community
23rd March – Youth

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During LENT 2018 our church will be open every Wednesday (Wed 7th March to Wed 28th March) from 7pm to 8pm for **Quiet Prayer and Confession.**

During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with candles and light music. Parishioners are invited to come and pray in silence.

Meeting

Parish Council meeting 04th Mar 2018 after the 9.30 am mass
Liturgy committee meeting 6 March 2018 at 7.15 pm
Fundraising committee meeting 15th Mar. 2018 at 7.15 pm
Finance Committee Meeting 22nd March, 2018

Save the Date - EASTER SOCIAL

Date: Saturday, 7 April 2018
From: 6:30pm – 10:30pm
Venue: St. Therese Church Hall
Organisers: Fundraising Committee

More details to follow... Watch the Space!

Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be no Divine Mercy Devotion till Easter. Only First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. Mass on other Friday evenings will resume during Lent and will be held after Stations of the Cross.

Mass for the Sick & Elderly - 25th Mar at 12.00 noon

A special Mass is held every 4th Sunday of the month for the Sick and Elderly. The mass is at 12.00 noon. Anointing of the sick is held during the mass

St John Paul II Auckland Rosary

Every Saturday at 12.00 noon a 20 decade rosary is prayed in our church

DRCNZ – Lenten Retreat IN AUCKLAND

Rev Fr Joby George VC from the Divine Retreat Centre (Potta) India now based in Sydney, Australia will be conducting a Lenten Retreat on 3rd and 4th March 2018. Please bring your family and friends along. No registration required. **Website: drcnewzealand.org**

Details:
3rd March from 7 to 9.00p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Glen Eden
4th March from 1 to 7.00p.m. at St John Vianny Church, Hillsborough

Auckland Catholic Diocese News

Time Out Day 7 March 2018

Join us for a day of Lenten Reflection @ The Friary from 9.30 am – 2.30pm all for a Gold Coin offering. A simple lunch will be provided. Contact 09 625 6651 or email admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz
Bookings essential for catering purposes. 50 Hillsborough Rd, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1042

Guided Stations of the Cross every Saturday in March 10am – 11am

Meet at the lower carpark of the Friary. These will be held in the grounds wet or fine, so please come prepared with gumboots and raincoats. **No Charge**
Contact 09 625 6651 or email admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

40 Days for Life starts 14th February (Ash Wednesday):

40 Days for Life is one way you can make a real difference! Everyone can participate. Will you stand in prayer for just one hour this Lent for the unborn and their mothers? It is now time for you to sign up your hours at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or text "40 Days" to 021 825 955.

The Auckland vigil will run from Ash Wednesday 14th February until Palm Sunday 25th March. From 8am till 8pm daily with small groups of volunteers coming together to pray in one-hour shifts on the sidewalk at 283-289 Dominion Road Mt. Eden across the road from AMAC abortion facility. For more information, please call Family Life International on (09) 629 4361 (Auckland) or (04) 237 8343 (Wellington) or contact Talia on 02102979921 (Christchurch)

40 Days for Life UPDATE: Proof that love saves lives: This week we celebrated the amazing news that, as a direct result of your presence and prayers at AMAC and by the grace and mercy of almighty God, not one but two babies lives have been saved from abortion and their families will enjoy the blessings of new life. All praise and glory to God! The mothers and babies desperately need the prayers and sacrifices to continue. It's not too late to join this amazing apostolate of prayer and community outreach.

Public Talk – An evening with Raymond de Souza: Delegate for International Missions for Human Life International and EWTN host Raymond de Souza will be giving a public talk entitled "What is Good and Evil? Who Decides". Thursday 8th March at 7:00pm at the Holy Family Parish Hall, behind the Church at 94 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. All welcome. For more information call us on 021 825 955.

Catholic Womens League

There will be a Garage Sale organized on 10th March from 8:30am to 11:30 am at St. John Vianny Hall to set up a Mission Station for Fiji.

St Vincent de Paul

For assistance / Make donations, please contact: Rosemary Giborees on 027 2833140

NZ CATHOLIC
Feb 25-10 Mar.

1. National priests' assembly returns to South.
2. Discipleship College gets new home.
3. Tongan to help advise Pope.
4. Home of Compassion has open day.



I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

Pope Francis Lenten message 2018

Mercy Spirituality Centre

- Pondering St John's Gospel:
- Lent Series with FR STUART SELLAR, Thurs' 1, 8, 15 & 22 Mar 7pm-9pm. \$15 each
- Discerning the Threads of Connectedness with ELIZABETH SNEEDEN rscj Wed 7 Mar. 10am-12 noon \$15 incl. morning tea.

See our website for more details.
Bookings essential.
104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

St Therese School News

We are taking enrolments for all year levels – 1 to 8. If you have a child or know of a family looking for a school for their children, please come along for a visit and find out all about us.
We have Breakfast Club, before school supervision and after school Navigators club for years 4 to 8. Interim Reports will be sent home on Friday 2 March. There will be a Teacher / Parent meeting from 1 – 5pm on Tuesday 6 March. School will finish at the usual time. Please make an appointment to come and talk to child's teacher.