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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Genesis 9:8–15

Psalms 25

1 Peter 3:18–22

Gospel Mark 1:12–15

**“At once the spirit sent him out into
the wilderness”**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Eileen Leonard & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Genesis 22:1–2,9–13,15–18

Psalms 116b

Romans 8:31–34

Gospel Mark 9:2–10

**‘This is my Son, the beloved; listen to
him’**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

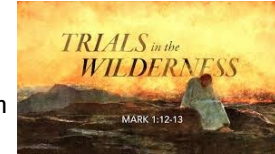
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During Advent, in each year of the three-year cycle, the theme of the first week looks to the end times—the eschaton—with an emphasis on the second coming of Jesus and the need to be ready.

In the early church, there was an expectation that Jesus would return quickly. In their post-Easter faith, believers knew that Jesus had been taken up to heaven at the ascension (a man travelling abroad, as mentioned in this gospel?) and that he was remaining with God until the time came for him to return in triumph. For Mark, it is now the church that waits and must remain always ready to greet the master on his return. The 'waiting' theme of Advent is established: we await the birth of the child and we await the fulfilment of human history at the end times when Jesus comes again.



Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time of final preparation for people who will be receiving the sacraments at Easter.



E te Ariki, Lord Jesus, as we start our Lenten Journey this year, help us to open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice in new ways. Water the seeds of faith to prepare us to help bring Your kingdom here on Earth. Even in challenging times, help us to proclaim the Good News and stand as Your witness at all times and in all things, and in all places.

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TIME FOR PREPARATION

Te wā mō te takatū
Mark 1: 9–15



REST IN PEACE

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Schouten families on the passing of their brother and uncle,

John Schouten, late January.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Rest in Peace John

Eternal Rest Grant unto Him O Lord.

St Mary's College Past Pupils Assoc.

Ponsonby is hosting a Cocktail Party on St Mary's Staff Room Deck overlooking the Harbour. The event will take place on Thursday March 14th

6pm – 8pm, Tickets \$50. Contact Pat Goddard at patgoddard@xtra.co.nz for information and tickets.

News from the Diocese

What's happened and what is coming up. The February edition is now up <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>

In the biblical tradition, a mountain is often used to situate close encounters between God and his people. In this text, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine. Those who join Jesus are significant: Moses was the receiver of the Law and Elijah was the first prophet. Here the Law and the Prophets, the fullness of Scripture, meet Jesus transfigured. Understandably, the disciples are terrified and Peter suggests they build three tents. This would allow them to remain on the mountain and contemplate the face of God. But this is to misunderstand the true call of the disciple. Gazing Heavenwards is not enough – the disciples must also listen and act. The mystery of this response will only become clear when placed in the context of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There can be no side stepping of the cross and its invitation to all who are followers of Jesus that they too must lose themselves for the sake of others.



CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—
next on 3RD MARCH
DUTY: Frances Crooymans



E te Atua o ngā Maunga, God of the Mountains, we stand in awe of You! Sometimes life is tough and Your plan for us is not clear. We choose to follow Your instruction to listen to Jesus more. Let us be transformed by Your light, so that those we encounter will draw closer to You.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 1st March St Paschal's will be hosting the 'World Day of Prayer' for Palestine with the Co-operating Church parishioners assisting. Everyone is very welcome to attend and it starts at 10am in our Church. Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea.

The theme is:

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

The CWL meeting will be held afterwards in our Church Hall as usual. Any enquiries phone Kay on 021 268 1472



LIONS CLUB OF NGATEA
FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 10TH MARCH AT COLLEGE
GROUNDS
10.30—1.30

A fun day out for the family where everything is free!
 Bouncy castle, family race, fire engine rides, face painting, sausage sizzle, crafts, magic carpet rides, live music and more



MINISTERS – 3RD MARCH 2024

GREETER: Eileen Leonard
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Laurel Blakey & Fel Aralar
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

MINISTERS – 10TH MARCH 2024

GREETER: Colleen Jordan
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Stephen Crooymans & Eileen Leonard
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

READINGS – 3RD MARCH 2024

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19b
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel John 2:13-25



READINGS – 10 MARCH 2024

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137
Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel John 3:14-21

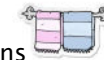


SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 28th February with two sessions available at 10am and 1pm
Applications online at:
www.sacredheart.school.nz

CHURCH LINEN

FEBRUARY Frances Crooymans
MARCH Phyllis Hayward



NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

ST PASCHAL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

HAURAKI PLAINS PARISH
02-0108-0707550-00
COROMANDEL REGION HOUSE ACCOUNT
02-0108-0706566-001



Feb 23 Helen Reynolds

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Moya Lynch, Michael Lynch, Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the months of February: Eileen Hicks, Bishop Gerry, Maggie Tawhiti, Piet Lighthart, Frank Leonard, Terry Leonard, Mary Unternahrer.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.