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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

FIFTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Job 7:1–4,6–7

Psalm 147A

1 Corinthians 9:16–19,22–23

Gospel Mark 1:29–39

“He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another”



MINISTERS

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: L Hayward

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

SIXTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13:1–2,45–46

Psalm 32

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Gospel Mark 1:40–45

“Jesus heals a man with leprosy”



MINISTERS

GREETER: Frances Chaplow

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Croymans

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Croymans & Fel Aralar

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

In touching Simon's mother-in-law and then allowing her to serve him, Jesus is breaking down traditional barriers. He brings wholeness and holiness to her by his presence. The Kingdom of God cannot tolerate prejudice and taboo just as sickness and evil have no place in the Kingdom.

This text shows us a typical day for Jesus—the first of his ministry. He listens to the Word of God, then worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friend; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn, he withdraws alone to develop his relationship with the Father through prayer. There is a wonderful pattern of balance here between prayer, work and rest.

When the disciples find him, they want him to return to Capernaum to the acclaim he is receiving. Instead, Jesus insists that the boundaries of the Kingdom be pushed out. The Kingdom of God must reach further and further. It is for this that he came!

BACK TO SCHOOL

As most schools have resumed last week we offer our best wishes to our students and teachers as they prepare for a new year.



We hope exam results were positive and that all have had a good summer break and are now ready to get back to reality.

We offer special good wishes to those facing a new challenge this year – starting a new school, first day at college or first year at university.

May the year ahead be enjoyable and may the Holy Spirit fill you all with wisdom and understanding.



We welcome our new Parish Priest, Father Rob O'Brien who has come to us from St Mary's Parish in Mt Albert, Auckland. We wish him well in his time with us!

WAITANGI DAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024

Waitangi Day commemorates the first signing of New Zealand's founding document – the Treaty at Waitangi in 1840. In 1840, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs signed what is New Zealand's founding document. The day was first officially commemorated in 1934, and it has been a public holiday since 1974.

The Waitangi Treaty Grounds where the document was first signed is a great place to learn about the Treaty of Waitangi any time of the year.



"I do will it." These four little words are worth digging into and pondering. At first, we may read these words quickly and miss their depth and significance. We may simply jump to that which Jesus wills and miss the fact of His willing itself. But His act of willing is significant. Sure, that which He willed is significant also. The fact that He cured a leper has great meaning and significance. Certainly it shows us His authority over nature. It shows His almighty power. It shows that Jesus can heal all wounds that are analogized by leprosy. But don't miss those four words: "I do will it."

Jesus also adds "...will it." So Jesus is not just making a personal choice here or a personal commitment about His own life and convictions; rather, His words are an action that is effective and that makes a difference for another. The mere fact that He wills something, and then sets that will into motion by His words, means something happened. Something changed. An act of God was accomplished.

The leprosy is a clear sign of our own weaknesses and sin. It's a clear sign of our fallen human nature and weakness. It's a clear sign that we cannot heal ourselves. It's a clear sign that we need the Divine Healer. When we acknowledge all of these realities and truths, we will be in a position, just like this leper, to turn to Jesus, on our knees, and beg His action in our lives.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK
11TH FEBRUARY 2024**

An observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

World Day of the Sick serves as a reminder of the human capacity for compassion and care, especially in the face of suffering and illness. It calls upon individuals, communities, and institutions to extend a helping hand and offer solace to those in need.

Whether through acts of service, prayer, or reflection, this day invites us to recognize the inherent dignity of every person and the importance of solidarity in the journey towards healing and well-being.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Combined Service to be held on
Wednesday 14th February at
St Paschal's



—Time to be confirmed

'All are from the dust and to dust all return'

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 8th February @ 7.30pm

2024 ROSTERS

New rosters are ready and they will be emailed to everyone today and will also be on our website.

For those without internet there will be some copies available today on the desk in the entrance foyer.

There will NO Pancake Night this year!

MINISTERS – 18th FEBRUARY 2024

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

MINISTERS – 25th FEBRUARY 2024

GREETER: Moya Lynch
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main
COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Kay Brydon & Simon Main
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

READINGS – 18th FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25
1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Mark 1:12-15



READINGS – 25th FEBRUARY 2024

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Psalm 116b
Romans 8:31-34
Gospel Mark 9:2-10



FLOWERS

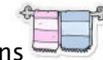
10 Feb Kay Brydon



NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

CHURCH LINEN

FEBRUARY Frances Crooymans
MARCH Phyllis Hayward



ST PASCHAL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

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



Feb 1 Elizabeth Schouten
3 Stephen Crooymans
Paul Wallace
11 John Reynolds
14 Alice Douglas
16 Catherine Dela Rosa

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, 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.