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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Exodus 20:1–17

Psalms 19b

1 Corinthians 1:22–25

Gospel John 2:13–25

'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: L Blakey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Fel Aralar

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

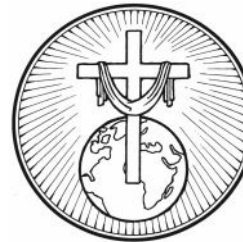
2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

Psalms 137

Ephesians 2:4–10

Gospel John 3:14–21

'God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Croymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Croymans & Eileen Leonard

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

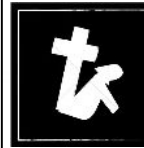
In John's Gospel, hostility exists between Jesus and the Jews from the very beginning of his public ministry. This is probably a reflection of the situation in which John's community finds itself – that of being excluded from the practice of Judaism after Christians had been ousted from Synagogue worship.

If we read this text only as an example of Jesus' righteous anger over the greed of those who controlled commerce in the Temple precinct, we miss much of the point that John is making. The Jews believed that the offering of sacrifice to God in the Temple was a central part of their religious observance. Jesus now brings that practice to an end. He speaks of his own body as the new Temple, the new centre of worship. Effectively, Jesus is reinterpreting the religious traditions of the Jews to centre in himself. He becomes the physical embodiment of 'my Father's house.' He is the living Temple of the Father's presence among us.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS TODAY
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

DUTY: Frances Crooymans



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Will be held on
Wednesday evenings
during Lent at 5pm.**

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

TODAY, after Mass.

Come along to hear how your Parish is going, both Financially and Spiritually.

We are always keen to have new members join the council so please give this some thought.



**TE RĀ O NGĀ
TAMARIKI 3rd March
CHILDREN'S DAY 2024**

Whānau

Safe, loving, supportive whānau and communities surrounding tamariki will help them to grow and flourish.

Kōrero

Talking with tamariki and really listening to what they say makes them feel heard and builds their confidence.

Aroha

You can never spoil a child with too much aroha. Showing warmth and affection builds trust and positive self-esteem.

E te Ariki, te Reme o te Atua,

Jesus, Lamb of God, helps us to see the things we need to change in our lives to be more like You. Give us the courage to act justly, love tenderly and to walk humbly even when it may challenge the status quo.

Āmene

Nicodemus comes in search of truth but has difficulty in accepting who Jesus is. He struggles to reach beyond the understanding of his upbringing within Judaism. In a sense, Jesus' words to him are a reassurance that if he publicly embraces faith in Jesus, his life will be saved. Condemnation only comes to those who have had the opportunity to embrace faith but have refused it.

In John's Gospel, the greatest moment in Jesus' life is the moment of his death on the cross. This is not simply a moment of suffering and death but a spiritual exultation, because it is at this moment that God's love for the world is made manifest. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" so that we could have life. The only proper response to this great love and gift of life is to choose light and not darkness.



E te Atua o te Aroha,

God of Love, thank you for Your unending love that we experience as Your sons and daughters. We know that You loved us so much that You were prepared to give Your only Son so that we could have life everlasting. Reveal how love could become a common language for us all to understand one another and to share together.

Āmene

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024

Lent is a time of conversion and freedom

The theme, "Through the desert God leads us to freedom which is inspired by the passage from the Book of Exodus, (Ex 20:1-17)

He invites the faithful to "pause" for prayer and to assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 14th March @ 7.30pm

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

Loving God,
as we continue our Lenten journey
make our voices strong and vibrant in
the cause of justice,
forgive us our times of greed,
pettiness, and discord,
heal us of all that separates us from
you.
May our words, thoughts and actions
give you praise and glory.

MINISTERS – 17TH MARCH 2024

GREETER: Ross Brydon
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Simon & Kate Main
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans



READINGS – 17TH MARCH 2024

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51
Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel John 12:20-33



READINGS – 24TH MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY

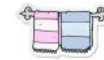
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Mark 14:1-15



NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

CHURCH LINEN

MARCH Phyllis Hayward
APRIL Alice Douglas



ST PASCHAL'S BANK ACCOUNTS

HAURAKI PLAINS PARISH
02-0108-0707550-00



COROMANDEL REGION HOUSE ACCOUNT
02-0108-0706566-001



Mar	9	Maureen Mangan
	12	Phoebe Jennens
	14	Amy Croymans
		Dot Chipman
		Lucy Roskam

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 March: Keith Managh, Eileen Connors, Margaret Broad, Mel Bowen, Ronnie Blackmore, Trevor Pye, Min Spreuwenberg, Ari Schouten, Lolet Billings, Anne O'Sullivan.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.