



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025**

**READINGS—YEAR C**

**SIXTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Jeremiah 17:5–8

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12.16–20

Gospel Luke 6:17.20–26

**“Jesus came down with them and  
stood on a level place”**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: L Blakey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: J Reynolds

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Frances Chaplow & Fel Aralar

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2025**

**READINGS—YEAR C**

**SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Samuel 26:2.7–9.12–13.22–23

Psalms 103

1 Corinthians 15:45–49

Gospel Luke 6:27–38

**“But love your enemies, do good to  
them, and lend to them without  
expecting to get anything “**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kay Brydon & Eileen Leonard

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

Luke takes care to alert us to who is present at this gathering. There are the newly formed twelve special friends of Jesus as well as many other disciples and both Jews and foreigners who come out of curiosity. The words of Jesus are meant for all but are especially addressed to his disciples.

Luke does not speak of 'the poor in spirit' or 'those who hunger and thirst for justice' as Matthew does. Luke is much more interested in the lived experience of those who are literally poor, hungry and suffering. They were the ones who were persecuted under the status quo of their day, and it was they who had an openness to the new order announced by Jesus' preaching of the kingdom. The powerful, who directed the established order of the day, could not bear such a challenge to their own position and thus they will 'drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal' for preaching the new order of God's kingdom. Such is the challenge to those who are disciples.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK  
11TH FEBRUARY 2025**

The World Day of the Sick is observed each year on February 11, the liturgical commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, with an especially solemn celebration taking place every three years at a Marian shrine.

However, in view of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has chosen to delay for one year the solemn celebration that would normally occur in 2025.

The solemn commemoration of the World Day of the Sick will now take place in 2026, at the Marian Sanctuary of the Virgin of Chapi of Arequipa in Peru.

**Did you know that this text is commonly known as the 'Beatitudes', from the Latin meaning 'blessing'.**



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
NEXT —2ND MARCH**

**HAPPY ARE THOSE THAT HOPE IN THE LORD.**

In last week's gospel, the disciples learned that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping for anything in return. In Jesus is located God's self-revelation, God's actions in and for the world, his plan for salvation and its fulfilment. Followers of Jesus must act in these ways precisely because they are the ways of God.



### STORY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion? How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23?

You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross.

To register please email [pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz](mailto:pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz) to be sent the online link.

Did you know that this gospel contains the most challenging of all the Christian commandments and probably the most difficult to keep: love your enemies and do good to those who hurt you.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Mass will be held at St Paschals on Wednesday 5th March—

TIME TO BE ADVISED

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



**Bishop Steve Speaks** tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist *Bishop Steve Speaks* to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW\\_-gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDAh6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW_-gsxny4e)

Respond practically to one of Jesus' commands in this gospel—such as by praying for those who treat you badly, showing compassion to someone or forgiving someone who has wronged you.

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**MINISTERS – 2nd MARCH 2025**

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans  
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Alice Douglas & Kate Main  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**MINISTERS—9th MARCH 2025**

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward  
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman  
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Stephen Crooymans & Simon Main  
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 2nd MARCH 2025  
EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7  
Psalm 92  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Gospel Luke 6:39-45



**READINGS – 9th MARCH 2025  
FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Psalm 91  
Romans 10:8-13  
Gospel Luke 4:1-13



**FLOWERS**

W/E 22 Feb Frances Chaplow  
W/E 1 Mar Laurel Blakey  
W/E 8 Mar LENT—no flowers



Feb 23 Helen Reynolds

**CHURCH LINEN**

FEBRUARY Laurel Blakey  
MARCH Lorraine Hayward



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday 20th February @ 6pm

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ray Karl, Michael Lynch, Geoff Patterson, Frank and Nick Walsh.

**If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on 07 868 6169 and leave a message. Father will get back to you.**

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

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.