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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

READINGS—YEAR C

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Exodus 3:1–8,13–15

Psalms 103

1Corinthians 10:1–6,10–12

Gospel Luke 13:1–9

**'No, I tell you; but unless you repent,
you will all likewise perish.'**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: A Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Frances Chaplow & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025

READINGS—YEAR C

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalms 34

2Corinthians 5:17–21

Gospel Luke 15:1–3,11–32

**'Your brother here was dead and has
come to life.'**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Frances Chaplow

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

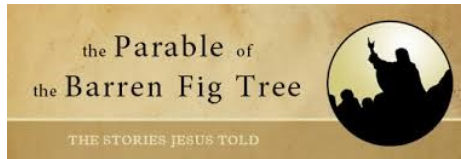
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Eileen Leonard & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

This gospel is really about the loving care and patience of God. It was commonly believed that a loving God could not be responsible for terrible calamities that befell people, but that these events must somehow be a result of their own sinfulness. Jesus takes the opportunity to say that the recent deaths of both Galileans and inhabitants of Jerusalem did not mean that they were any more sinful than others. They were no more deserving of death than anyone else. Indeed, we must not look to the sinfulness of others but to our own need for repentance.

The parable of the owner of the vineyard tells of God's infinite patience in dealing with the sinfulness of humans. Despite our failings, God will graciously allow us time to produce our best fruit. The theme of this gospel—God's forgiveness and care— will be taken up in the gospels of the next two weeks.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday's during Lent
at 5.30pm

Easter Masses

GOOD FRIDAY—Ngatea at 3.00pm

HOLY THURSDAY—Thames at 7.00pm

SATURDAY VIGIL—Thames at 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY—Ngatea at 10.30 with
Father Joseph Doan

RITE 1 RECONCILIATION



ON APRIL 9TH
FROM 5.15pm
BEFORE THE
STATIONS OF THE
CROSS

TUESDAY 25TH MARCH—ANNUNCIATION

DAY OF PRAYER FOR FAMILY LIFE

'Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. What we have been promised is greater than we can imagine. May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us.'
- Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia (On Love in the Family), 325.



E te Atua o te Atawhai, God of Compassion, the fig tree was given another year to bear fruit and a second chance. As you show us patience, grace and compassion, may we be patient, gracious and compassionate with one another.
Āmene.

REPENTANCE AND THE FATHER'S LOVE

The parable of the prodigal son is unique to the Lukan Gospel and it explains to us the unconditional love God has for humanity. If we are to summarize the whole parable in three words, they would be i) losing ii) finding and iii) rejoicing. First of all, dividing the property while the father still lives is fine; however, selling it would be something unusual. In general, the children could claim the property only after the death of the father. Therefore, the younger son selling the property and squandering it would have caused unbearable pain in the heart of the father. This action is the sign of the death of the Father-Son relationship. This is 'losing'. Secondly, the son repents. He wishes to come back to the father but is hesitant. He gathers up his courage and comes back. While the son was far away, the father could recognize him. He comes running to the son, rather than the son doing so. The son took the first step of returning to the father while the father took an extra step welcoming the son back home. He confesses his sins, but the father's attention is on the son and not on the long list of his sins. This is 'finding'. Thirdly, the father clothed him restoring his position, put a ring on his fingers restoring his authority and put sandals on his feet restoring the sonship. This is 'rejoicing'. Let us pray: Lord, make me realize Your love and let me repent and come back to You.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Friday 4th April

Meeting will follow 10am Mass

This Mass will also be an Anointing Mass



God of Peace, e te Atua o te Rangimārie,
may we listen deeply to each other and
be open to change. Help us all to re-
spond to your call to promote peace and
be true peacemakers. Āmene.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND:

The Bishops Conference has recently launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at:

<https://cathnewsnz.com/>

MINISTERS – 6TH APRIL 2025

GREETER: Moya Lynch
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: John Reynolds
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman
COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Alice Douglas & Simon Main
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

READINGS – 13TH APRIL 2025

PASSION SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Luke 22:14-23



READINGS – 6TH APRIL 2025

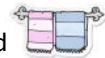
FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel John 8:1-11



CHURCH LINEN

MARCH Lorraine Hayward
APRIL Frances Croymans



LENT—NO FLOWERS



Mar	26	Albert Dela Rosa
	27	Michael Lynch
April	5	Patrick Jennens

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

**NEXT—6TH APRIL
Duty—Simon Main & Josie Clark**

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

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

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.