



ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025

READINGS—YEAR C

EIGHTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Ecclesiasticus 27:4–7

Psalms 92

1 Corinthians 15:54–58

Gospel Luke 6:39–45

'He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"



MINISTERS

GREETER: Stephen Croymans

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: D Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 9TH MARCH 2025

READINGS—YEAR C

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:4–10

Psalms 91

Romans 10:8–13

Gospel Luke 4:1–13

'Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Croymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Croymans & Simon Main

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DICHOTOMY OF SIGHT One of the most important organs of the senses is our eye. We perceive up to 80 percent of all impressions utilizing our sight. The saying, “The eyes are the windows to the soul” describes the deep connection one feels when looking into another’s eyes. However, like windows, they work both ways – they are not only crucial in seeing into another person’s soul, but also vital in how we view the world around us. Sight and vision keep our minds sharp and alert. For, they connect us with the world and help us make quick assessments of any situation that comes our way.

We often try to find the root cause of our failure outside of us, like Adam and Eve. It tends more towards blaming others or circumstances. Jesus’ approach to this issue, on the other hand, is to seek or identify the fault within oneself. He asks us to remove the speck in our eyes to see clearly and calls for introspection. Without correcting our perspectives and perceptions, we blame the reality outside. We seldom feel the necessity to remedy our sight where the real problem exists. Hence, we are called to allow the Spirit of God cleanse us from within so that we may draw goodness from our inner springs of holiness. May the words of Jesus, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks,” resound in us to bear good fruit for the greater glory of God.

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
TODAY—2ND MARCH
Duty—S Croymans & J Clark**

SHROVE TUESDAY –PANCAKE NIGHT

This is being held at the Parish Hall on **4th March from 5.30pm**. Pancakes will be made earlier so you just need to bring some fillings both savoury and sweet and something to drink. Plates, cutlery and pancakes provided. Really fun social night. A warm welcome to our newer parishioners.

Please come and make this a success so we continue this tradition again.

Ph Ross Brydon on 02102705163 for more details

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

**Mass will be held at St Paschals on
Wednesday 5th March—
TIME—6.30PM**

*‘All are from the dust and to
dust all return’*



PARISH ANNUAL MEETING TODAY AFTER MASS

Please 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

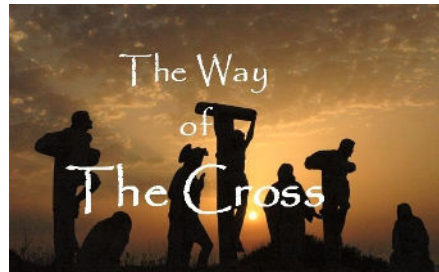


Jesus' fast of forty days in the wilderness recalls the stories of Elijah and Moses, and his temptation recalls the severe testing to which the people of Israel were subjected when they too wandered in the desert. Israel was found wanting and succumbed to the temptations, worshipping false gods, but Jesus uses the word of God to defeat the power of evil: 'Man does not live on bread alone' (Deuteronomy 8:13); 'You must worship the Lord your God' (Deuteronomy 6:13). In testing Jesus, Satan is testing God himself and is dismissed from the story with the words 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test' (Deuteronomy 6:16). Jesus has reversed Israel's experience in the desert and become the founder of a new people.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday evenings during Lent starting
Monday 10th March at 5.30pm



LIONS CLUB OF NGATEA

FAMILY FUN DAY

A fun day out for the family, where
everything is free!

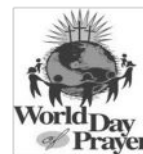


At the Hauraki Plains College grounds
Sunday 9th March
between 10.30am—1.30pm

CHILDREN'S DAY IN NEW ZEALAND (TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI)

Sunday 2nd March

Lord Jesus we pray for all parents in supporting, protecting and loving their children. Help us to support those around us in the ups and downs of family life. Inspire us to notice the difficulties and take the first steps to act for families in times of need. We pray that all families feel your loving embrace. Amen



World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March

This year the CO-
Operating Church are
hosting. Theme is from the Cook
Islands—"I made you wonderfully"
Time: 10am followed by morning tea.
All welcome

CWL meeting will be held afterwards in
our Church Hall meeting room.

MINISTERS – 16th MARCH 2025

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Croymans
COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Laurel Blakey & Fel Aralar
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

MINISTERS—23rd MARCH 2025

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

READINGS – 16th MARCH 2025

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel Luke 9:28-36



READINGS – 23rd MARCH 2025

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
Psalm 103
1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9



LENT—NO FLOWERS

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 13TH MARCH @ 6PM**

CHURCH LINEN

MARCH Lorraine Hayward
APRIL Frances Croymans



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

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.