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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

READINGS—YEAR C

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:8–14

Gospel John 8:1–11

'Let the person without sin be the first to throw a son.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025

READINGS—YEAR C

PASSION SUNDAY

Procession of Palms: Gospel Luke 19:28–40

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalms 22



Philippians 2:6–11

Gospel Luke 22:14–23

Jesus, Eternal God, humbled himself to be identified with humankind. Those who sought their own importance humiliated Jesus and denied his identity: Messiah, King of the Jews, builder of the Temple. They put him to death, but God raised him up and proclaimed his true identity: Jesus Christ is Lord!

MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK

You can either make contact with Simon to let him know you are available or he may contact you himself.

This Gospel combines the themes which have been emerging during Lent: the goodness and mercy of God and the need for repentance. It is an interesting exercise to concentrate on the woman in this story. She is dragged in by the religious authorities to be used as a 'thing' to test Jesus. In this early period of the encounter, Jesus does not look at the woman or acknowledge her presence, but addresses his response to the crowd and to the scribes and Pharisees. It is only after they have left the scene in shame that he turns his attention to the woman and establishes a personal contact with her, confirming that she is a human person and not a 'thing'. The intimacy of his address to her as 'Woman' echoes the term he uses in addressing his mother. Jesus neither condemns nor condones. He simply accepts the woman as she is and invites her to a new life. It is acceptance and love which allows repentance and change to occur in others.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday's during Lent
at 5pm

Pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the great festivals and who could not find lodging in the city often stayed the night on the Mount of Olives, just outside the city gates.

SAVE THE DATE

POT LUCK LUNCH
AFTER MASS ON
SUNDAY 27TH
APRIL FOLLOWED
BY A TRIVIA QUIZ.



- On the Mount of Olives is a garden area called Gethsemane, which means 'oil press' in Hebrew.

The Mount of Olives offered a spectacular view across to the temple.

NO RITE II RECONCILIATION

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION
AVAILABLE IN NGATEA ON APRIL 9TH
FROM 4.45pm
BEFORE THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



E Hēhu Karaiti, Jesus Christ, we look to you. We are challenged and inspired by the way You lived. May we always be authentic and loving in our words and actions. Help us to be humble and selfless. Āmene.

Passion Sunday, also called Palm Sunday, was already being celebrated in Jerusalem before the year 400. Processions with palms followed the path of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. In following this custom today, we are not simply re-enacting the events of that day, but uniting ourselves with Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection. We celebrate that victory over death and sin and share his suffering so that we may also share his resurrection and the new life it won. The palms used today symbolise Christ's triumph while the cross is the symbol of the death through which his triumph is achieved. Traditionally Catholics place the palms in a position of prominence in their homes as a reminder of the Passion Christ endured for us.



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2025

Supporting Auckland Seminarians

With 11 men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Auckland, we are blessed with our largest intake in many years. Please keep them in your prayers and, if you can, support their formation.

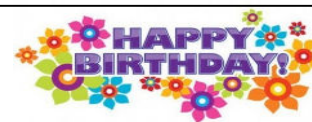
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E Hēhu Karaiti, Christ Jesus our King, we welcome you and cry 'Hosanna'. We celebrate your presence just like those who welcomed you more than two thousand years ago as you journeyed into Jerusalem. Open our hearts as we walk with you Jesus and each other this Holy Week. Āmene.

CHURCH LINEN

APRIL Frances Croymans
MAY Phyllis Hayward



April 18 Bronte Hicks

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 April: Fay Hayward, Mary Young, Des Jordan, Gina Ryan, Seamus Tully, Sr Mary Winter, Martin Kehoe, Fr Munday, Kevin Hayward.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

HOLY THURSDAY—7PM IN THAMES



THE WASHING OF FEET



THE LAST SUPPER



LET THIS CUP PASS

GOOD FRIDAY—3PM IN NGATEA



BEFORE PILATE



THE CROWN OF THORNS



THE CRUCIFIXION

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL— 7PM IN THAMES



THE RESURRECTION



HE LIVES!



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

EASTER SUNDAY—10.30AM IN NGATEA

JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE

READINGS—20th April 2025

Resurrection of the Lord's Passion

Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel John 20:1-9



CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST LIVES AMONG US