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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023

READINGS

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Genesis 12:1–4

Psalm 33

2Timothy 1:8–10

Gospel Matthew 17:1–9

*'This is my Son, the Beloved,
listen to him.'*



GREETER: Stephen Crooymans

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023

READINGS

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

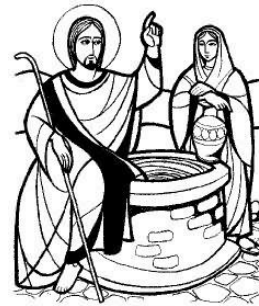
Exodus 17:3–7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1–2,5–8

Gospel John 4:5–42

*'The water that I shall give will turn into
a spring of eternal life.'*



GREETER: Lorraine Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: A Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Jameena Aralar

In the later part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again. He begins his journey towards his fate, but that journey is interrupted by this wondrous moment where he is revealed as the glorious Messiah, the beloved Son of God. In the language of this text, there are echoes of the Jewish expectation of the Messiah coming in glory at the end of time. Through the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this scene, Matthew links Jesus intimately with Jewish expectation. The law, represented by Moses, established a covenant with the chosen people, and it was the role of the prophets, represented by Elijah, to constantly remind the people of their covenant obligations. Both the law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention in human history, and here, Jesus is presented as that intervention. The disciples want to capture this moment and freeze it in time by building shrines, but Jesus is adamant that the journey must continue to its final outcome, which will confirm God's action in human history. It is not until Christ has been raised that the truth of this vision will be known.



HEALING MASS TODAY

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING ON TODAY after Mass.

Hear how your Parish is going, both
Financially and Spiritually.

New members are
always welcome.

Nomination forms
from Frances.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday evenings during
Lent at 7.00pm

Or obtain a copy from Simon so you can
recite at home.

Email: simonmahutu@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S DAY IN NZ- 5TH MARCH

Every year on the first Sunday of March we celebrate a Day of Prayer for Children to recognise how important children are to our communities. This year Sunday, 5th March is the day to celebrate the importance of children and pause to reflect on the way they are treated in New Zealand and around the world. 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



Quenching Your Thirst with Living Water

Today's is the story of a woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She comes to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful woman. At the well she encounters Jesus. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation.

The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He "told me everything I have done."

Interestingly, the woman went away and "left her water jar" by the well. She never actually got the water she came for. Or did she? Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. She was no longer thirsty, at least spiritually speaking. Jesus, the Living Water, satiated.

LIONS CLUB OF NGATEA FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH
AT COLLEGE GROUNDS

10.30—1.30

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

Bouncy castle, face painting, sausage
sizzle, crafts, magic carpet rides, live
music and more

ST PATRICK'S DAY—TUESDAY 17TH MARCH

May the Strength of God pilot us. May
the Power of God preserve us. May the
Wisdom of God instruct us. May the
Hand of God protect us

RECONCILIATION RITE II

An important part of our
preparation for Easter.

NGATEA—WED 15TH MARCH
@ 6 PM

THAMES—WED 22ND MARCH
@ 6PM

Father will also offer
reconciliation after Mass during Lent.



As we approach Holy Week and reflect
on the pain and suffering of Jesus, let
us keep in our prayers those in our
own community suffering their own
pain or hardship. May our Father in
Heaven ease their burden.

MINISTERS – 19th March 2023

GREETER: Frances Chaplow
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 26th March 2023

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

READINGS – 19th March 2023

Fourth Week of Lent

Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel John 9:1-41



READINGS – 26th March 2023

Fifth Week of Lent

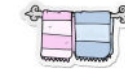
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:8-11
Gospel John 11:1-45



Please pray for Matvei and Maksim Douglas, grandsons of Ian & Alice Douglas from UK, who will be baptised here on 19th March.

CHURCH LINEN

MARCH C Jordan
APRIL L Blakey



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 9TH MARCH @ 7.30PM

FLOWERS
Lent—no flowers



Mar	9	Maureen Mangan
	12	Phoebe Jennens
	14	Amy Crooymans
		Dot Chipman
		Lucy Roskam
	19	Phil Jennens
	18	Amanda Hurlle

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Fay Hayward, Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of March: Keith Managh, Eileen Connors, Margaret Broad, Ronnie Blackmore, Min Spreeuwenberg, Trevor Pye, Ari Schouten, Lolet Billings, Anne O'Sullivan.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.