

Feast Days in the Second Week of Lent

- **Thur 4 Mar:** Optional for **St Casimir**. Born in Poland in 1458, son of King Casimir IV of Poland. Intelligent and generous, involved in public affairs, but first and foremost a man of prayer. He served the poor. His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady were most marked. He died in 1484.

St Vincent De Paul Shops

Vinnies needs helpers. If your New Year's Resolution is to get involved and volunteer, come and join us at either the Beach Haven or Glenfield Vinnies Op shops. We need you to help us make a difference for people in our local community by sorting and pricing donations and helping customers. You can work hours that suit you and make some new friends. Please contact Wanda – Ph: 443-5274, 021-248-0629 or glenfield.vinnies@gmail.com.

We pray for those who have died and have Anniversaries at this time

- Feb 27:** John Patterson 1916, Arthur Young 1942
- Feb 28:** Violet Wallace 1997, Graham Pearson 2004
- (Feb 29):** Martin Casey 1941, Madge Fullerton 1968
- Mar 01:** Thomas Sothorn 1978, Brendan Farrell, 2008
- Mar 3:** Eileen Missen 1948, Kathleen Walker 1987
- Mar 4:** Herbert Hayson 1945, Kate Roberts 1953
- Mar 5:** Francis Bolger 1985, Thomas Lanigan 1994
- Mar 6:** Helen Wynne 1937, Thomas Kirk 1958, Ann Whelan 2010

St Paul's College Open Day

Thursday 2 March at 9.30am or 1.45pm
Visiting www.stpaulscollege.co.nz for more information on enrolments

St Mary's College Open Day

Thursday 2 March at 2.30pm and 6.30pm
Now accepting enrolments' for 2022, applications close 18 March 2021, please check the website www.stmaryak.school.nz for the most up to date information.

BARADENE COLLEGE - Open Evening

Thursday 4 March, 2021 - 6.30pm. Enrolments for Year 7, 2022 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 19 March, 2021 at 3.00 pm. A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 19 March, 2021 at 3.00 pm.

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Parish Office Hours: Mon—9:00am to 12:30pm; Tues to Fri—9:00am to 1:00pm

Parish Newsletter: (DEADLINE 9am THURS.)

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9am

Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

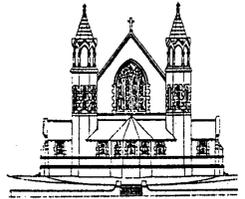


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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The Season of LENT

Rosary : Every Monday, 6.00pm
Meditation: Mondays at 6.30pm
Stations : Each Friday during Lent, 7.00pm

CARITAS LENT APPEAL

“A New Way Forward”

(Laudato Si', Pope Francis)

Lent Appeal Envelopes available at church door.

You can either use the Weekly Donation Envelopes or use a Single Donation Envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option but do not send cash in the post.

Week Two: Transforming Communities, Transforming Lives — The Kiribati Health Champions, supported by Teitoiningaina (the Catholic Women's Assoc.), are working to improve the health of their communities. The Health Champions each studied to receive a Certificate of Proficiency in Pacific Nutrition and are using their new skills to teach others the importance of healthy diet.

Prayer: E te Matua Kaha Rawa, Almighty Father, we ask you to give us the grace that we need to accept the cross and to do what we are called to do as followers of Jesus.
Amen.

[Pope Francis' Lenten message](#)

Copies available on table at church door.

Update from the Parish Pastoral Council.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday morning Mass will commence at **9.30 with effect from 14 March**, to make it possible for a priest from Takapuna to celebrate when Fr Neil is not available.

Saturday 5.30 Vigil Mass will continue for 3 months until the May PPC Meeting (25th) when a further decision will be made based on support from pastors and congregation.

It will be important to train more ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, as there are often last-minute gaps that have to be filled, so please contact Mila Burke (milaburke13@gmail.com) if you would like to go on the roster, and training will be arranged.

Parish Finances

A huge thank you to all those who responded to the appeal at the end of last year. Our collection rate increased by around 50% and we are now working on a budget to enable us to meet pastoral initiatives as well as ongoing maintenance, so thank you for your continuing support. From the start of next month, a brief statement of financial information will be included in the bulletin.

Plans for presbytery renovation, made possible by a generous donation for that purpose, are now with the Diocese for sign-off, and we hope to begin work shortly.

Other Rosters:

Children's Liturgy

7 Mar—Corenna

Morning Tea

7 Mar—Kim

Counters

7 Mar—Rosalind & Corenna

Cleaning

13 Mar—Emma

Perhaps a good symbol for today's liturgy would be the mountain, traditional place in scripture for an encounter with God. Indeed, a mountain, even a small one, is a good place to go to gain some fresh perspective and insight about our lives and place in the world and our relationship with the Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

God's Gift To Us: His Son

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Ps 116: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Romans 8:31-34 God did not spare his own Son.

Mark 9:2-10 This is my Son, the Beloved.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7 March

Christ, The Wisdom Of God

Exodus 20:1-17 The law was given through Moses.

Ps 19: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1Cor 1:22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God

John 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



ROSARY

Every Monday, 6pm

in the church

Come & join in, reciting this beautiful prayer.

All Welcome

Contemplative prayer/ Christian meditation

Monday 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
All welcome.

www.christianmeditation.org.nz

onnz.org.nz

Lectors:

(28 Feb) Sat Kath Petrie Liz McMaster **Sun** Mary Lyttleton Francisca Knottenbelt

(7 Mar) Sat Jim Dobbie Niccole Dobbie **Sun** Robert Mannion Denise O'Shaughnessy

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(28 Feb) Sat Maureen Dennis **Sun** Kate Casey

(7 Mar) Sat Kevin Isidro **Sun** Kate Casey

Altar Servers:

(28 Feb) Sun Alice Gillies Claire Gillies

(7 Mar) Sun Rosemary Dobbs Benjamin Dobbs

Please note that on each Sunday during Lent there will be a **second collection** for the **Caritas Lent Appeal**.

Parish Café Gathering

Thursday 4 March 9am to 10am

You are invited to meet with other Parishioners at Manuka cafe, come and join other Parishioners for a cuppa and a catch up. Come for a few minutes or longer. **All Welcome**

St Benedict's Church Holy Hour for Vocations.

Friday 5 March 7pm.

Adoration and prayer in the church followed by a talk by Father Andrew and a hot drink in the crypt downstairs. Lots of free parking in the Wilson's carpark. Come and support our prayer for vocations.

NZ Catholic 21 February – 6 March

Some headlines are: NZ mental health journeys of a priest and a lay woman. Alert level shift changes Ash Wednesday plans. Cardinal preaches on Waitangi Day. Historic organ retrieved from Chch cathedral. **Out Now—\$4**

World Day of Prayer,

This year composed by the people of Vanuatu, will take place at the Presbyterian Church Belmont on

Friday 5th March at 10 am

All parishioners are welcome

Sacramental Programme for 2021

The programme of formation for the sacrament of **FIRST RECONCILIATION** begins with an introductory meeting for parents on Wednesday 3rd March, at 7.00pm.

Preparation for **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION** will occur later in the year and be celebrated with Bishop Michael Gielen on Sunday **7th November.**

The minimum age level for the programme is Year 4 and above.

Enrolment forms with programme schedule are available at church door.

For further info. ph Stephen 021 0608561

Food For Faith.

Many of you know that in recent years Fr. John O'Connor has developed an online ministry providing encouragement for those who seek to grow in faith. The website www.foodforfaith.org.nz now offers more than 2000 reflections, written, video and podcast and in Lent and Advent the daily email offerings encourage people in every part of the world. Since returning to Christchurch Fr. John has been encouraged to find support for this mission so that it can grow to meet the growing need, especially among those who have little contact with the church. Costs for such a mission are high (the production of a three minute video clip is several hundred dollars and FFF aims to make several each week) but the potential of digital media to reach people who might not seek more traditional support for their faith is enormous. If you are able to support John's mission please follow the link on any www.foodforfaith.org.nz page or search "support Food for Faith".

Catholic Caring Foundation Accepting Grant Applications, 2021

Through donations, the Caring Foundation is able to support Catholic and local social service providers that strengthen or support families, individuals and communities in need.

We are now accepting grant applications until **April 9th, 2021**. To download a grant application form and to find out who can apply, please visit our website www.caringfoundation.org.nz
Together we care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable.

Social Justice Retreat

Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch. A few places are still available so please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730 asap if you are interested in attending.

Nau Mai Haere Mai **"COME AND SEE"** Come and explore a vocation with the **Sisters of Mercy** Saturday **27 March 2021 9.30am to 1.30pm** Te Waipuna Puawai 12a Umere Cres, Ellerslie. Contact: vocations@mercy.org.nz Sr Fatima Ph 021 084 29440 Sr Linda Ph 021 263 0439



St Leo's Catholic School

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Parish news: 25 Feb

Lent

This week I shared a Lenten reflection from Pope Francis with the school families. It talks about fasting in a different way eg Fast from hurting words and say kind words; fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude etc. It is a lovely reflection and can be found on this link <https://www.balallyparish.ie/do-you-want-to-fast-this-lent/>. It asks us not so much about what we are giving up but how we will answer God's call to turn around, come back and return home to Him during Lent.

Waterwise

The first session for 2021 took place this week. While the year 6s are taking part in waterwise, I get to keep practicing my teaching skills by having the Year 5s for the morning.

PTFA

The AGM for the PTFA was on Thursday. The PTFA is such an important part of our school to help with the fundraising so we can continue to provide the rich education our children are getting. We always appreciate the support we get from the Parish around PTFA events.

God Bless
Maureen Harris

ARE YOU A TERTIARY STUDENT IN AUCKLAND?

You are invited to the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy (ACTC) for our 2021 Welcome BBQ. ENJOY delicious food, CONNECT with other Catholic students, and DISCOVER your 'Home away from home' in the city.

5PM-7PM, Friday 5th March ACTC, 110 Symonds St, Grafton. For more info visit: facebook.com/thechaplains

Are you interested in facilitating post-abortion healing

A training day is available 27th Feb via zoom on the Living in Colour programme which deals specifically with abortion loss. It has excellent workbooks and a facilitator guide for lay people. Queries: Catherine Gillies 021-432-020