

Feast Days in the Fourth Week of Lent

- **Wed 17 Mar:** Feast for **St Patrick, bishop. Principal Patron of the Auckland Diocese.** The apostle of Ireland was born in Great Britain about 385, taken captive and sold as a slave to Ireland when a young boy. Worked as a herdsman, escaped, decided to become a priest. Made Bishop of Ireland, he was indefatigable in preaching the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there. He died in about 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.
- **Thu 18 Mar:** Optional for **St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church.** Cyril was born in 315, made bishop of Jerusalem in 348 when the Arian controversy was raging, he was exiled several times. In his Catecheses he set out the true teaching of Christianity and scripture and the tradition of the Church. Died in 386.
- **Fri 19 Mar: SOLEMNITY FOR ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY.** A simple village carpenter, Joseph, the husband of Mary and guardian of the child Jesus, has become the guardian and patron of Christ's universal Church.



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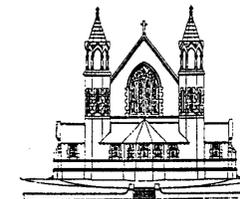
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 14 MARCH 2021

Reminder Sunday Morning Mass is now at
9.30am Sunday

Easter Newsletter

Following the success of our Christmas newsletter, we're preparing an Easter edition. Again, the focus is on your lives as parishioners of our church. The heart and soul of the newsletter relies on your courageous and generous sharing of your own stories and experiences of God and faith. We want to welcome the curious, the disillusioned, the struggling and the joyful into our church, and to do that we want them to know that we also struggle, worry, and have peace and joy in our lives.

What you might contribute and how:

- A written piece of 50 – 400 words, with a photo to accompany where possible.
- Your own poetry or artwork.
- An anonymous reflection or phrase that might speak to, or help others.

Prompts to help get you started:

What makes you come to church, how does it serve you?
When faith or God has made you laugh
Your experiences of struggle and conflict with faith and God
A recommendation of a book you have read or a Netflix movie/series that has connected with your experience of faith or God
How you celebrated Easter as a child, the traditions you continue and the new ones you've created
A favourite prayer / hymn and why
Tips for praying
When you've met God during: Health crisis, Grief
When you thought you had lost everything
As you got older
When you were a child
Addiction
When you were brought to your knees by life

Deadline for submissions: Tuesday 23rd March 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*)

Week Four: A Sign Of Healing — Cambodia: Together with Partnership in Action (DPA) in Cambodia, Caritas supports indigenous communities in Mondulkiri and Ratanakiri districts to organize farming cooperatives and to protect customary land rights. DPA has also helped with improving relationships between villages and local authorities. To find out more about the work of Caritas, go to:

www.caritas.org.nz.

Prayer: E te Atua, God, in the light of your love, we recognize our need for you. We ask you to stay with us at every step, to be our strength and our courage so that we can find the way to you. Amen.

Pope Francis' Lenten message :

Copies available on table at church door, or at this link:

<http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lenet.index.html>



We pray for those who have died recently

Father Richard Sabiti
May he rest in Peace

and have Anniversaries at this time

- Mar 13:** Mary Gillespie 1918, John Palmer 1918,
Mar 14: Claude Brash 1988
Mar 15: Philip Bowden 1917
Mar 16: Ngaire Brash 1980, John Fleming 1984
Mar 17: James Taylor 1953, Mollie Ritchie 2003
Dorothy Parker 2005,
Carolyn Bonnie Kirby 2019
Mar 19: Julie McCarthy 1951, Agnes Munro 1990
Mar 20: Raymond Reynolds 1997
Kathleen O'Leary-Pace 2005



Safeguarding Training Session

Monday 22 March at 7pm in St Leo's Hall

All volunteers in the Auckland Diocese who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults are required to attend a Safeguarding Workshop. This includes volunteers who visit the sick and elderly, children's liturgy leaders, sacramental leaders and those who take communion to the sick. We invite all who take part in these ministries, those who may be thinking about joining these ministries and any volunteers in the Parish to attend this workshop.

The workshop is facilitated by Lisa-May Gray the Safeguarding Coordinator for the Auckland Diocese. Please contact Corenna, our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, for more information or if you would like to attend. All Welcome.

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Principal: Maureen Harris **Parish-School Reps:** Steven Albrecht

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: 9.30am

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

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

Other Rosters:

Children's Liturgy

21 Mar—Stephen

Morning Tea

21 Mar—Yem

Counters

21 Mar—Elizabeth

& Alan

Cleaning

13 Mar—Emma

By now we are well on our way through this season of repentance & renewal. The word of God today makes it clear that it is time to decide. It is a wholly positive choice that we are offered — to welcome the love that God has poured out on us in Christ — but still we hesitate, afraid to come forth out of darkness into such wonderful light.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Christ, The Redeemer

Chron 36:14-16,19-23 The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Ps 137: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

Eph 2:4-10 You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

John 3:14-21 God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21 March

Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Ps 51: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Heb 5:7-9 He learnt to obey and became the source of eternal salvation.

John 12:20-30 If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.



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.christianmeditationnz.org.nz

Lectors:

(14 Mar) Sat	Clive Sinclair	Kath Petrie	Sun	Anne Gibson	Nevil Gibson
(21 Mar) Sat	N Witham Blackwell	Amelia Blackwell	Sun	Kate Kearins	Gerard Dobbs

Communion Ministers:

(14 Mar) Sat	Justin Pereira	Sun	Flo Sapa'u
(21 Mar) Sat	Kit Isidro	Sun	Barry Turner

Altar Servers:

(14 Mar)	Sun	Gigi Albrecht	Chiara Albrecht
(21 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, 21st March at 7.00pm, we will have Rite 2 of the sacrament.

Please note this is at a later time than previously advertised.

Candidates in the Sacramental Programme will join with the parish to make their First Reconciliation.

February Collections

The collections for February 2021 were \$3,187.48 for Priests and Bishops and \$6,497.15 for the Parish and Diocese. This amount collected is split in two, one third for Priests and two thirds for the Parish. Thank you for your donations.

EASTER FLOWERS — Donations

Parishioners are invited to contribute towards the cost of fresh flowers for our Holy Week Altar of Repose and the Easter Altar.
Please **place donations in basket at church door.**
Thank you.

World Day of Prayer

During last week's lockdown, the World Day of Prayer celebration had to be cancelled, although planning between the Christian churches of the peninsula was well underway. The service had been prepared by Christians in Vanuatu. They have combined to put the service on Youtube, and it has all the vibrant colour of their country. There will also be some booklets for the service available at the back of our church this weekend, if you would like to follow it. Use this link: [World Day of Prayer](http://WorldDayofPrayer.org)

Diocese Notices

Ecumenism Lecture

The Catholic Diocese of Auckland Commission for Ecumenism is hosting a public lecture on Ecumenism, celebrating 25th Anniversary of Pope John Paull II letter on "Ut Unum Sint (That They May All Be One)" Dr Sarah Hart, theologian and lecturer at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College | **Revisiting Ut Unum Sint after 25 years – a biblical perspective** | Tuesday 27th April 2021 @7:00 PM | St Therese Catholic Church, 10 Wickman Way, Mangere | Light refreshments provided.

Choral Mass in Celebration of St Joseph

"*Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.*" Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We are delighted to bring you a beautiful Choral Mass celebrating the feast day of St Joseph in the Year of St Joseph **7 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph Friday 19th March 2021.** Music is brought to you by the celebrated Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by Nicholas Forbes.

Retreats at St Francis Retreat Centre

24 Hour Silent Lenten Retreat. A Meditation on the Passion according to Mark, Fri **19 March 7 pm – Sat 20 March 7pm** Cost \$120.00 | *Holy Saturday – Day of Prayer + Contemplation* Sat 3 April 10am – 2.30 pm. Drop in for some quiet prayer for as long as you wish between 10.00am and 2 pm | *Time Out Days* Wed 24/Mar 9:30 – 2:30pm Tue 13/Apr 9:30 – 2:30pm

This week, the **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** will hold hearings that include church leaders making statements. We pray for those who will speak on behalf of the churches, and all those involved in this important work. Want to know more about how the Catholic Church has been involved so far, what work is being done, or how you can stay in the loop? Visit www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz for online resources and links.



St Leo's Catholic School

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Parish news: 12 March

Another lockdown

The school took it in their stride when another lockdown happened last week. The teachers were quick to provide learning programmes for the children and the children were well used to the routine of working from home. But...we are very glad to be back at school again! So much disruption is not good for us.

Soccer skills

On Friday a group came to the school to provide soccer skills for our Year 1 - 4 students.

Dance/Drama

Next week we will be beginning our dance/drama classes through P'Form. We have used this company for a couple of years and they provide an excellent programme for our children.

God Bless

Maureen Harris

St Joseph's Parish Lenten Retreat - Father John O'Connor

Tuesday 16 March, Wednesday 17 March and Thursday 18 March Led by Fr John O'Connor
Two sessions each day at 10am and 7pm

Desperately seeking a Design student

Are you, or do you know, a Year 12/13 or university Design student who needs something to bolster the portfolio? We would **LOVE** your help laying out our Easter newsletter. Please get in touch office@devonportcatholic.org.nz

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE

Warmly invites all women to our **March Meeting**

Topic: CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD (Luke 19: 8 - 9)

Speaker: Barbara Hines

When: Wednesday 17th March 2021, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Where: Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church,

Contact: Sylvia 021 088 22990 www.dove.org.nz