

Reminder: Sundays 7th & 14th April 2019

# St Joseph & St Joachim Parish, Otahuhu

## Sunday 7th April 2019

### Mass 8am

#### Ministers of the Word

Irene Tufuga, Nicole Tahaafe,  
Margaret Rusia

#### Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Lisa Cann, Fo'ou Fa'asolo, Ofisa Rusia,  
Michael McCullagh, Leveni 'Ofa

### Mass 10am

#### Ministers of the Word

Ema Tukutukunga, Leiola Finau,  
Suliana Havili

#### Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Taufau Banse, Sam Iakopo,  
Kalino 'Ekuasi, Solomone Tahaafe,  
Fetaulea Tautua'a.

## Sunday 14th April 2019

### PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm : 22  
Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel Acclamation: Joel 2:12-13  
Gospel: Luke 22:14-23,56  
Procession of the Palms:  
Luke 19:28-40

### Parish Collections

#### 31 March 2019

Parish	-	\$1548.20
House	-	\$780.00
Church Project	-	\$293.20
Caritas	-	\$35.00

Many thanks and gratitude  
for your kind offerings

### Images from the Readings

- A road in the desert
- Keep on running
- They wanted to test him
- Writing on the ground
- Where is everyone?

### Reflection for Leaders

*This whole encounter bristles with emotion and danger. Yet Jesus completely defuses the whole situation by refusing to play into their trap. He turns their test of his integrity into a test of their own.*

*Jesus offers a new way to deal with wrongdoing and sin. He does not condemn the sinner, but invites her to leave her past behind and begin again. This leaves us open to reflect how it feels to be harshly judged by someone else. Have you had an experience of being unconditionally loved by someone, or a time when you have felt totally accepted? How does that feel? Who are the people in your life whom you love and accept unconditionally? Are their times or situations when you find yourself being judgmental or too hasty in your judgments? What steps can you take to correct this attitude? For the Israelites the heart was the centre of human intelligence and will power. For Jeremiah sin had been second nature to the people of God, and the very absence of heart in the covenant explained why obedience to God was never realised. Only a conversion of heart will lead to an eternal covenant, one that cannot be broken.*

### MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am  
 Mon - Wed 7.45am  
 Thursday: 7.45am and 6pm  
 Friday: 7.45am  
 Saturday: 8.00am  
 1st Sunday: 10am in Tongan  
 3rd Sunday: 10am in Samoan

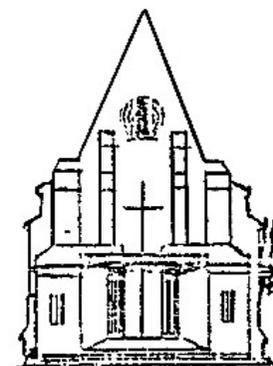
### EXTRA MASSES

4th Sunday Tongan 12.00noon  
 1st Friday Latin 7.00pm  
 3rd Sunday Kiribatian 1.00pm

### Confession

Thur 4 - 5 pm, Sat 8.30am - 9.00am

**Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**  
 Thursdays 12 noon, **Benediction** 5.30pm,  
**Mass** 6pm



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Parish Secretary: Taupule Po'e

## FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

7th APRIL 2019

YEAR C

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people .*

**PSALM:** 126

**Response: The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy.**

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Joel 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
*With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.*  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

### FIT FOR MISSION

**The Lord has done great things; we are filled with joy**

Remember not the past events, the things of long ago  
-Isaiah 43

*'I am doing something new, do you not see it?'*  
-Isaiah 43

Not what lies behind, I consider them rubbish  
-St Paul (Phil 3)

*... strain to what lies ahead, continue pursuit toward the goal*  
-St Paul (Phil 3)

**Is your goal the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus?**

**SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE**

**NO CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH**

Parents with young children

We appreciate your co-operation in looking after your children during Mass. There is a room at the back for your convenience.

Car Park There is no parking at all times in front of the church, on the grass and at the presbytery. Also the front of the St Joachim Centre should be kept clear at all times for fire and safety reasons. Vehicles parked in this area will be towed away.

Sacrament of the Sick Please notify the parish office of serious illness, if you know of someone who should receive this sacrament, or someone who is unable to get to church, but would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Sacrament of Baptism The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month after 10am Mass. Next Preparation programme will be held on Tuesday, 2nd of April 2019, 6.30pm in the church. Baptism is on Sunday, 7th of April after 10am Mass. Fill in a Baptism Form (on the table by the entrance or online) and take it to the parish office with a copy of the Birth Certificate.

Sacrament of Marriage Arrangements must be completed at least six months in advance.

Feast Days of the Week April 2019

- 07 \* John Baptist de la Salle, priest
- 11 \* Stanislaus, bishop and martyr
- 13 \* Martin I, pope and martyr

Let us pray for the sick of our community. May they be touched by the healing hands of the Lord and be restored soon the full and active life of our community and their families



**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

**Church Project - Fundraising Team**

A fundraising decision was reached in the parish meeting as follows: After a second vote it was agreed that each family in our parish would be asked to contribute \$1000 over 12 months with deadlines of \$500 by 31 July and \$500 by 30 Nov. **The target is \$500K** Please refer to the parish office or see Mone Tahaafe, Jim Barnes or Fr Simone. You can also pay direct into the Parish Account No: 02-0100-0120974-24 R.C. Bishop of Auckland, Parish Account Otahuhu, With your name or pledge no as a ref: Enter in "church project"

**Stations of the Cross**

No 8am Masses on these Fridays. (Roster for the stations is on the notice boards)

**Parish Choir Practice**

In preparation for Holy Week we have choir practice on Wed, 10th Apr, 6.30 pm and on Friday, 12Apr straight after evening Mass. Both practice are in the church.

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation**

Reconciliation for our parish will be on Thursday, 11th April. We start with Mass at 6.45pm followed by Reconciliation at 7.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME

No 8am Mass and no Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

**St Joseph's School Mass**

On Friday, 12 Apr, 9am

**Palm Sunday - Passion Readers**

There will be a practice with Fr Simone on Sat, 13 Apr, after 8am Mass.

**Come and See,**

gathering for young men aged 17-27 years who would like to find out more about life of priest, will be held on Saturday, 18 May from 10am to 12 noon at Pompallier Diocesan Centre. Please let Sherwin Lapaan know numbers attending (email: aucklandpriests@gmail.com)

**Please sign the Euthanasia Bill Petition before you go home. Thank you.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Beginning Experience Weekend:**

In Auckland, Fri evening 14 June-Sunday afternoon 16 June 2019. A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, divorce or widowhood. The programme provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Total cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, materials and follow-up event is \$325. Early Bird concession \$295 if paid by 3 May. For further information contact Carol (021) 169 0222 or Bev (09) 298 9943 or [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz).

**Palm Sunday Candlelight Vigil for the Unborn. Sunday 14 April @ 7pm.**

Come join caring people from all over Auckland in an annual peaceful prayer vigil outside AMAC where more than 1000 babies lose their lives to abortion every year. We mourn their lives and pray for healing for all those impacted by the tragedy of abortion and for the conversion of clinic workers. 283 Dominion Road, Mt Eden (meet on opposite Family Life International, through).

**The Catholic Caring Foundation Grants, 2019: Caring for families; caring for families**

The Bishop of Auckland's charitable foundation, The Catholic Caring Foundation, is now accepting applications for grants for 2019. The Foundation, through donations from donors, provides grants to social service providers and organisations who care for and support families and communities throughout the greater Auckland area.

Grant applications close on **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. For an application form and more information, please visit our website: [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

**Euthanasia Bill Petition**

the Euthanasia Bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its second reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or

[www.defendnz.co.nz](http://www.defendnz.co.nz). We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17+ years) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill. There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish on the weekends of 6-7 & 13-14 April.

**Mercy Spirituality Centre**

104 e Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz)

- *Gratitude in the Bible: Psalms and St Luke's Gospel* with Fr KEVIN WALDIE sm. Wed 10 April, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15. We will explore the biblical idea of "gratitude" and how it applies to our everyday life. By considering selected passages from the Bible we will connect "gratitude" with words such as grace, graciousness, and thanksgiving.
- *LENTEN SERIES: Journey of the Cross* Fridays during Lent, 7-8.30pm. \$10 each session... *12 April – Contemplation at the Foot of the Cross* with CATHRYN WILES-PICKARD rsm

*New Zealand SIGN LANGUAGE: With Sign language – we are equal and accessible* with RACHEL MARR & ERIC MATTHEWS. Wed 1 May, 10.30am-12.30pm. \$15

See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) to register.

**Scholarship for Medical Students**

If you are a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year Medical Student in 2019 undertaking your medical study in New Zealand and are a practicing Catholic, you may be eligible for the Walter Darby Scholarship. For more information contact Linda McQuade, Vicar for Education Catholic Diocese of Auckland. Ph 09 360 3057 [lindam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lindam@cda.org.nz)