



Lenten Appeal Envelopes are now available in the Church foyer. Please take one per family.



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Sacrament of Penance

Book an appointment with any of the priests after Mass or use phone numbers listed below.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Gloria Salanoa OR Parish office.

Marriages

Require at least six months' notice. Contact Fr Roy OR Fr Rivand Narang.
 Booking St. Anthony OR St. Therese Church for Wedding 275 5401

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

RCIA/RCIC Contact Hila Tuli 02102233342. First Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Holy Communion. Contact Talei Solomon Mua. 0223920189

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY	20th March.	FRIDAY	24th March
	<u>St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. (S)</u>		<u>Fourth Week of Lent Year A.</u>
	Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Psalm 89	Wisdom 2:1,12-22 Psalm 34	
	Romans 4:13,16-18,22 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24	John 7:1-2,10,25-30	
	St. Anthony Mass 9am.	St. Anthony Mass 9am.	
	TUESDAY 21st March.	Stations of the Cross.	
	<u>Fourth Week of Lent Year A.</u>	St. Therese 6pm & St. Anthony 6pm.	
	Ezekiel 47:1-9,21 Psalm 46	SATURDAY 25th March	
	John 5:1-3,5-16	<u>Annunciation of the Lord. (S)</u>	
	St. Therese Mass 9am.	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:-10 Psalm 40	
	WEDNESDAY 22nd March.	Hebrews 10: 4-10 Luke 1:26-38	
	<u>Fourth Week of Lent Year A.</u>	St. Therese Mass 9am.	
	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145	Sunday 26th March	
	John 5:17-30	<u>(5th Sunday of Lent, Year A) Psalter 4</u>	
	St. Anthony Mass 9am	Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45	
	THURSDAY 23rd March.	<u>Weekend Mass Times</u>	
	<u>Fourth Week of Lent Year A.</u>	St. Anthony Saturday Vigil 5 & Sunday 9am Mass.	
	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106	St. Therese Sunday 8am, 10am & 6pm.	
	John 5: 31-47	<u>Samoan Masses</u>	
	St. Therese Mass 9am	St Anthony 3rd Sunday 10:30am and St Therese 4th Sunday 12midday.	

**CHURCH AND GROUNDS
CLEANING IN BOTH PARISHES.**

St. Anthony's.

Thank you to all the volunteers for looking after the Church grounds each week. Thank you to the Monica Pua and family for looking after the church cleaning this weekend. Youth group's turn on Saturday the 25th of March.

**St. Therese
CHURCH & GROUNDS.**

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for looking after the Church cleaning each week. Thank you to the Cook Islands community for looking after Church grounds this weekend. Samoan community's turn on Saturday 25th of March.

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS SUPPORT STAYING
SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.**

New Zealand's bishops are supporting a campaign to help people stay safe on social media. The campaign follows diocesan communications and pastoral staff around the country noticing increased suspicious activities on Church social media pages they manage. Campaign starts on Monday, March 20 to Sunday March 26. Resources are available on parish website.

ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Bishop Steve and the ACFL Board wishes to assist preference families who genuinely need support with Attendance Dues through the ACFL Financial Assistance Scheme. It can only help with Attendance Dues. Please contact the Parish Office for an application for assistance with attendance dues.

**HOLY WEEK PREPARATION Tridium/
Easter.**

Singing practice for all Parishioners who are wanting to lead the singing for Tridium. Singing practice on MONDAY 7PM at St Therese, Cantors also to be there. Please come and join us. Thank you. Musician coordinators Maliana and Chanel

Marcellin College, Royal Oaks.

Enrolments for 2024 are now open. www.marcellin.school.nz
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**COMBINED LENTEN
RECONCILIATION BOTH PARISHES**

Both parishes confession evening for Lenten season will be on Thursday 30th of March at St Therese Church 7pm.

**YOUTH PRACTICE GOOD FRIDAY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

Meeting for all who registered to volunteer for the stations of the cross practice will be on Tuesday the 21st of March in the large hall St. Therese 5pm to 7pm.

ALTAR SERVER ST. ANTHONY.

St. Anthony parish is now recruiting new volunteers to become Altar server. Boys and girls are welcome. Please see Pale Fidow the new Altar server coordinator after 9am Mass on Sunday. There will be another meeting for both new and current altar servers in the following week for holy week preparation.

ZUMBA CLASSES ST. THERESE.

Zumba classes. Dollar coin donation.
Wednesday: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Saturday: 6:30am - 7:30am All are welcome to join.

MEDIA TEAM ST. THERESE.

Are you the next James Cameron or Taika Waititi? We're looking for people interested in joining our Parish Media team. Please contact Satuala Chris or the Parish office for more details.

PREFERECNE FOR ENROLMENT

Please contact the priests directly for an appointment. Refer to page 4 of bulletin for priests contact numbers.

POLICE VETTING RENEWAL.

A gentle reminder to volunteers to update with the parish office for police vetting if requires renewing. All applications submitted in 2020 is due to expire 2023. Forms are available at the parish office. Please bring driver's license or passport for verification with you when you drop off your form. For more information, please contact the parish office. All ministries training and updates will be made available soon in the coming months. New volunteers are welcome to serve if interested.

Sunday 19th March. Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A. Psalter W.4

Today's Readings | Samuel 16:1-6-7,10-13 Psalm 23: Ephesians 5:8-14: John 9:1-41

Having faith in the dark times.

At the end of his gospel, Saint John reminds us that he has had to be selective in what he's told us, and that what he has recorded is there so that we might "believe that Jesus is the Christ", and that by believing, we might have life through his name.

The story that John uses of the healing of a blind man is described in much more graphic detail than any accounts of similar cures in the gospels and is a perfect illustration of how John is seeking to ensure that we get the message in all its depth and complexity. The context is his recurring theme of Jesus as the light of the world. Blind people are in the dark and there are many people in this story who are in the dark.

To begin with, the disciples themselves are still burdened with the old notion that our infirmities must be the consequence of sin, either the blind man's sins or those of his parents. Jesus dispels this idea immediately and invites us to open our eyes to a much bigger picture in which we will see "the works of God" displayed. But Jesus is confronted with obstinacy on the part of the religious authorities and fear on the part of the man's parents. Accordingly, each of them is rendered blind, unable to see the truth before their very eyes.

One of the fascinating aspects of this story is that Jesus does not demand an act of faith from the man before he cures him; he simply asks him to co-operate by washing the paste from his eyes. Now this man becomes the vehicle through whom John will teach us in whom we should put our faith. After all the interrogations and investigations are over, Jesus seeks the man out and asks him if he believes in "the Son of Man"?

Assured by the Lord that he can now see him, the blind man has no hesitation in saying: "Lord, I believe," and then worships him. Later in the gospel, we see a comparable call to faith when Jesus confronts Martha after the death of her brother, Lazarus. "I am the resurrection ... Do you believe this?"

She replies: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world."

The blind, like many others, were the outcasts at that time. Jesus had come to reach out to them and fulfil the message of the prophets: the outcasts would be cured and welcomed into the community at the expense of those who wielded power for their own ends. There are still many outcasts in our world today and it is the mission of the disciples of Jesus to speak out against the injustices that keep them imprisoned and to set them free so they can give glory to God.

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