

| THIS WEEKENDS ROSTER             |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>MARCH 12/13</b>               | Vigil   | 9am   | 10.30am   |
| Sacristan – February             | Michael Mears   | Darrel Surman   |   |
| Greeters                         |   | Alma McNicol  | Filipino Community  |
| Hospitality                      |   | Boyle Family  | Filipino Community  |
| Gathering Rite                   | Susan Lloyd   | Judy Dixon  | Elizabeth Te'o  |
| Altar Servers                    | Adriana Brabyn<br>Mine & Samasoni Hewitt  | Cecelia Monzora<br>Margaret Griffin-Fogarty                             | Junior Evangelista<br>Miguel Gieran<br>Liam Zammit                    |
| Projectionists                   | Nel Mullin  | Denis Bourke  | Filipino Youth  |
| Prayer of Faithful               | David Pritchard   |   |   |
| Proclaimer of the Word<br>Cantor | John Lloyd<br>Elsie Anderson  | Darrel Surman<br>Peter Dawson   | Teresa Millar<br>Stephanie Dolphin                                    |
| Gifts Procession                 |   | P. Dunstan / B. McCrum  | M. John / R. Runciman   |
| Collection Procession            | Anton Reid  | John Dol  | David Carter  |
| Music Ministry                   | Elsie Anderson  | Josephine Bourke  | Filipino Choir  |
| Eucharistic Ministers            | Carol Brabyn<br>Bernadette Barry<br>Denis Lee   | Maria Jaurique, Vangie<br>Ford, Remy Harris, Harris<br>Joseph, John Dol | Paea & Theresa Taulanga<br>Edward Jordan, Vernon Hoey<br>Des McMullan |
| Bell Ringer                      | Danny   | John Dol  |   |
| Children's Liturgy               | Elma Treviranus   |   |   |
| Martha Ministry                  | Uvea Family – Church to be cleaned before weekend of 19/20 March                                  |   |   |
| March Ministries                 | Counting Team – McNaughten Team<br>Lawn Mowing – St. Joseph's – Taulanga Family : S.P.C. Centre – |   |   |
| Flowers                          | NO flowers during Lent  |   |   |

| NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER             |   |  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>MARCH 19/20</b>               | Vigil   | 9am  | 10.30am   |
| Sacristan – March                | Michael Mears   | Darrel Surman  |   |
| Greeters                         |   | Gary Farrow  | Rammell Family  |
| Hospitality                      |   | Mau Paulo  | Samoan Community  |
| Gathering Rite                   | Kevin Havell  | Christina Lacuna   | Renee Rammell   |
| Altar Servers                    | Andrei Caranay<br>Cameron Maxwell   | Nina & Nicholas Bennett                                      | Monica Hoey<br>Lauren Neustroski<br>Markus Stowers-McCarthy                 |
| Projectionists                   | John Gijbers  | Michael Jordan   | Samoan Youth  |
| Prayer of Faithful               | David Pritchard   |  |   |
| Proclaimer of the Word<br>Cantor | Cushla Lippitt<br>John Brophy   | Sonali James<br>Peter Dawson                                 | Brenda Service<br>Samoan Choir  |
| Gifts Procession                 |   | P. Dunstan / S. Hynam  |   |
| Collection Procession            |   | Angela & Peter O'Kane  | Des McMullan  |
| Music Ministry                   | Mary Meo  | Theresa Jordan   | Samoan Choir  |
| Eucharistic Ministers            | Anne Bowles<br>Bernadette Masoe<br>Riutendo Monzora   | Keith & Liz Budd, Mau<br>Paulo, Bev Holcroft,<br>Dian Marlow | Alex Estuita, Robbie Baltazar<br>Des Davies, John Brophy<br>Karen Henderson |
| Bell Ringer                      | Danny   | John Dol   |   |
| Children's Liturgy               | Filipino Community  |  |   |
| Martha Ministry                  | Tongan Youth - Church to be cleaned before weekend 26/27 March                                    |  |   |
| March Ministries                 | Counting Team – McNaughten Team<br>Lawn Mowing – St. Joseph's – Taulanga Family : S.P.C. Centre – |  |   |
| Flowers                          | NO Flowers during Lent  |  |   |

# St Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt

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**Saturday Vigil:** 6:00 pm, **Sunday** 9 am & 10.30 am  
**Weekdays:** Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat 9.00am; Fri 6.30am & 11.15am  
**Reconciliation:** Friday: 10.30 – 11am; Sat: 9.25-10.00am

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

12/13 MARCH 2016

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### Liturgy of the Word:

Psalm Response: **“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”**  
Today's Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21, Philippians 3: 8-14, John 8: 1-11  
Next Sunday: Isaiah 50: 4-7, Philippians 2: 6-11, Luke 22: 14-23:56

### STONE-THROWING

Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin and to restore people to His friendship, today's Readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation. The central theme of all three Readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The Readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.



The sinful woman's story of sin committed and sin forgiven in today's Gospel shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and determining to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and determining to forgive those who have offended us.

### Life Messages:

We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation:

Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict and the shop-lifter, ignoring Jesus command: *“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”* Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them mercy, compassion, sympathy and acceptance, leading them to noble ways by our own exemplary lives.

We have no right to judge others:

We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgement and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgement to our merciful God who reads people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness.

*Fr. Maleko Tufuga*

**PARISH DIARY 13 March – 20 March**

|     |         |   |
|-----|---------|---|
| Sun |         | <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>                             |
|     | 2.00 pm | Tongan Mass   |
|     | 2.00 pm | Samoan Divine Mercy in Meeting Room and Parish Lounge |
| Mon | 7.00 pm | St.Vincent de Paul Meeting in Meeting Room            |
| Tue | 9.45 am | Legion of Mary meet In Meeting Room                   |
|     | 1.30 pm | MMP Prayer Group meet at the Convent                  |
|     | 6.00 pm | Outreach dinner in Foyer                              |
|     | 7.00 pm | Filipino Legion of Mary meet in Meeting Room          |
| Wed | 7.00 pm | Reconciliation in Church during Lent                  |
|     | 7.30 pm | RCIA meet in Parish Lounge                            |
| Fri | 6.30 am | Early Bird Mass                                       |
|     | 7.00 pm | Stations of the Cross (Tongan)                        |
| Sun |         | <b>The Passion of the Lord</b>                        |

**Holy Week Timetable – St. Joseph’s Upper Hutt**

**Palm Sunday Masses – 20 March**

Saturday 6pm Vigil  
Sunday 9am & 10.30am

**Monday 21 March**

9.15am Mass (note change of time as the school will be in attendance to celebrate St. Joseph’s Day  
7pm - Rite 2 Reconciliaton

**Tuesday 22 March**

9am Mass  
7.30pm - Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Wellington

**Wednesday 23 March**

9am Mass

**Holy Thursday – 24 March**

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7pm

**Good Friday – 25 March**

3.00pm - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

**Easter Saturday Vigil – 26 March**

7.30pm - Please note change of time

**Easter Sunday Masses – 27 March**

9am & 10.30am

**The Door Is Open For You: Every Wednesday evening during Lent**

St. Joseph’s Church will be ‘open for you’ from 7pm-8pm to rediscover the healing and forging ministry of the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Holy Week Reconciliation – Rite 2**

Sunday 20 March 4pm Our Lady of Grace Church Heretaunga

Monday 21 March 7pm at St. Joseph’s Church Upper Hutt

**Stations of the Cross** – During Lent Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church every Friday night at 7pm led by the Tongan Community.

**St. Joseph’s Day School Mass – Monday 21 March at 9.15am.** The School will be celebrating St. Joseph’s Day with a Mass at 9.15am. PLEASE NOTE change of Mass time. NOT 9am.

**St Joseph’s Feast Day** - This will be celebrated at 9am Mass on Saturday 19th March. As it is a special day for our patron Saint there will be music and a special emphasis on St Joseph. All very welcome.

**Easter Vigil time change and supper** - Please note that Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 26th March will commence at 7.30pm (and not 7pm as in previous years). There will be new Catholics receiving the sacraments at this Mass and we ask if people can bring a plate of finger food to celebrate with the new members of our community after Mass.

**Bells for Gloria:** Please feel free to bring along bells to ring during the Gloria at Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses.

**Palms needed for Palm Sunday 20 March** - both large and small palms are needed for each of the three Masses. The large palms are used to decorate the Church on the Saturday morning and the small palms for people to hold and be blessed during the Masses. If you are able to help to provide either small or large palms we would very much appreciate it. Please contact Parish Office and advise them that you can assist. (528 2028) Thank you.

**Catholic Women’s League Fun Quiz Evening**

To be held at St Peter Chanel Centre on Monday 14 March commencing at 7.30pm. This year’s at Home Appeal is for the Sophie Elliott Foundation and our ongoing support for the Ahipanilolo Technical College in Tonga to help students with their fees. Start thinking about getting a table of 6 people. People not able to fill a table will be allocated with those in a similar position. Supper provided. Raffles available. Tickets available for purchase from any committee member or the Parish Office for \$10 each

**Parish Collection** – Last week \$2,387.00

**Remember in Prayer:** William Greenaway, Eileen Gittings, Rie Mulder, Margaret Newhouse, the sick, special needs and Intentions.

**Income Tax Rebate** – as the financial year comes to an end, please remember the 33% rebate that is available on charitable donations. Also a reminder to those parishioners who give lump sums from time to time that their donations should be in by the end of March.

**Preference of Enrolment Forms to be signed**

Fr. Maleko will be available to sign preferences on a Tuesday afternoon between 3-5pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Presbytery. No appointment necessary

“**The Pastoral Council** is looking at utilising the hallway behind the altar and the flower room to the side of the altar in a more productive way. There are two main users of the room – the Flower Group and the Music Group. These people have been

contacted. Could anyone else who has items stored either behind the altar or in the Flower room please contact Hugh Steel at 971-2317 to discuss the best course of action. We hope to get these area’s sorted before Easter.”

**St Joseph’s Social Justice Group - Year of Mercy activities**

Monthly Community Dinner in the foyer Tuesday 16 March 6pm. Any donations of food or offers of help will be welcome. This month we have a display in the foyer showing the various prison Ministries ranging from Church Services to supporting the families of prisoners. If you would like join our group or have any questions please ring Teresa Homan 527 9061, Judy Dixon 970 7169, Gabrielle McLaughlin 527 8523.

**Futuna Chapel Open Day plus Public Talk by Megan Wraight**

(Landscape Architect) Sunday 20 March. Please refer to noticeboard for further info.

**Joshua Catholic Men’s Fellowship Wellington**

Come along and join us on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7:30pm** for prayer, praise and social time in CONNOLLY HALL, Guilford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). **Theme: It’s St Patricks’ Day! “How relevant is St Patrick in this day and age”** **Guest speaker:** Fr Rob Devlin (of ‘Soup Kitchen’ fame) **Want to know more?** Ring John Taylor (04) 389-8915 or [021-107-8538](tel:021-107-8538) or email: [jntaylor@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jntaylor@paradise.net.nz)

**Sonrise Service**

– This year the Abundant Life Centre is running the Sonrise Service by the Byrd Memorial on Easter morning at 7.00am on Mount Victoria in association with the Council of Wellington Churches. You are warmly invited to attend.

**Our Lady of Kapiti Parish Fundraiser Golf Day**

– at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club on Thursday 14 April. Register by 12.00pm for tee off at 12.30pm. Please refer to noticeboard for further information

**Christian Brothers’ Schools Reunion**

Being held in Dunedin from 8 to 10 July 2016  
A 140<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Christian Brothers to Rattray Street, Dunedin in 1876 will take place on the weekend of 8-10 July 2016.  
Old Boys, wives and partners, and staff of Christian Brothers’ High School and Junior School, Saint Paul’s High School and Saint Edmund’s are cordially invited.  
The Registration Form can be obtained from Mr G Morris [georgecmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:georgecmorris@hotmail.com) or Br G Donaldson, 20A Grove St, St Kilda, Dunedin 9012. Ph 03 456 5040.

**Deaf Cafe**

- for Deaf and hearing impaired people. Deaf Cafe is for anybody – just turn up. You can meet and chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa and cake and biscuits. Deaf Cafe is free. When: **Wednesday 16 March. Time: 10am to 12pm. At: St Peter and Paul’s Hall, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt.**

**Thanks to all those who helped as collectors for the Catholic Social Services Street Appeal**

on Thursday 25 February. Thank you also to everyone who made a donation to the Appeal. This year we were delighted to raise around \$9,300 which was more than we collected last year. This money will be used to help the agency in its work to assist individuals and families in need. In addition it will go towards our work helping resettle refugees coming to Wellington this year.

**40 Days for Life Closing: Together We Stand.**

**Sunday 20th March. 3.30 pm** Combined Prayer outside Wellington Hospital followed by procession to St Anne’s Hall. **4.15 pm** Sharing the 40 Days for Life experience **5 pm** Shared Dinner and fellowship. It doesn’t matter where you have prayed or even if you have prayed for the babies, mums and staff over these 40 Days you are invited to attend the closing event.

**Who will cast the first stone?**

There is a down-home story about a small town veterinarian who had invented an instrument with which, he boasted, even a child could administer a capsule to a horse, no matter how unruly or reluctant the horse might be. One summer the vet went to a country fair to demonstrate his new invention. They could not find anyone who would permit his horse to be part of the experiment, but they did find a mule and soon a crowd had gathered to watch. Undaunted, the veterinarian inserted a long glass tube into the mouth of the mule, inserted a capsule in the other end took a deep breath and put his mouth to the free end of the tube. But the mule blew first! Now the story reminds us that when we tell others what is good for them, we better be prepared to swallow the same ourselves. So the theme of our Homily today is “Who will cast the first stone?”