

THIS WEEKENDS ROSTER			
FEBRUARY 27/28	Vigil	9am	10.30am
Sacristan – February	Michael Mears	Mike Williams	
Greeters		Carolyn Driscoll	Anne Bosch
Hospitality		Rod & Elva Carley	Rammell Family
Gathering Rite	Suzette Reyes	Viviana Fon	Joe Moorman
Altar Servers	Andrei Caranay Cameron Maxwell	Daniel Byrne Keidis Clark	Selwyn Uvea Sefo Taufatoutai Herman Te'o (New)
Projectionists	David Passmore	Hugh Steel	Julian Millar
Prayer of Faithful	B. Donaldson / P. Byrne		
Proclaimer of the Word Cantor	Kevin Havell	Brian O'Neill Elsie Anderson	Lui Lafou Tongan Youth
Gifts Procession	Margaret John	P. Dunstan / S. Hynam	
Collection Procession			Des McMullan
Music Ministry	Angela Lee	Elsie Anderson	Tongan Youth
Eucharistic Ministers	Riutendo Monzora Peter Borja Lorraine Sayer	John Dol, Bev Holcroft Therese Taulanga, Mike & Kathleen Williams	Cathy & Rebecka Cox Mike Gill, Rahael Pointon, Lisa Taulanga
Bell Ringer	Danny	John Dol	
Children's Liturgy	Children's Mass – NO Children's Liturgy		
Martha Ministry	Lindsay & Ajoc Families – Church to be cleaned before weekend of 5/6 March		
February Ministries	Counting Team – Pagaura & Florendo Team Lawn Mowing – St. Joseph's – Uvea Family : S.P.C. Centre – Matt Morrison		
Flowers	NO flowers during Lent		

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER			
MARCH 5/6	Vigil	9am	10.30am
Sacristan – March	Michael Mears	Darrel Surman	
Greeters		Rod & Elva Carley	Mary & David Carter
Hospitality		Homan Family	Tongan Community
Gathering Rite	Virginia Hewson	Margaret Dawson	Lorna Zarate
Altar Servers	Jericho Borja Daniel Reyes	Manase Taulanga Lantz Antonia Joshua Jordan	Siulolo Uvea Heleina Fainga'a Okus Pole'o
Projectionists	Denis Bourke	Bob Ford	Ana Uvea
Prayer of Faithful	Joe & Kelly Moorman		
Proclaimer of the Word Cantor	Gerald Carter Joe Moorman	Bernadine Fitzgerald Exaltae	Rowena Echano Fa'apoi Uvea
Gifts Procession		Vera Crombie	Uvea Family
Collection Procession	Ellen Grigg	Rod Carley	Uvea Family
Music Ministry	Josephine Bourke	Exaltae	Ha'ape "O Saione (Tongan)
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne-Marie Maxwell Maria McDonald Janet Robinson	Peter Dawson, Claudia Homan, Dana Andrews, Kathleen & Mike Williams	Monica Zammit, Teuila Holsted, Malia Fainga'a, Clare & Marcus Hewitt
Bell Ringer	Danny	John Dol	
Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Dolphin		
Martha Ministry	Paulo Team - Church to be cleaned before weekend 12/13 March		
March Ministries	Counting Team – McNaughten Team Lawn Mowing – St. Joseph's – Taulanga Family : S.P.C. Centre –		
Flowers	NO Flowers during Lent		

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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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

27/28 FEBRUARY 2016

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Liturgy of the Word:

Psalm Response: **"The Lord is kind and merciful."**
Today's Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12, Luke 13: 1-9
Next Sunday: Joshua 5: 9-12, 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Luke 13: 1-9)



FIG TREE

All three of today's Readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment and giving them a second chance in spite of their repeated sins. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our co-operation.

That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness and faithful service.

The First Reading tells us how God shows His mercy to His chosen people by choosing Moses as their lead and liberator. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob reveals Himself to Moses from the burning bush and assures Moses of His Divine presence with His people and of His awareness of their suffering in Egypt.

He declares His intention to use Moses as the leader who will rescue His enslaved people.

Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people, invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parables of the barren fig tree, he also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely.

Life Messages We need to live lives of repentance, because (a) we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own.

Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to Sacramental Confession and there is no better time to go to Confession than during Lent.

(b) repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people and helps us to face death without fear.

We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard – Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sensitivity to the feelings of others.

We need to make the best use of the "second chance" God gives us – our merciful Father always gives us a second chance. During Lent, we, too, are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's Love.

Fr. Maleko Tufuga

PARISH DIARY 28 February 06 March

Sun	3.00 pm	Samoan Divine Mercy in Church
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
	7.00 pm	CWL Committee Meeting in Meeting Room
	7.00 pm	Filipino Legion of Mary meet in Parish Lounge
Wed	7.00 pm	Reconciliation in Church during Lent
	7.30 pm	RCIA meet in Parish Lounge
Fri	6.30 am	Early Bird Mass
	11.15 am	Anointing Mass in Church
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Tongan)
Sun		4th Sunday of Lent
	2.00 pm	Baptismal Course in Presbytery Lounge

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

Lenten Reflection Groups – If anyone is interested in joining a group, please contact Judy Dixon 970 7169 or Teresa Homan 977 6963

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.

Sacramental Programme 2016

1st Reconciliation – 2nd parents/caregivers meeting Wednesday 9 March 7.30pm in Church Foyer – All parents/caregivers of children making their First Reconciliation are asked to attend this meeting. Children should be 8 years of age by 23 September. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with you to the meeting. Enquiries to Marie Kirkup – 526 8775 or Fr. Maleko 528 2028. Reconciliation will be held on Sunday 10 April, 1pm in St. Joseph's Church, with practice being held on Saturday 9 April, 1pm in the Church.

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.

Columban Calendars – There are still some available from the Parish Office for \$12.00 each.

Year of Mercy Parish Reflection Programme Booklets 8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016. There are copies of these at the back of the Church.

ANOINTING MASS THIS FRIDAY 4 MARCH
11.15AM IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

World Day of Prayer – Friday 4 March, 1.30pm at the Salvation Army Centre, 695 Fergusson Drive Upper Hutt – This year the prayers have been prepared by the women of Cuba. It would be great if we could unite with our fellow Churches. Transport will be available if required. Ring Mary Richardson 973 4592.

Vocation Prayers for February – Janet Robinson

Liturgy Meeting – Wednesday 9 March, 7pm in Parish Meeting Room – There will be a Liturgy Meeting to discuss Easter and other upcoming Feasts in St. Joseph's Church. We are looking for new members for the Liturgy Committee, people willing to help and contribute new ideas on how to make our Liturgies more welcoming and alive. All very welcome. If you cannot make the meeting, but would like to be involved with the Liturgy Group, please phone Cherylynn 526 6914 or email: Cherylynn.passmore@xtra.co.nz. Thank you.

Video of Fr. Maleko's Installation as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Upper Hutt at the Saturday Vigil Mass on 6 February 2016 is now available to be viewed on the link below:- <https://youtu.be/VjwoR1ZY620>

Catholic Women's League Fun Quiz Evening
To be held at St Peter Chanel Centre on Monday 14 March commencing at 7.30pm. Start thinking about getting a table of 6-8 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.

Remember in Prayer: Eileen Gittings, Patrick O'Boyle, Adrianus Heffer, Kevin Regan, Rie Mulder, Margaret Newhouse, the sick, special needs and Intentions.

2016 Wellington Eucharistic Convention
Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy – Sunday 6 March, 8.30am at St. Patrick's College Silverstream. Convention Theme:- *Our Father who are in Heaven*. Guests speakers for the Convention are:- *Fr. Eugene Ashkar (Melbourne), Zachary King (Florida USA), Tommy Canning (Scotland)* Tickets – adults \$25 ... senior and students \$20 ... under 15 years Free. Please refer to noticeboard for further information.

St. Joseph's School Term Dates:-
Term 1 ends 15 April at 2.50pm
Term 2 begins 2 May at 8.50am.
The School will close for Easter from Friday 25 March and re-open on Thursday 31 March

Futuna Chapel Open Day plus Public Talk by Megan Wraight (Landscape Architect)
Sunday 20 March. Please refer to noticeboard for further information.

St. Catherine's Indoor Bowling Club Annual General Meeting will be held at the St. Peter Chanel Centre on Wednesday 9 March at 7pm. New Members most welcome. Any enquiries please phone Lynette 970 4481.

Annual Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat (A FREE Event – a Koha will be taken) Saturday 5 March from 10am-5pm at St. Joseph's Church, Basin Reserve. Led by Fr. Allan Jones SM and Fr. John Allardyce SM. Profound teachings, Sacrament of Reconciliation Adoration, Prayer, Reflection, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Holy Mass and Fellowship. Please bring a packed lunch. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome. For details visit www.CentreForDivneMercy.org or call Therese 0226 452 862

Copyright Workshop for those involved in liturgical ministry and finance. Archdiocesan representatives are offering a workshop for musicians, liturgy teams, PowerPoint editors and those administering payment for copyright licensing. The presentation will explore issues associated with copyright and present an initiative that may offer all involved with parish liturgy ministry a positive option that solves the copyright nightmare and provides opportunity to access a range of resources for musicians. Join the team at either venue:

- 7:30pm – 9pm **Wednesday 9th March** (Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace)
- 10am – 11:30am **Saturday 9 April** (Plimmerton Parish Hall).

Prayer for the Year of Mercy:
Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sisters of Compassion are offering **Taize Prayer** at the Island Bay Home of Compassion Chapel on **Friday 4th March**. The evening prayer is from **7.00 - 8.00 p.m.** There is plenty of parking and it is the No. 1 bus route. You are most welcome.

Lenten Walk/Stations of the Cross for better and healthy housing: Sufficient, affordable and healthy housing close to employment is lacking in NZ. Low-income families and children are particularly affected by this. Catholic Social Teaching says the state has a particular role in providing housing. The Archdiocesan Justice, Peace and Development commission has organized a Stations of the Cross around this issue. Mons. Gerard Burns will represent Cardinal Dew. Walk begins from Holy Family church, Mungavin Ave, Porirua East, following the 9.30am Mass (ie, at 10.30am) Sunday March 6th and will take one hour. All welcome. Contact: Telesia Alaimoana (04) 235-9131.

LENT is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others! On Good Friday we Fast, eating one full meal and two smaller ones. We abstain from meat as well. During Lent we can also Fast in different ways:-

- Fast from judging others .. feast on the Christ indwelling in them.*
- Fast from emphasis on differences .. feast on the unity of life.*
- Fast from apparent darkness .. feast on the reality of light.*
- Fast from thoughts of illness .. feast on the healing power of God.*
- Fast from words that pollute .. feast on phrases that purify.*
- Fast from discontent .. fast on gratitude*
- Fast from anger .. feast on patience*
- Fast from pessimism .. feast on optimism*

- Fast from worry .. feast on divine order*
- Fast from complaining .. feast on appreciation*
- Fast from negatives .. feast on affirmatives*

- Fast from unrelenting pressures .. feast on unceasing prayer.*
- Fast from hostility .. feast on non-resistance*
- Fast from bitterness .. feast on forgiveness*

- Fast from self concern .. feast on compassion for others.*
- Fast from personal anxiety .. feast on eternal truth.*
- Fast from discouragement .. feast on hope.*

- Fast from facts that depress .. feast on truths that uplift.*
- Fast from lethargy .. feast on enthusiasm.*
- Fast from suspicion .. feast on truth.*

- Fast from thoughts that weaken .. feast on promises that inspire.*
- Fast from shadows of sorrow .. feast on sunlight of serenity.*
- Fast from idle gossip .. feast on purposeful silence.*