



Our Lady of Fatima

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## 1st Sunday of Lent

26th Feb 2023

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

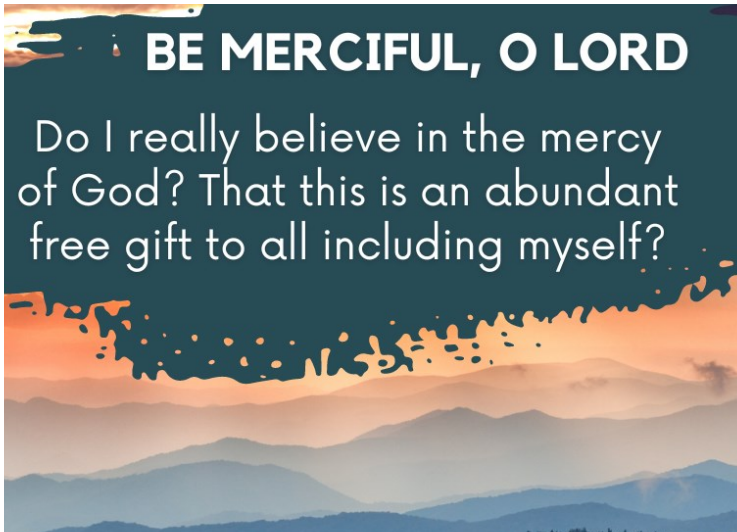
We are the parish of Our Lady of Fatima, within the Diocese of Auckland. We strive with the help of the Holy Spirit to build a Eucharistic Community and through our lives proclaim the Kingdom of God.

#### This Sunday's readings

Reading 1: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Psalm: Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17  
Reading 2: Rom 5:12-19  
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

#### Next Sunday's readings

Reading 1: Gn 12:1-4a  
Psalm: Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.  
Reading 2: 2 Tm 1:8b-10  
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



### REFLECTION

*A TIME FOR PREPARATION– the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of lent. Jesus' time in wilderness was a time for preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self, and not the Father. For us, Lent is a time of preparation for the Feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.*

**During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas**



#### Stay Connected

Please visit the parish website to keep up to date [www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz](http://www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz)

Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp for Weekly Notices <https://bit.ly/OLOFNotices>

### PARISH OFFICE

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### MASS TIMES

#### WEEKEND

Sunday Eucharist 9:30am

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

#### WEEK DAYS

Monday 9am

Tuesday 6:30pm Rosary,  
Novena & Mass

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am

Saturday 8am Adoration

8:30am Rosary

9am Mass

#### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9:30 – 10am

#### EVERY MONTH

First Friday Encounter

7pm - 8:30pm Come and encounter our Lord in adoration, worship & prayer

First Saturday Anointing of the Sick at 9am Mass

## PARISH GIVING



Every gift that you make helps to advance our parish mission of building a Eucharistic Community and maintains the financial health of our parish operations and programmes. Here's how you can help:

**Donation Tap Point**—found at the entrance of our church foyer.

**Giving Envelopes**—these can be placed at in the collections taken up during Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass.  
Email [lofatimaparish@gmail.com](mailto:lofatimaparish@gmail.com)

**Automatic Payment/Bank Transfer**—Do a transfer online and set up an auto-payment to support our parish regularly. *To sign up and for more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/olofgiving>*

**Parish Support 02-0100-0120974-10**

**Priest Support 02- 0100-0120974-11**

For your tax receipt please email the

**Your Lent Donation Appeal can also be sent to our Parish Account 02-0100-0120974-10**

### Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support	\$ 579.20
Priest Support	\$ 360.00

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Legion of Mary

Join the Legion of Mary as an active or auxiliary member. **Active members** meet once a week for prayer, planning and perform two hours of work of service in union with Our Lady.

**Auxiliary members** pray the Rosary and the prayers of the Legion of Mary (the Tessera) for the intentions of the Blessed Mother and to support the efforts of the active members through their prayers. Email [lofatimaparish@gmail.com](mailto:lofatimaparish@gmail.com)

### Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday 9:30am  
during the school term

#### 1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

### Counselling & Accompaniment

For those who are experiencing challenging periods in their lives. Counsellor: Dr John Evangelista  
Tuesday's 5pm onwards  
Contact the parish office 09 521 5244  
email: [lofatimaparish@gmail.com](mailto:lofatimaparish@gmail.com)

### AGM

Annual General Meeting will be on **Sunday 12 March 2023, at 10.45am**, immediately after the 9.30 Mass. All are welcome.

### Music Ministry

Can you play a musical instrument? Would you like to join the choir? Do you or anyone you know have skills and talents in Music that they could share with our parish? Contact Irene to find out more  
[burensanmiguel@gmail.com](mailto:burensanmiguel@gmail.com)

### OLOF Men

Join the men of our parish once a month on a Wednesday at 6:30pm for dinner, short content and a discussion.

**Wednesday's in 2023**

26 Apr | 24 May  
28 Jun | 23 Aug |  
27 Sep | 25 Oct



## PARISH PROGRAMMES

### Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Check out [bit.ly/olofalphacourse](https://bit.ly/olofalphacourse) for more information and to register.

Thursdays 6:30pm–8:30pm  
First session starts Thu 9 Feb, 2023.

### OLOF Health & Healing

Every First Saturday at 9:50am after the First Saturday Healing & Anointing Mass. New series *The Wild Goose—Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit*

### Become Catholic (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith or looking into the possibility of becoming Catholic, Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you.

Email [olofrcia@gmail.com](mailto:olofrcia@gmail.com) for more info.

### First Friday Encounter

Come and encounter our Lord in Adoration through Scripture, Personal Prayer, Worship Music & Prayer Ministry

**Next Friday 3 Mar 7pm–8:30pm**

For more information please visit our website [www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz](http://www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz) or email [ol-offaith@gmail.com](mailto:ol-offaith@gmail.com)

## MT CARMEL SCHOOL



**MT CARMEL  
PRIMARY**

**SCHOOL TOUR  
FRIDAY 5TH MAY 9AM**



Please email  
[enrolments@mtcarmel.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@mtcarmel.school.nz)  
to register your interest.

Mt Carmel Place, Meadowbank, Auckland  
Tel: 09 521 5161  
[www.mtcarmel.school.nz](http://www.mtcarmel.school.nz)



Integrated Catholic  
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### Holy Cross Seminary, Ponsonby

Invites you to the blessing of the remediated Seminary Buildings on **Sat, 11 March 2023**, starting with Mass at 11:00 am. Presider :Cardinal John Dew .

A special invitation is extended to all those who may be interested in vocation and religious life to priesthood. All are welcome!

## PARISH NOTICES

### Lenten Evening Prayer

**28 Feb 7pm – 8pm**

Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay

Led by Jill McLoughlin rsj.

### World Day of Prayer

**Fri 3 March**, 10 am at St Paul's Methodist  
12 St Vincent Ave, Remuera.

## LENT 2023

*Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and alms-giving in preparation for the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.*

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent 7 - 7.30 pm.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays, after 9 am Mass

**Wed 8 March @ 7pm, First Reconciliation**, please pray for all children in the Sacramental Programme 2023



### Lenten Talks (Mondays 6.15–7.30pm)

**Mar 06** The Story of Death (Dr John Evangelista)

**Mar 13** The Afterlife (Fr Merv Duffy, sm)

**Mar 20** The Hour of Our Death (Dr Rocio Figueroa)

**Mar 27** The Faithful Departed (Fr Austin Fernandes)

**Can you not spend one hour with me?** Join OLOF Men in Adoration during Lent. 7am to 9am, and then 8.30am to 9.30pm. Everyday starting 22 Feb till 2nd April .

**Cans Donation** Bring a can food, or more, every weekend during Lent. Cans collection is to support families at St Joseph Parish, Otahuhu.

## NOTICES

**Living on the Wings of the Spirit - A Wings Nga Parirau** to be held at: Pompallier Centre  
**Sun 26th Feb 2023, 1pm to 4pm.** Please  
 RSVP to [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) or **021 261 2189**.

**"A journey through History"**. 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Saturday, 4 March & 11 March 2023

Please Register By 28th February 2023 to Deacon Steve on [Stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:Stephenf@cda.org.nz), or Engelbert on [englebert.dsouza@yahoo.com](mailto:englebert.dsouza@yahoo.com)

### ST MARY'S COLLEGE

OPEN DAY Thursday 9 March – 2.30pm & 6.30pm

For more info  
[www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments)

### BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS –

Wednesday 1 March and Thursday 2 March 2023

BOOKINGS online REQUIRED (opening 9.00am Monday 20 Feb). Tour times: 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am. Book at [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol) by 3.00pm Monday 27 Feb

Enrolments for Year 7, 2024 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 17 March, 2023.

### St Paul's College Open Day

Enrolments for Years 7,8, and 9 in 2024

Limited enrolments at other levels.

**Thursday 9th March 2023, 9.30 am, or 1.45pm.**

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school. [STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ](http://STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ)

### Sacred Heart College

Enrolment into Year 7 and Year 9, 2024, are now open, close date Friday 31 March, Places with Boarding available from Year 9. **Open Day is on Wednesday, 8 March, at 10am and 1pm.** Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available. Apply online here [www.sacredheart.school.nz](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz) for more information.

Registration is now open for the next **Theology of the Body** Courses based on Pope Saint John Paul II's beautiful catechesis on human love and dignity. Beginners Course: **Human Love in the Divine Plan** : **Sat 4th and Sun 5th March 2023**, 8am—6pm, Mission Bay, Auckland. This course is for adults (20yrs+). Please visit: [theologyofthebody.nz](http://theologyofthebody.nz), or email [tobauckland@gmail.com](mailto:tobauckland@gmail.com).



Bishop Steve has launched an emergency cyclone relief appeal to support the dioceses of Palmerston North and Hamilton. Donate to [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

*Responding to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Caritas is accepting donations for this*  
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions** :Genesis – **In the Beginning...Part 1: The Creation Story** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Mon 27 Feb 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

**Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua... (Michelangelo)** with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Mon, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

### JOB VACANCY

**Parish Pastoral Coordinator St Luke's Parish Flat Bush** part-time 25 hours per week For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email [craig\\_dunford@xtra.co.nz](mailto:craig_dunford@xtra.co.nz)

**Parish Secretary Our Lady of Lourdes Glen Eden** .25 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 1.30pm. Apply by submitting CV and covering letter to Parish Priest email [paulhelsham@gmail.com](mailto:paulhelsham@gmail.com)



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