

## Marriages

Contact Fr Roy OR Fr Rivan Narang.

Booking St. Anthony OR St. Therese Church for Wedding 275 5401

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SCHEDULE

March 14th St Anthony 9am

May 9th St Anthony 9am

## ST. THERESE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Parish Priest Fr Roynaldo Noeng, C.Ss.R

Assistant Priest Fr Rivandi Narang, C.Ss.R

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Vaiongo Patterson

Senetenari Niulevaea Youth Representative

Vaitava'e Moe Fund raising rep

Hila Tuli Multicultural Mass coordinator

Samoa Community Representative Satuala Christopher Oleva Tanuvasa Media

Cook Islands Community Representative Marcel Papa

Tongan Community Representative Una Filo

Other Ethnic Communities Representative Hector Zinck

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PPC Member Ulualo Pouhila

PPC Member Rosalina Pauga

Fund raising Chair Leau Peter Skelton

Samoa Community Rep & Multicultural Mass coordinator Telesia Maiava Setefano

Tongan Rep & Multicultural Mass coordinator Epifania Saili

Other Ethnic Communities Representative Roy Thomas

## LITURGY COORDINATORS

### St. Therese

Cantor Paongo Havili Tea

Altar Server Vaimalama Fuimaono & Saviga Taumata

Musician Chanel Alataua

Readers Hila Tuli

Safety Officer Francis Sio

Communion Marcel Papa & Laki Peni

AV Operators Ana Taumata

Communion Minister to the Sick Talava Toomata

### St. Anthony

Vice Chair Cantor & Musician Maliana Ioane

Altar Server Epifania Saili

Readers Sia Maiava & Gloria Salanoa

Safety Officers Kalolo Toleafoa

Communion Ministers Vaofilifili Fidow

AV Operators TBC

## Safeguarding Team

### St. Anthony Parish

Kalolo Toleafoa

Vaofilifili Fidow

Anthony Antao

### St. Therese Parish

Chanel Alataua

Vaimalama Fuimaono

Francis Sio



## **Mangere Catholic Parishes Pastoral Team**

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**St Anthony Family Support Trust**

**St Anthony Food Bank: 0273533537**

**SCHOOLS IN THE PARISHES**

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

PSALTER (W:4)

**MONDAY 16th March**

Fourth Week of Lent, Year A

Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30

John 4:43-54

**Mass St Anthony 9am**

**TUESDAY 17th March**

Fourth Week of Lent, Year A

Jeremiah 1:4-9: Psalm 117

Acts 13:46-49; Luke 10:1-2,17-20

**St. Therese Mass 9am**

**WEDNESDAY 18th March**

Fourth Week of Lent, Year A

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145

John 5:17-30

**St. Anthony Mass 9am**

**THURSDAY 19th March**

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (s)

2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16; Psalm 89

Romans 4:13,16-18,22:

Matthew 1:16,18-21,24

**St. Therese Mass 9am &  
Confession evening 7pm**

**FRIDAY 20th March**

Third Week of Lent, Year A

Wisdom 2:1,12-22; Psalm 34

John 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Mass 9am Adoration until 5:30pm.**

**Confession 10am to 12midday.**

Stations of the Cross

St Anthony 6pm St. Therese 6pm

Parish 6pm & Tongan Stations 7pm

**SATURDAY 21st March**

Third Week of Lent, Year A

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7

John 7:40-52

**Mass St Therese 9am**

**NEXT WEEK (5th Sunday of Lent, Year  
A) Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps 130; Romans 8:8-  
11; John 11:1-45**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St. Anthony, Mangere Bridge.

Saturday Vigil 5pm. Sunday 9am Mass.

Samoa Mass 4th Sunday 11am.

St. Therese, Mangere East.

Sunday 8am, 10am & 6pm. Tongan Mass 7pm

First Friday of the month. Samoa Mass 4th Sunday of the month 12midday.

### **CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER.**

1st Sunday Maata Matisi & Tuli Families  
2nd Sunday Susana Schmidt & Family  
3rd Sunday Vaifale Family  
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov.  
3rd Sunday Faalili Family  
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec.  
4th & 5th Sunday Legion of Mary.

### **GROUNDS CLEANING ROSTER.**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Tongan Community  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ethnic group  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Cook Islands Community  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Samoan Community  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish Youth & 6pm Choir

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE.**

Dear Parishioners,

Marriage is a holy covenant blessed by God. While civil marriage fulfils legal requirements, it is not complete in the eyes of our Lord. Our priests are available to help you achieve the necessary spiritual steps to sanctify your union in front of God. Please reach out for guidance and support to ensure your marriage is fully blessed and recognized by the Church. Fathers Roy and Rivan are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

**Kairos New Zealand** are hosting our Annual 'GetSet' retreat at Houghtons Bush Camp, Muriwai, from Friday 17 April 2026 6pm onwards to Sunday 19 April 2026 2.45pm. To register please check out the poster on the church notice board or pick up a flyer. Register at: [www.tinyurl.com/getset2026](http://www.tinyurl.com/getset2026). For more information, please contact Karyn Coutinho 021806855 or email [getset.auckland@gmail.com](mailto:getset.auckland@gmail.com)

Tip#4: **Before you engage – check:** Do I know this person? Does their profile photo match the information they have shared about themselves, and does it look genuine or staged, or potentially copied from someone else? Does the Facebook address match their name? Are there any inconsistencies on their information page or something that just doesn't make sense?

### **Divine Mercy Feast Sunday 12th April**

5:30pm at St Benedict's Parish, 1 St Benedict's Street, Eden Terrace. More details display the foyer.

### **CONFESSION EVENING**

Both parishes' confession at St Therese parish on Thursday the 19th of March at 7pm.

### **Invitation to Join the Ministry of the Word.**

All young and more mature adults who are interested in proclaiming the Word of God during our Mass celebrations are warmly invited to take part in an upcoming Reader's Update and Training.

A Reader's Update will be provided for our current readers, and a Reader's Training session will be available for those who would like to join this ministry for the first time. Participants only need to attend one of the following sessions:

Thursday, 16 April at 7:00 pm – St Therese

Saturday, 18 April – after the 9:00 am Mass – St Therese

For further information, please contact Hila Tuli on 021 02233342.

We look forward to welcoming you and thank you for your willingness to serve in this important ministry.

### **HOLY WEEK PREPARATION**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

St Therese parish needs palms to decorate the church grounds for palm Sunday. Drop off dates 27th & 28th March. Thank you

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Dear Parishioners of St Anthony and St Therese, we are looking for people who have first Aid, doctors and nurses, any medical background who are willing to help and volunteer with stations at Mangere mountain Good Friday. If you are interested please register your details at the foyer after all masses. Thank you for your support.

Chanel.

### **EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL**

#### **CANDLES FOR EASTER VIGIL.**

For the safety of all parishioners and to protect the Church pews and carpet, suggesting please buy a candle in a glass 7centimeters high Kindly recommending candle in the glass. Please help care for our church. Thank you for supporting the liturgy committee of both parishes.

8th March, 2026. 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A. (P.W3)

*TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*  
*Learning to see as God sees*

When Jesus says he is the light of the world what do we make of it? Have we ever experienced this light? Or do we live somewhere between the darkness and the promise of it, perhaps too caught up in the light of our phones to see the people around us?

In the gospel Jesus sees a man born blind, and the disciples ask whether it was his sin or his parents that caused it? Neither he replies. Beyond the social shaming Jesus sees the man himself, one in whom we'll behold the glory of God.

Our coming to sight doesn't always happen instantly, as the man reveals, but step by step. It begins when Jesus sees him and the man goes and bathes in the pool as Jesus had said; trusting in him he receives his sight.

However, now he's doubted by his friends, abandoned by his parents, and three times he's questioned by the Pharisees, who determine Jesus is a sinner, until finally they drive the man out of the synagogue – and through it all he holds his nerve and simply tells them what he knows, what Jesus has done: he bears extraordinary witness to him.

Hearing what's happened Jesus comes looking for him and invites him to take a further step into the light. When he says yes, and worships him, he affirms that it's Jesus alone who gives real meaning to our lives, that he is our life. In doing so the man reveals what we long for but are often uncertain about. Are we able to see him in those we are close to, or in the dark moments of our lives, let alone in the outcast and the stranger?

As one young man did when he began leaving food with homeless people in a nearby street, until one evening one of them said to him, 'talk to us, don't just feed us like dogs'.

He then realised they were human too; that they had something to give him, and it changed his life: in their company he came to know Jesus.

Finally, Jesus speaks with the Pharisees of his coming into the world to enable us to choose. Do we begin to open our lives to his light – to the glory of God - or hold fast to what we've known, blinded by our reluctance to see? Jesus doesn't condemn the Pharisees but reveals to them their blindness, as he does with us.

The first two readings speak of a God who 'looks at the heart' not simply our self-presentation. This is what informs God's way in directing Samuel's choice of a king. And like the prophet, we have to learn to see as God sees.

While Paul speaks of discovering 'what the Lord wants of you' by facing into the darknesses of our lives and letting them be illuminated by the light of Christ. As those about to be baptised at Easter reveal to us, this transformation is at the heart of Lent.

Damian Coleridge

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