

MERCY SHIPS - Every year a bunch of Kiwis head to West Africa to volunteer on-board an enormous hospital ship run by a Christian charity called Mercy Ships. Tonight The SUNDAY current affairs programme profiles them and their incredible work. TVONE – 7.30pm March 10th .

SAFEGUARDING - The Catholic Church's National Office of Professional Standards (NOPS) has a new website <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/> It contains information on reporting abuse, safeguarding and related policies.

THE NZ CATHOLIC - *The Mar. 10 – 23 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:* Radical Reforms and Catholic Schools. Abuse summit tough but needed says Cardinal Dew. Healthcare Mass in Christchurch. Two Catholics react to Jordan Peterson.

POPE FRANCIS DEC 2017: "How Can I Bear Good Fruit? Be Fruitful. Where there is God there is fruitfulness."

LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE - From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday join us in daily prayer, fasting and reparation for the cause of life. Register your prayer commitment for the campaign's four prayer intentions at: fli.org.nz/lentenprayerforlife and receive a free pro-life prayer book.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR GIRLS - OPEN EVENINGS:

St Dominic's Catholic College Tue 19 March 6.30pm. Enrolments close 28 June. www.stdoms.ac.nz

Carmel College Thursday 9 May 4.30-9.30pm. Y7 and Y9 online application deadline 7 Jun.

LIVING SIMPLY DURING LENT - In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to care for "Our Common Home" you may wish to take the **Laudato Si' pledge** by praying with and for creation, living more simply and advocating to protect our common home. See the websites: <http://livelaudatosi.org> and <https://livelightly.nz/take-action>.

CENTERING PRAYER - a Christian based meditation practice ... We are offering an *introductory workshop, with 2 follow-up sessions*, providing the opportunity to learn and practice this approach to prayer which is based on stillness and quiet within. Our workshop is open to anyone wanting to develop or refresh this meditation practice **Lead by** Leigh Cummings, Kathie Bodle and Felicity Smith. **When:** Saturday 6 April 10am - 12pm; Thursday 11 April 7.30-9pm; Thursday 2 May 7.30-9pm. **Where:** St Matthews Church Hall, Garfield Rd, Helensville. **Cost:** Koha to defray costs. **Contact:** Leigh at 021999948 or leighcummings@yahoo.com for more information or to register. **"Be still and know that I am God"** Supported by The Contemplative Network Aotearoa. www.contemplative.org.nz.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS - Come and join us every Wednesday immediately following the 9am Mass at the Lawrie Sakey Centre. Everyone is welcome especially Mothers and Grandmothers, and let the Lord lead and guide us to pray for our children and all children that need our love and prayers. Phone Terri for more info. 09 420-8428.

COMBINED SHROVE TUESDAY at St Joseph's Helensville on the 5th of March - Sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for all those who came for the liturgy of burning the old palms for the Ash Wednesday celebrations. It was such a lovely event for our two churches to end the Ordinary Time and enter the season of lent - singing for the last time the **ALLELUIA** when the palms were burnt to ashes. Followed by a joyful cup of tea and a feast of pancakes and buns.



TOGETHER AS ONE
ST. JOSEPH'S, HELENSVILLE & ST. PATRICK'S, HUAPAI

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First Sunday of Lent, 10 March 2019 - YEAR C

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 90, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Daily Readings

11 - 16 Mar	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Isaiah 55:10-11	Jonah 3:1-10	Esther 4:17	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm	19B	34	51	138	130	119A
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	Matthew 6:7-15	Luke 11:29-32	Matthew 7:7-12	Matthew 5:20-26	Matthew 5:43-48

Usual Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times Below

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00 pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	6:00 pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00 am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00 am
Weekday	Mon, Wed, Thu	9:00 am	Tue & Fri	10:00 am
Adoration	Thursday	9:30-10:30 am	Friday	10:30-11:00 am

Reconciliation	Helensville	Thursday after the 9am Mass during Adoration
	Huapai	Friday after the 10am Mass during Adoration
	Other Times	Feel free to contact Fr Carlos

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE OCCURRING THIS WEEK - 9/2001 Adeline Travers, 10/1983 Michael Lynch, 10/1999 Antonia Van Berkel, 11/1978 Herbert Williscroft 12/2010 Kitty Russell, 12/2018, Laurie McEntee, 13/2006 Robert Martin, 14/2018 Kate Grbavac, 14/2006 Bree Wylie, 14/2008 Bernadette Hand, and 15/2006 Eunice Copland

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED - Father Ikenasio Vitaliano (PP, Beach haven), Araceli Villalobos, Grace (Fr Benedict Francis' mother), Dr Jean Leach, John Denz, Eunice Cox and Terry Coates. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. We also pray for their families that they will be comforted through our prayers, care and support.*

WE PRAY FOR HEALING & RECOVERY for all those who are sick in our Parish community especially for - Barry Wilson, Elmer Escandor, Peter Evans, Linda Rose Kiddie, Rose Smith, Basil Grbic, Patrick Shalley, Steve Nobilo, Kath Butcher, and Helen Bradley (Richard's mother) and Shelia O'Malley.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION - Pledge \$494.00 Non-pledge \$443.90

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM DURING LENT starting on 13 March 2019 - Please come and bring your family and friends for the Stations of the Cross at Saint Joseph's Church, Helensville.

HUAPAI MISSION GROUP - Our March meeting will be on Tuesday March 12th after Mass. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. God Bless.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE DIFFERENCES - During the past couple of years, there have been questions around the differences between the roles of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance committee. The insert is a one page summary which highlights these differences in roles, key principles, criteria, and methods used. Any questions, please see Burke Butler, PPC Chairman or Fr Carlos.

FR CARLOS' SAMSUNG GALAXY S2 MOBILE PHONE - Dear Parishioners, if you have seen someone who happened to pick-up my mobile phone on top of the bookshelves at the door to the toilet last Sunday, 24 February 2019 (before, during or after) the 9:00 am Mass at St Patrick's Huapai, please let me know or please tell them to return to me. Would be greatly appreciated. Badly needed for my parish pastoral ministry.

If by chance you've taken it home - please return to me. Don't worry - you'll be forgiven. I still love you, care for you and pray for you. May God bless you! **Thank you, Fr Carlos**

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - if you have a baby or child under seven to be baptised please contact 420 8110 or email office@helensvillecatholic.org.nz

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME (First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion) - If you have children wanting to join this year's programme or if you know someone whose children are interested to join, please contact Christine Salmon 027 434 4415, Geraldine Bradley 09 420 8736 or Monica Calis 021 142 2940 or see Father Carlos.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - If you know someone who is curious to explore the Catholic Faith or someone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Jim Bolton (09) 412 6959 or see Father Carlos.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The season of Lent, as the preface says, is a gift. It offers us the time and space to stand back and look at the big picture - the big picture of our human condition within the horizon of divine love. We survey the whole story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus' mission among us. At no other time of the year do we engage in such a sustained exploration of our vocation as human beings.

Our principal guides on the way are the great storytellers of the Old Testament, the dynamic and provocative preacher Paul, and above all Jesus himself via the evangelists Luke and John. Today's ensemble of readings invites us into the grand sweep of God's saving work in our human history - from an early creed recalling the exodus, through the earthly mission of Jesus, to the salvation we experience by confessing our faith. The time has come to turn around and believe the Good News; the reign of God is at hand.

Break Open the Word, p48

Coming Sunday Readings – Second Sunday of Lent (C) - 17 Mar 2019

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18; Psalm 26, Philippians 3:20-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

Coming Rosters 16/17 March	Huapai Saturday Vigil Mass	Helensville Sunday Mass
Leader	Jim	Doreen
Word	Delia	Joanna / Danny
Eucharist	Moana / Janet	June / Dennis
Altar Servers	Daphne	Junior / Patryce

JESUS spends forty days and forty nights alone in the desert
(Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, tested
... Had own desert experience, hungry
... Feeling lonely, isolated
... Needing strength, faith

Have I been led to a place ending up feeling alone, isolated, in need of strength?
Was I surprised? Angry? At peace? Did I seek and became closer to Jesus?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 13 Mar	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting	Huapai
Tue 19 Mar	7:30pm	Liturgy meeting	Huapai