

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C
9 MARCH 2025**

Readings: Deut. 26:4-10; Psalm 90;
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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



PRESBYTERY RENOVATION

DONATIONS - Please deposit in the Parish Account 02-0108-0706929-000 using reference code: PRESRENO2024 and your full name for tax receipt purpose. Remember the Account Name is St Joseph's Helensville/St Patrick's Huapai Ecclesiastical Goods Trust.

For those who wish to make a cash donation - an envelope is available in the foyer of both churches.

Security Patrols of the Presbytery
We have employed North West Security to arrange nightly security patrols of the presbytery, during the refurbishment. There will be 2-3 physical visits to the property each night, until 31 March. The timing of the visits will vary each night.

Properties are particularly vulnerable especially with the presbytery not in a lockable state. Additional security is required until the completion of renovations or the presbytery is reoccupied.

The renovation work is progressing well. You are encouraged to visit the site to appreciate the progress of our renovation project.

Thank you very much to the many people who have worked hard on this project for the past fifteen years.

Together As One, as the Parish of St Joseph's Helensville & St Patrick's Huapai continues to work together - with the grace of God, we can raise the money needed to complete this project.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

'On the first Sunday of Lent we always hear about the experience of Jesus tempted in the desert, this year from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus' public ministry is inaugurated by his baptism when he was anointed by the Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit takes him into the wilderness for forty days. In facing his temptations, Jesus is clarifying in his own mind what options for his ministry he should rule out. Lent is a time for us to reflect on how best we embrace the gospel and follow Christ. It is a time for us too to purify our aims and our motivations.

Before adults are initiated at the Easter Vigil, they make their baptismal promises. The rest of the Church will also be given the opportunity to renew their baptismal promises. The first part of the baptismal commitment is to renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty show. Then we profess our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today's readings help to prepare for the renunciation of sin.

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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Lyn Cotter, Keith Roy Kench and Kenneth Francis Kench (in England, brothers of Kevin Kench). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK:
8/20 07 Theresa Harbottle, 8/2020 Sheila O'Malley, 9/2001 Adeline Travers
10/19 83 Michael Lynch, 10/ 1999 Antonia Van Berkel, 11/1978 Herbert Williscroft, 12/2010 Kitty Russell, 12/2018, Laurence (Laurie) McEntee, 13/ 2006 Robert Martin, 14/2018 Kate Grbavac, 14/ 2006 Bree Wylie, 14/2008 Bernadette Hand.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY for all those who are sick in our Parish including: Michael Davis, Caroline Francis, Peter Tohill, Michael McSheffrey, Mary Papa, Tom and Bev Walsh, Len Dawson, Rosie Ko, Allan Kerr-Taylor, Alex Binnie, Bob Clarke and Christine Grace. We also pray for those who are preparing to meet the Lord face to face, that the Lord gives them peace.

Please let Fr Carlos know if you have relatives in hospital or at home to visit.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

- Please come and join the parish for Stations of the Cross as follows:

St Joseph's Helensville - **7:00pm every Friday evening.**

St Patrick's Huapai - **9:30am every Friday before the 10:00am morning Mass.**

COLLECTIONS FOR LAST MONTH - Church - \$509.40 and PRESRENO2024 - \$190.00 Cash and \$2,455.00 Online. Thank you for your generosity. If you are donating online, please put in the reference number on your tax receipt.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

Please support our Parish by joining the Planned Giving Programme. Copies of Pledge Forms are in both foyers. For Automatic Payments - the Parish Account is 02-0108-0706929-000. If you can, please sign up for the Automatic Payment of your weekly donations.

RCIA and RCIC CANDIDATES - Please keep in your prayers, these candidates in the RCIA and RCIC programme who have been journeying towards receiving the Sacraments at Easter and becoming full members of our parish: Iris, Jenna, Sadie, Ashton, Daniel, Sophie, Judy and Kerstin. Heather has decided to join next year's programme. Today, we are formally sending our catechumens during the 9:00am Sunday Mass for the Rite of Election with Bishop Steve at the Cathedral in the afternoon.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - we are looking for more people to take on the baptism preparation for babies and children below seven years old at both sides of the parish (Helensville and Huapai). One hour training provided. Please email the office, if you'd like to find out more about this special ministry.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - The Jubilee Logo shows how the way of the pilgrimage is not an individual effort, but rather collective, with the impression of a growing dynamism that tends more and more to the Cross. Bring your family and friends to the Church to join us on Sunday and weekday Masses.

DAILY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Mon 10 Mar	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 25:31-46
Tue 11 Mar	Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed 12 Mar	Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51; Luke 11:29-32
Thu 13 Mar	Esther 4:17; Psalm 138; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri 14 Mar	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat 15 Mar	Deut. 26:16-19; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

Second Sunday in Lent Year C
Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

ROSTERS 15/16MAR	HUAPAI Sat 6pm	HELENSVILLE Sun 9am
Leader	YOUTH	Danny
Lector	YOUTH	Omer / Michael
MOE	Fadzie	Dolly
Altar Server	YOUTH	Lily

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR 2026?

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR Y7 and Y9
Liston College Open Evening Wed 19 Mar 6.30pm.

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL - As we enter this sacred season, remember the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand. The theme is 'Restoring Hope - your compassion in action'. Envelopes are in the foyers. As usual, please generously support the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND - The Bishops Conference has launched the renewed CathNews NZ project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. Newsletters, are sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent!

Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesdays. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

MARY MACKILLOP RETREAT CENTRE

Once again we will be celebrating our Patronal feast day on 19 March. We invite you to join us for an Evening Prayer Ritual as we honour St Joseph. In this year where we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, let's look to be inspired by Joseph who was a man of great hope and faith. The ritual begins at 5.30pm in our Mary MacKillop Chapel.

CALLING ALL AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

There is a large, vibrant, Catholic student community in the Auckland CBD. To find out more please contact Daniel Story at dans@cda.org.nz and/or check out our socials.

WINGS NGA PARIRAU THIS LENT

- AN invitation to grow your relationship with Jesus. Presentation of the First Year Programme of 'Wings' during Lent'. We will be reflecting on faith, and our own faith journey; grace and spirituality, and experiences of prayer; and introduced to the Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures.

The Sunday Gospels of Lent provide a particular framework for our reflection. Saturdays in Lent: 2-4pm 15; 22; 29 Mar & 5; 12 Apr. Pompallier Diocesan Centre, New St, Ponsonby. An online presentation on Zoom may be offered if there is interest. Contact Dianna diannaf@cda.org.nz

PRO-LIFE FACTS - A 'safe area' is a 300m bubble around an abortion facility, within which it is illegal to express any pro-life views or speech on the issue of abortion. Even offering help and support to pregnant women is banned inside these zones.. www.voiceforlife.org.nz

Pope Francis' Letter to us all on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Wed evenings 12, 19, 26 Mar 7-7.30pm on Zoom. Contact Dianna, Faith Formation Team diannaf@cda.org.nz

Singles Ministry is holding a Meet and Connect for Single Roman Catholics looking to find a partner on Saturday 29 March. For more information kindly contact: Clytie: 021836705, Reena 0278387151.

Titipounamu Study & Joy - Why does Lent have 40 days? - Prof Thomas O'Loughlin: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/02/12/prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY - On Saturday evening's Vigil Mass, 15 March, please bring a plate for a shared dinner at St Patrick's Hall to celebrate in advance the Feast of St Patrick (17 Mar), our Patron Saint in Huapai.

Weekly Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times

	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	Wed & Thu	9:00 am	Tue & Fri	10:00 am
Adoration	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	Friday	10:30-11:00 am
Devotions	1 st Saturday Hour of Adoration Mass	8:00 - 9:00 am 9:00 am	1 st Friday	10:00-11:00 am
Adoration, Holy Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45 pm