

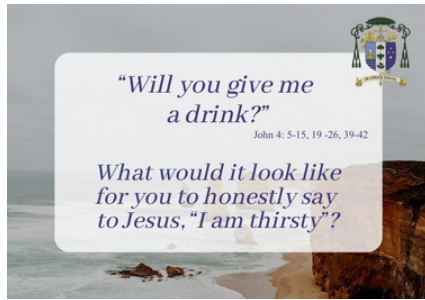
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### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR A 8 MAR 2026

**Readings:** Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94;  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear  
his voice, harden not your hearts.



#### PLEASE help to contribute to the running of our parish and diocese.

##### Direct Deposit

St Joseph/St Patrick Ecclesiastical Goods  
trust Account : 02-0108-0706929-000  
Please use your full name for tax receipt  
purpose.



**Presbyterian Renovation** - to make a  
special donation use reference code:  
**PRESRENO2024**



##### Tap & Go Device

Available at St Patrick's Huapai.  
Simply select the amount you wish to  
donate, and tap your card.  
Online receipts available



##### Cash Donation

For those wishing to use cash donation  
there are collection baskets during Mass.  
Envelopes are also available to use in both  
foyers.



##### Parish Planned Giving Programme

Pledge forms are in both foyers

#### PARISH SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRESRENO2024

- There is a second  
collection every weekend to help  
towards the repayment of \$1,772.10  
monthly payment for the presbytery  
renovation.

We are a missionary Church. Instead  
of simply maintaining buildings and  
meeting the needs of our  
parishioners, our parishes are called  
to go further and to embrace their  
mission, the original mission of Christ  
and the apostles of making  
missionary disciples. To ensure that  
we are living in a spirit of  
incarnational missionary  
engagement, we must wrestle with a  
fundamental question: Are we more  
attached to our model or to our  
mission?

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Over the next three weeks, we read three classic Lenten gospels passages from John: this week the Samaritan woman of the well, next week the man born blind, and the following week the raising of Lazarus. They explore the great themes of water, light and life. In fact, these Year A texts are so appropriate for our Lenten journey of conversion that they can be used every year.

This week's theme of living water highlights the baptismal dimension of Lent, not only for those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil, but for all of us who will renew our baptismal promises. As we know only too well in New Zealand, water means life. The living water of the baptismal font means life together in Christ. *Break Open the Word p48*

#### WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Emilio Fernandez Jr, and Jacinta Goldwyn  
(Deacon Adolf's Mom). Eternal rest grant  
unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they rest in peace!

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE

##### ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK:

8/2007 Theresa Harbottle, 8/2020 Sheila  
O'Malley, 9/2001 Adeline Travers, 10/1983  
Michael Lynch, 10/1999 Antonia Van Berkel,  
11/1978 Herbert Williscroft, 12/2010 Kitty  
Russell, 12/2018 Laurence (Laurie) McEntee,  
13/2006 Robert Martin.

#### WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

for all those who are sick in our Parish community  
including: Mary Papa, Caroline Francis, Tom  
and Bev Walsh, Dean Cook, Marta Sturt,  
Janet Kerr-Taylor, Edith Bubb, Corazon  
Villanueva, Janimar Marzuki, Vera Holly, Ivan  
Zaknich, Grahame Edmonds, Francis Casey,  
Carmel Wilson, Rosa Soriano, Leah Ituralde,  
Rosie Ko, Julie Colville, Pearl Parkinson,  
Cynthia Linderboom, and Ryan Scott.

We also pray for those who are preparing to  
meet the Lord face to face, that He gives  
them peace.

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

**RCIA/RCIC CANDIDATES** - please keep  
in your prayers, these candidates as they are  
journeying towards receiving the Sacraments  
at the Easter Vigil; Oisin, Megan, Coralee,  
James and Andy; Riley, Cassie and Layla.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT -

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

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

St Patrick's Huapai - **7:00pm every Friday**  
and **9:30am every Friday before the 10:00am**  
**morning Mass.**

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND - CHURCH -**  
\$525.00, PRESRENO - \$194.50, TAP&GO -  
\$45.00, STPATSAIRCON - \$3,000.00 (Total to  
Date). Thank you for your generosity.

If you are donating online, please put the  
reference number on your tax receipt.

2026 Planned Giving envelopes are in both  
church foyers for collection.

#### YOUTH GROUP - Next Youth Group Meeting

6:00 to 7:30pm Friday 13 March in St  
Joseph's Helensville Hall. Calling all teens in  
the parish 13-19 years, come and see  
what it's all about. Interested children 10-12  
years are welcome with the assistance of  
their parents. We encourage parents to  
bring their young people. Remember, they  
are the future of the Church and they need  
your help and support.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Volunteers  
are needed at St Patrick's Huapai to become  
Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy  
Communion during Mass and for the Sick,  
and Leaders. Remember, the Lord Jesus  
said, "the harvest is rich but labourers are  
few." Training and support will be given.  
Interested in finding out more, see Julie  
after Mass.

#### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

"Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a  
Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness  
to God and to the least among us. Let us ask  
for the strength that comes from the type  
of fasting that also extends to our use of  
language, so that hurtful words may  
diminish and give way to a greater space for  
the voice of others. Let us strive to make our  
communities places where the cry of those  
who suffer finds welcome, and listening  
opens paths towards liberation, making us  
ready and eager to contribute to building a  
civilization of love." POPE LEO XIV ON LENT

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Mon 9 Mar	2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42; Luke 4:24-30
Tue 10 Mar	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed 11 Mar	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147: Matthew 5:17-19
Thu 12 Mar	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95; Luke 11:14-23
Fri 13 Mar	Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81; Mark 12:28-34
Sat 14 Mar	Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A

**Readings:** Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;  
Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

14/15 MAR	HUAPAI 5 PM	HELENSVILLE 9 AM
Leader	YOUTH	Kate
Lector	YOUTH	Michelle / June
MOE	Fadzie / Gillian / Julena	Pat
Altar server	YOUTH	Lily

**Theology of the Body  
Auckland Courses 2026**  
Fulfilled TOB Advanced 21<sup>st</sup>&22<sup>nd</sup> February  
**NEW TOB: Called to Holiness - 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Love and Responsibility - starts 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**NEW TOB: Called to Holiness - 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Pastoral Services Group  
Catholic Diocese of Auckland

**Everybody  
Welcome**

St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay  
Tuesday, 24 March 2026, 7-8pm

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**PARISH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** at St Joseph's Helensville and St Patrick's Huapai. Volunteers are needed to be Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and accompany in prayer our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. Please sign up on the Roster at the foyers of the Church.

**2026 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME -** Parents with children over the age of seven who believe their child is ready to begin the Sacramental Programme in 2026. Please contact Gillian (for Huapai) email gillian.schloss@gmail.com or phone 027 4163383. For Helensville please contact Geraldine on 021 1608193.

**2026-2027 RCIA And RCIC PROGRAMME -** If you know people who are interested in learning about the faith or who have children over 7 years old in need of baptism please see the Notice Boards in the foyer of both Churches of the parish for more information.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** St Joseph's Church Parish Hall, Takapuna "You Are Chosen" Sat Mar 14 - Sun Mar 15. Deepen your relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. All are welcome! There will be time for teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship and activities. Please register at [bit.ly/ur-chosen](https://bit.ly/ur-chosen).

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN 2027?**

**Sacred Heart College** - Enrolments close 27 Mar.  
**St Mary's College** - Open Day Thu 23 Mar, sessions at 2pm and 6pm for Yr 7 or Yr 9s.  
**Liston College** - Open Evening 12 Mar 6:30pm, applications close 29 May.  
**St Dominic's College** - Open Evening 11 Mar 6.30pm, enrolments close 2 Apr.  
**Carmel College** - Enrolments close 13 Mar.

**BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL FOR CARITAS -** During Lent, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand call on us all to provide for the needs of the poor & the vulnerable through the work of Caritas. Every donation to the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps fund Caritas' life-changing work around the world. You can donate through the Caritas website at [www.caritas.org.nz/lenet](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lenet) or by using the envelopes available in the foyer at both ends of the parish. Thank you for your usual generous support of Caritas.

**MISSION HUB -** Ephesians 4: The Five Gifts for Building the Church. Every member of the Church has a role to play in building up the Body of Christ. This March, join us at Mission Hub as we reflect on Ephesians 4 and the five gifts Christ gives His people: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, and Teacher. Together, we'll explore how to recognise these gifts in ourselves, how they strengthen the Church, and how we can respond with courage and faith. Mon 9 Mar, 7:00-8:30pm Zoom. Prayer, inspiring content, discussion Everyone is invited to register here: <https://bit.ly/march9webinar>

**THE UPPER ROOM -** Wed 18 Mar at Good George Mission Bay. The Upper Room is a night of formation and fellowship for young adults. Guest speaker James Bergin will be presenting on the topic of 'Digital Integrity', where we will delve into how one can be authentically Catholic in an artificial digital world. \$10 tickets. Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-upper-room-march-2026>

**PRO-LIFE FACTS -** Recently, National President of Voice for Life, Lydia Posthuma, recorded a podcast with Alex Penk, CEO of the Ethos Alliance to discuss freedom of conscience. This organisation helps people facing some sort of pressure due to their conscience or personal beliefs. Go to [ethosalliance.nz](http://ethosalliance.nz) to find out more about the services that Ethos Alliance can provide. For pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

**Weekly Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times**

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	5:00pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00am
Weekday	Wed & Thu	9:00am	Tue & Fri	10:00am
Adoration	Wednesday	9:00-10:30am	Friday	10:00am-3:00pm
Devotions	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Details - See Noticeboard	9:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	10:00am-3:00pm
			1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm
Adoration, Holy Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Mass			Wednesday	6:45pm
Reconciliation		During Adoration Time, and after Morning Mass. Other Times - Please feel free to approach or contact Fr Carlos on (09) 420 8110.		