

Roster for Sunday 2nd March 2025

(8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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[Salesi Veamatahau](#)

Readings for Sunday 2nd March 2025

1st Reading: [Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8](#)
Psalm: [Psalm 91\(92\):2-3,13-16](#)
2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:54-58](#)
Gospel: [Luke 6:39-45](#)

Saints of the week:

Sun 23 Feb: [Our Lady of Rocks](#)
Mon 24 Feb: [Betto of Auxerre](#)
Tue 25 Feb: [Our Lady of Victory](#)
Wed 26 Feb: [Victor the Hermit](#)
Thu 27 Feb: [Our Lady of Light](#)
Fri 28 Feb: [Daniel Brottier](#)
Sat 1 Mar: [David of Wales](#)



“Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength, who defeats evil with good, who opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. It is dictated not by calculation, but by love.”

Pope Francis

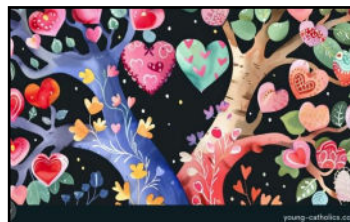
THE MORNING OFFERING

In the morning when we first wake, we are presented with a moment when we need to also, “wake-up” our baptised souls... so to speak.

We can make a deliberate act of prayerful union with God, and place ourselves in the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This first prayer, this first heavenly reflection, is fundamentally important for our spiritual lives. It places our soul in the right disposition for the activity of the coming day.

O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart
in union with the holy sacrifice of the mass
throughout the world
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives
and friends, and, in particular,
for the intentions of the Holy Father.
Amen.

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Sunday 23rd
February 2025

7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Times: 9am

Weekdays: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9am

Exposition & Benediction following Thursday 9am Mass

Confessions: before Benediction on Thursday and following Saturday 9am Mass

Rosary is recited at 8.30am before Mass



Scripture Readings

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

*Do not lift your hand
against the Lord's anointed*

Responsorial Psalm: 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

*The first Adam became a living soul;
the last Adam, a life-giving spirit*

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

NEW

Notices from Auckland Diocese

Kia ora katoa,, This week's readings are to do with love – generous unconditional love. Jesus commands us to love, not just avoid hurting others, but actively work for peace and justice. What a challenge.

2025 YEAR OF JUBILEE

Year of Jubilee Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free.



Explore and return regularly to website
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

3-DAY PRAYER RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday 28 February 6pm to Sunday 2 March 3pm 2025 - with time for Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Personal Prayer and Spiritual Direction. All women are welcome. There will be sessions on "What is prayer?" "Why should I pray?" "How do I pray?" and "Humility & Forgiveness". Early bird registration and details here: www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

STORY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Across the diocese people will gather throughout Lent to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. But why has this become such a popular devotion?
How come there are 14 stations and not 6 or 23?

You are invited to prayerfully consider these and other questions as we explore with Sr Sian the meaning and history of the Stations of the Cross.

To register please email pastoraloffice@cda.org.nz to be sent the online link.

BISHOP STEVE SPEAKS

Tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist Bishop Steve Speaks to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVVDah6gEBFpCzZXcTLhlpW_-gsxny4e

HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE SEMINAR CONDUCTED BY FR RORY MORRISSEY

Two talks by Fr Rory, on Zoom at 7.30pm - 9pm on Wednesdays 19th and 26th March for information and preparation, followed by a special HFT Mass on Saturday March 29th, at Sacred Heart Church, Ponsonby from 9.30am-11ish, followed by a cuppa.

Register here for the zoom link bit.ly/ACCPGN-HFT. More info email.aucklandccr@gmail.com

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at

<https://cathnews.co.nz/>

Local and Waiuku Notices

CHOIR PRACTISE

We have choir and music practise every 2nd Saturday after the 9:30am mass. Our next session is Saturday 15th February, then every fortnight thereafter. Practise covers the music to be used for the following two Sundays, it lasts about an hour, and all are welcome.



TODAY! CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes for Confirmation and First Holy Communion will commence early in Term 1. A meeting for parents / whanau of children interested in receiving these sacraments is planned for today after Mass at 10:15am in the Connell Room. Email Annette egbers@ps.gen.nz to advise of children that will be joining the classes. This will help gauge numbers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 7th at St Andrew's Church at 10 am. This is an Ecumenical service prepared by a group of women in the Cook Islands. Their theme this year is 'I made you Wonderfully'. It is a wonderful service and everybody is welcome.



CWL KNITTING PROJECT

The CWL Diocesan knitting project will make newborn jumpers for Middlemore Hospital and blankets for the Auckland Catholic Social Services charity. Patterns and wool available in the foyer.

TODAY! MINOR CHORDS KIDS' MUSIC AT ST ANTHONY'S

This year our Minor Chords sessions will be after mass on the FIRST and FOURTH Sundays of the month. Look forward to seeing you after mass TODAY 23rd February.

RELEASE OF BONHOEFFER IN NEW ZEALAND CINEMAS ON MARCH 27, 2025

A film that profoundly resonates with the heart of our Christian faith. This powerful movie portrays the inspiring life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian, pastor, and martyr, whose unwavering faith and moral courage stand as a testament to the transformative power of living out Christ's teachings in the face of adversity.

We encourage church groups, youth ministries, and parishes to embrace this extraordinary story by arranging group viewings, hosting discussions, and reflecting on Bonhoeffer's legacy.

Let this film inspire us to consider the importance of faith in navigating moral conflicts, both personal and societal, in today's world. For more information about group bookings, parish screenings, or promotional materials, please contact Bruno Lapaan: bruno@rialtodistribution.com

Private group bookings are available from February 27.

Together, let's make this a moment of reflection, renewal, and commitment to living as disciples of Christ.

TO-GETHER IN CONCERT

The Howick Brass Band and Franklin Tenors present
"AFTERNOON MELODIES"



Join us and support local on Sunday March 9th at 2pm in the Waiuku Town Hall. Entry is \$10 per person (no eftpos available and klds are free) and includes afternoon tea.