

Welcome! Haere mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 11 February 2024

OT 6

Greetings:

This coming week sees the beginning of **the season of Lent**; a period of personal reflection and examination. The main idea is that we examine ourselves and how we're doing in our relationship with our Lord and Saviour, and how we're going about the task with which He commissioned us, to *"go ... and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always"* (Mat 28: 19-20).

I have often heard the question "what are you giving up for Lent." But whether something special is given up, or something extra is taken up, is an act of personal devotion between you and your Saviour. Either way, all Sundays through the season of Lent are "feast days", and so if you choose to do something special, you might take a break from the practice on those days. Acts of devotion need to be celebrated not lamented.

Holy Week offers us all an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the remembrance and emotion of Christ's ministry among us and death ... before truly celebrating the joy of His resurrection on Easter Day. If you haven't found time to attend special services during Holy Week before, they really do help to put Easter into perspective and help us to not rush ahead too quickly. Services during Holy Week will be held

as shown below; everybody is welcome to attend as many as they would like:

24 Mar: Palm Sunday	08.30am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
	7.00pm	Evening Prayer
25 Mar: Monday	8.00am	Morning Prayer & Eucharist
	7.00pm	Evening Prayer
26 Mar: Tuesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist
	7.00pm	Diocesan Chrism Service (tbc)
27 Mar: Wednesday	8.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Mid-week Eucharist
	7.00pm	Evening Prayer
28 Mar: Maundy	8.00am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	7.00pm	Foot Washing & Eucharist (Stripping of the church)
29 Mar: Good Friday	(Times TBA)	Walk of Witness (with others)
		Stations of the Cross (at St John's)
	12 – 3pm	Prayer Vigil (silent prayer & readings)
30 Mar: Holy Saturday	7.00pm	Service of Light and Word and Eucharist (about 90 mins)
31 Mar: Easter Day	8.30am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am	Holy Eucharist

Grace and peace, *Tony*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 11 February 2024

Sentence

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones;
and give thanks to God's holy name! *Psalm 30:4*

Collect

**Mighty God, strong, loving and wise, help us depend upon
Your goodness and to place our trust in Your Son.
Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

OT Reading *2 Kings 5: 1-14*

NT Reading *1 Corinthians 9: 24-27*

Gospel *Mark 1: 40-45*

Prayers of the People

Today we pray for the youth and children of our Province – Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and for the people of the Clive Co-operating Parish and their Ministry Support Team.

We pray for those in need, especially those who ask for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James.

Taizé at St Georges

You are invited to join St Georges, Gate Pa for their first Taizé service of the year at 7pm on Sunday 11 February.

Movie – “The Way”

All are invited to attend our viewings of the movie “The Way” which will be shown in the Church on Friday 16 February at 3pm and 7pm.

This Week Beginning: 12 February

Tuesday	11.30 am	AAW lunch at the Atrium
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist (with ashing)
	2.00 pm	SAYGo
	3.00 pm	Radius Matua service
	7.00 pm	Imposition of the Ashes service
Friday	9.00 am	Senior Chef
	3.00 pm	Movie - “The Way”
	7.00 pm	Movie - “The Way”
Tuesday	8:00 am	Silent Meditation
Weds – Sat	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
Op Shop	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Monday to Friday
	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Saturday
Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Toy Library	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Services for Sunday 18 February –

- 8.30 am Holy Eucharist
- 10.00 am Holy Eucharist