

The Tabernacle The most important item in a Catholic Church is the tabernacle – the noble, beautiful, and secure safe that contains the Holy Eucharist, which is the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is really, truly, and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine. It is truly the “Holy of Holies.” That’s why, in most Churches, the tabernacle is placed in the centre of the sanctuary or on the back altar, or at least in a place which is clearly visible and marked by a vigil light. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: “The Holy Eucharist is the centre of absolutely everything.” *Fr Francis J Hoffman*



3 Ways to Receive Incredible Graces at Mass

To many people, the Mass seems very repetitive. Going to Mass every week (or every day, as I do), it can seem like the same thing every time, with only minor variations in the readings from Scripture and some of the prayers and hymns.

But while it is true that the things we do and say are the same, the graces of each Mass are unique and unrepeatable because they are for us at that particular moment. There are “never before, never again” graces available at every Eucharistic celebration!

Why are people bored at Mass? Why do they feel they “don’t get anything out of it”?

Just being physically present in the church while Mass is being celebrated isn’t enough. The graces are there, but we are free to receive them or ignore them. If we just show up but aren’t in an attitude of openness, awareness, and expectation of the special graces that God is offering, then they go “over our heads,” so to speak. However, when we go through the liturgy actively waiting for God’s inspirations and gifts, we will certainly receive them.

by Sr Maria Grace Dateno, FSP (Watch this space)

Saint for the Week There is no sinner in the world, however much at enmity with God, who cannot recover God's grace by recourse to Mary, and by asking her assistance. - St. Catherine of Sweden (1331-1381), Patron saint of miscarriage, Feast Day March 22

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:

<u>Reconciliation Rite II</u>	Thursday 11th April at 7pm
<u>Holy Week Begins</u>	Monday 15th April
<u>Chrism Mass at Whangarei</u>	Tuesday 16th April at 12noon
<u>Divine Mercy Novena</u>	Friday 19th April at 12.15pm
<u>Divine Mercy Veneration and Devotion</u>	Sunday 28th April at 3pm



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SUNDAY MASSES

Dargaville Vigil Saturday 7:00pm
Dargaville Sunday 9:30am
Ruawai Vigil Saturday 5:30pm
Kaihu 1st Sunday 11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 5:30 pm
Wednesday: 9:15 am
Thurs/Sat : 9:00 am
Friday: 11:00 am

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Friday 10:00 am or by appointment

Northern Wairoa Catholic Parish

Sacred Heart - St. Mary’s - St. Agnes - St. Pius X

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today’s readings are filled with imagery of the covenant relationship we have with God. In the first reading God enters into a covenant with Abram. The ritual that cements this covenant might sound odd to us, but was common in Abraham’s time. When two parties entered into a treaty or serious agreement they would walk between the bodies of animals, which had been split in two. The animals were a cautionary sign, for if either party broke the treaty they could expect to share the animals’ fate. In the covenant between Abram and God, however, only one party walks between the slain animals; the smoking fire pot and the flaming torch represent God, who enters into a covenant of unending fidelity to Abram and his descendants. Even when the human parties of this covenant fail, God remains faithful.

In the gospel Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain with Jesus and speak “of his exodus / that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.” With the first exodus, God saves the people of Israel from slavery, forms them as his people, and then delivers them into the Promised Land. With Jesus’ exodus (his death and resurrection) we are freed from the slavery of sin, formed as the Body of Christ, and made citizens of the kingdom of God.



In the second reading St. Paul also reminds us of the Christian identity that defines us “Our citizenship is in heaven.” As we continue on with our Lenten journey, let us consider how we might show in both word and deed that we are Christ’s. Even when we fail, our merciful God invites us to continue living ever deeper into this covenant of love.

Living Liturgy 2019

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 23 & 24 March

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 7.00pm - David & Nikki McCarthy

Sunday: 9.30am - J Nyssen, S Moran

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: 7.00pm- * David Guy, K Cyprian

Sunday: 9.30am - * E & K Perreau,
K & S Windsor, S Schoonderwoerd.

Readings 17 March 2019

Genesis 15: 5-12,17-18
Philippians 3: 17-4:1
Gospel Luke 9: 28-36

Readings 24 March 2019

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
1 Cor. 10:1-6,10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday brings the remembrance of Christ's Redemptive passion and death. Friday is also the day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Friday of the month is a special day of adoration, mainly in reparation for the sins of mankind.

Come and join us as we spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

Every Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is prayed and Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this time.

LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD & THE SICK


Recent Deaths: Death Anniversary: Paul Farge

Sick: Lisa Maree Zwaans, Simone and Ronan Duffy, Charlotte Powell, Molly McGowan, Stephanie Matich, Jim Grbavac, Fr Nick Alleman, Frankie Harrison, Leah Leedom, Mary Dunn, Von and Pat Cassidy, Mark Tibbits, Hannah Yakas, Arthur King, Ephraim Peralta and for the Christchurch tragedy.

Last Sunday Collection: \$1108.50; Caritas \$171.40

May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.
Please remember the Parish in your WILL

SPIRITUAL READING AND MEDITATION FOR THIS WEEK

<p>March 17</p> <p>...He that cometh to Me shall never hunger,</p> <p><i>John 6:35</i></p>	<p>March 18</p> <p>...He that believeth in Me shall never thirst..</p> <p><i>John :35</i></p>	<p>March 19</p> <p>Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.</p> <p><i>Matthew 5:7</i></p>	<p>March 20</p> <p>God said: Turn to Me and be saved.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 45:22</i></p>
<p>March 21</p> <p>Lord my God, you are very great.</p> <p><i>Psalms 104:1</i></p>	<p>March 22</p> <p>Whoever lives in love, lives in God.</p> <p><i>1John 4:16</i></p>	<p>March 23</p> <p>They that worship...must ..in truth</p> <p><i>John 4:24</i></p>	

PARISH CALENDAR

ROSARY: Recited 20 minutes before each Mass
Rosary Intention for March will be for the School, Parents, Caregivers, Children and Teachers

MARCH

- Sunday 17 2nd Sunday of Lent Mass..... 9.30am
- Monday 18 Feast of St Patrick Mass..... 7.00pm
Meditation group meets 8.00pm
- Tuesday 19 Feast of St Joseph Mass 9.15am
(No 5.15pm Mass)
- Wednesday 20 Mass at Kauri Coast..... 10.00am
- Thursday 21 Lenten group meets..... 9.45am
Gospel group meets 7.00pm
- Friday 22 Holy Hour & Mass 10.00am
Stations of the cross 7.00pm
Lead by Medjugorje News team
- Sunday 24 3rd Sunday of Lent Mass 9.30pm
RCIA members meet..... 12.30pm
- Monday 25 Meditation group meets 7.00pm
- Tuesday 26 Annunciation of the Lord Mass 5.30pm
- Thursday 28 Lenten group meets..... 9.45pm
Gospel group meets 7.00pm
- Friday 29 Holy Hour & Mass 10.00am
Stations of the cross 7.00pm
Lead by the Filipino Community
- Saturday 30 **No Vigil Mass Ruawai or Dargaville**
- Sunday 31 4th Sunday of Lent All Parish Mass . 10.00am
ALL PARISH MASS AND SHARED LUNCH

Wisdom of the Day "The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." Kate McGahan

Join a 33-day do-it-yourself retreat starting on 26th March to learn how to trust God with childlike and simple faith, and to consecrate yourself with many others all over the world to the Divine Mercy on 28th April, (Divine Mercy Sunday) For more info see notice board.



Daylight Saving ends at 3am on Sunday 7 April. Turn clocks back 1 hour.