



# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

126 Russell Rd, Manurewa, Auckland 2102  
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# DESTROY THIS TEMPLE

*and in 3 days I will raise it up*

**The Jews said,**

**“This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body.**

**Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.**

*~ John 2:19-22*



## SIGNS & BELIEVING IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

The New Testament does not use the word 'miracle.' Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe Jesus' extraordinary acts as 'deeds of power.' These powerful deeds are used to demonstrate that Jesus is overthrowing the power of Satan and establishing the Kingdom of God. In these three gospels there are numerous and various powerful deeds - exorcism, healing, raising from the dead, and controlling nature.

However, John's gospel (the one we hear today), uses the word 'signs' to describe these deeds. These signs are used to reveal aspects of the identity of Jesus. John is selective, describing only seven signs. He is also circumspect; his descriptions tend to downplay the miraculous aspects and keep the focus on Jesus.

# ST ANNE'S MASS TIMES

## Liturgy of the Word:

**Monday** 7am

## Weekday Masses:

**Tuesday to Thursday** 7am

**Wednesday** 12.05pm

**Friday** 9am

**Saturday** 8am

## Sunday Masses:

**Saturday** 5.30pm

**Sunday** 8am, 10am and 7pm

• **There will be NO 'Sunday Masses' this weekend OR AT ALL during alert level 2**

• **'Liturgy of the Word' & 'Weekday Masses' will be held at level 2 at 100-person capacity starting MONDAY 8th**

• **All Masses will resume at level 1**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday:** Closed.

**Tuesday - Friday:** 9am to 3pm.

## PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

**Phone:** 09 266 5826

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**i** [@stannesparishmanurewa](https://www.instagram.com/stannesparishmanurewa)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

Is held on the **1st & 2nd Sunday** of every month, **5.30pm** in the **lounge**. Baptisms will be held on the **3rd & 4th Sunday** of the month, **2pm** in the **Church**.

## SCHOOL PREFERENCE

If you would like a preference letter for your child to be enrolled at a Catholic school, please make an appointment by phoning the **parish office, 266 5826**.

## RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** at **9am, 4pm-5pm**, and upon request of a Priest.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Can be undertaken **six months** in advance. Call the **parish office, 266 5826**

## THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Or do you know someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith? RCIA is for you. Contact **Therese Lautua, 021 263 6812**.

# SIGNS & BELIEVING IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CONT.

For John 'signs' are ambivalent; they are not compelling proofs that overwhelm and convince a person to believe in Jesus. Indeed, it can happen that among people who see Jesus perform the same sign, some will believe, and some will resolve to destroy him. Such is the reaction to raising Lazarus from the dead - the High Priest, Caiaphas, persuades the council that Jesus must die, but many do indeed come to believe in Jesus.

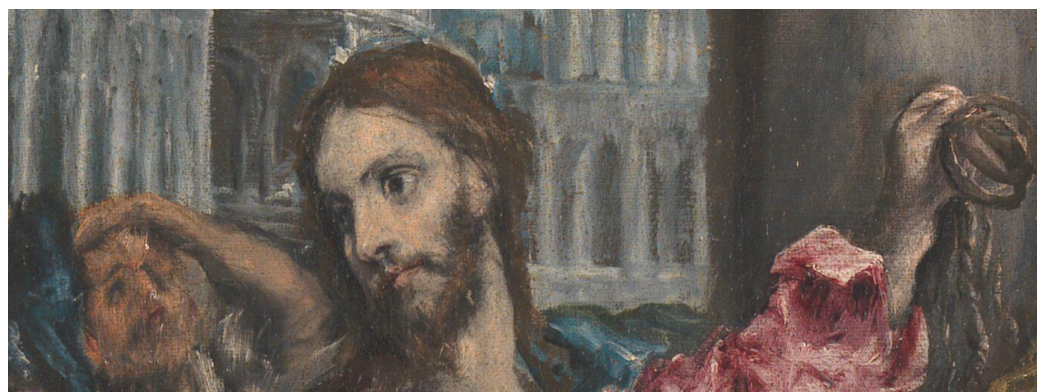
When people see signs and come truly to believe in Jesus, the sign has achieved its purpose. Between these all-or-nothing alternatives there is the possibility of seeing a sign and believing - but believing inadequately. Many people in John's gospel want to 'see signs' so as to be convinced that Jesus is who he claims to be; in other words, they don't want faith, they want proof. Such signs Jesus steadfastly refuses to give.



Others see signs and believe in Jesus as a wonder worker: their faith stops at the sign itself. Jesus considers this faith inadequate.

Though signs can lead to faith, Jesus concludes that the best faith is that which needs no signs: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'.

*look at the Eyes of Jesus:*



## THIS IS A FAMOUS PAINTING, PAINTED FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Look at the eyes of Jesus. He drives the people who are turning the House of His Father into a Market place. Look at him - so set on the Sacred place being a place of meeting God. Not a place for meeting money changers, sellers, buyers, and all sorts of commerce.

These eyes - are they your eyes for the temple of God? Are you set on meeting the Father in the temple of our own? Christ lives in us. The first Reading gives us the covenant of love, the desire to honour God and to honour our neighbour, to create the Temple of God. Do we have these eyes?

Now look at the painting again, this time, the full painting (front page of bulletin). Where are you in the painting? Who are you in the painting? Look closely you may find yourself there. Not your neighbour, not anyone else; ask yourself: is your heart set on the Temple of God?



# an update from Father Brian

Congratulations to the People of St. Anne's. The communication around the Alert Level 3 lockdown was made at 9.00 pm last Saturday night. We had already celebrated 5.30pm Saturday Mass, and the next morning we expected so much confusion around people coming for Mass, but there was none.

As much as we do not like it, and as much as it throws all our plans into confusion, the people of St Anne's quietly go about what must be done. This also applies to our School, and the teaching of our children. This calls on people to go beyond what is the ordinary. Congratulations and thanks for your extraordinary cooperation. As of this Sunday 7th March at 6am. There will be no Masses this weekend, and the weekday Mass schedule will resume on Monday March 8th. (See Mass Times, page 2 of this bulletin).

Level three prevented me from saying farewell to you all in the St Anne's way. There will be some time in the future when this will happen. Thank you for all your good wishes and kindness expressed to me in this time. Father Peter was prevented from coming to Auckland due to alert levels, but he will be coming on Sunday and I will work with him next week to ensure a smooth transition.

The project for the church-rebuild is being discussed by the Diocese this month, and the needs for this project are still there. Fundraising committee members – people with the gifts of communication and purpose. Building expertise and skill, leadership and the ability to gather all people of different cultures to work together.

This will occupy our minds and hearts to see this to completion. Look at St. Luke's in Flat Bush, which will be opened in May. This project took the people from no parish fifteen years ago, to seeing their place of worship being built.

You can see so much is in disarray, but the Gospel stays forever and leads us forward. The important thing is not to think about ourselves during this COVID pandemic. Please take great care with each other's safety and wellbeing.

## THE LENTEN APPEAL: THIRD SUNDAY



Caritas participates in advocacy work within New Zealand and internationally to amplify the voices of those in need. Through various campaigns, prayer, meeting-organisation and letter-writing, Caritas works to bring the needs of the poor and vulnerable to the attention of national, regional and global communities with the hope of changing minds and hearts, and driving positive action.

## women's World day of Prayer

**7.30pm, this Friday, 5th March ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

If you wish to join this historic occasion, please email **Christine** at [christine@voguedesign.co.nz](mailto:christine@voguedesign.co.nz).



## SUNDAY READINGS



### 3rd Sunday of Lent

**7th March 2021**

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

### 4th Sunday of Lent

**14th March 2021**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Afuamua Muliaga Lafaele Tominiko,  
Guise Son Van Dang, Tuioti Fu'a  
Baice (Mother of Mark & Lafaele).

## THE SICK

Anu Zacharia, Jose Cabral, Sera  
Chan Cheuk-Moss, Semeli Tuiatua,  
Nestor Algarico (Washington USA),  
Teofilo Iakopo, Lagi Vaike, Allan  
Taylor, Tahaafe Emilio, Pei Isa'ako  
Baice, Pauline Maxwell, Siliva  
Chungsum, Joan Dickens,  
Stephanie Hilliar, Maureen Foster,  
Barry Fraei, Kamalijit Dsor, Nurani  
Khan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Rosalynn  
Clark, Henry O'Neil, David Ifopo,  
Fancis Gallego, Olivia del Valle, Su'a  
Pese, Peter Dickens, Marie Dephoff,  
Alice McElhinney, Kevin Nelson,  
Nadia Kourkgy, Naomi Daculan,  
Jean Lepper, Amelia Kaihea, Janette  
Vinall, George Koteka, Seve  
Meredith, Frances Te Amo, Uera  
Redfern, Molly Winkley, John Bland,  
Chanele Broughton, Stella  
Sequeira, Lily Fernandes, Brian &  
Nadene Fahey, Luis Cabral, Raj  
Kaur, Claudia Medeiros.

### Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent at 7pm

Will be held by the Fletcher family on the **March 19th**, and by the Divine Mercy group on **March 26th**. All are welcome to come and reflect. During Alert Level 2, attendance to these prayer sessions will be capped at 100 people.

### New Ministry Rosters

The new rosters for the various ministries are now available in the folders in the atrium, taking us through to **May 29th**. There is a full complement of Ministers of Holy Communion listed even though we do not need that number, so please check with the Sacristans when you come into Mass to see if you are needed.

### Upcoming Sacristans' and Ministers of the Word Workshops

Unfortunately, due to Auckland being at COVID Alert Level 3, these planned workshops for **this coming Saturday** have been cancelled. They will be rescheduled for **a later date**, when we have a better idea of how we are placed regarding Alert Levels. If you have any queries please feel free to contact **Philip Cortesi** on **266 4079** or **021 632 944**.

### Anointing of the Sick

We are planning a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick on **Thursday 18th March, 11am**. The Hospitality Team will be providing a finger food luncheon following the Mass. If you know of people who are sick and you think would like to receive this Sacrament, please let them know. Contact **Amy Verissimo** on **029 264 2102** for more information. If you require transport please contact the **parish office** on **266 5826** with your details. Note that whether this Mass is held on this date will be dependent on the Auckland situation regarding COVID lockdown levels and limits on gatherings.

### Shine TV will Resume Broadcasting Mass

From **this Sunday, 7th of March** at **2pm**. This will be as previously, pre-recorded under the restrictions of the Covid-19 Lockdown Alert Level. This will be Free-to-air **TV Channel 25** or **Sky TV Channel 201**.

### The First Samoan Mass of the Year

Will be held on **March 21st** at **12pm** in the **Church** and then **every two months thereafter**. All are welcome. Note that whether this Mass and following Masses are held, or limited to 100-person capacity, will depend on Alert Levels.

### Father Kerry Book Update

**Father Kerry's** book is complete and soon to be printed. Congratulations and blessings on this great work.

### Sacramental Programme

We're looking to form a team to plan & deliver the Sacramental Program. Contact **Andrew Malele, 021 023 90935** if you would like to be part of the team..

### Baptismal Programme Organisation

We need people to help in the Baptismal programme for **2021**. We will offer training for you in this important ministry. Call the **parish office** on **266 5826**.

### Congratulations to Deacon Sanele for his trip to Gisborne

To look at the employment of the people who are working Fruit-picking. A great sign to us of the service of the Church and helping people. A big thanks to **Deacon Sanele** in the liaison with providing work for people in Drury.

### Knitting Group

Held every **2nd & 4th Tuesday** of the month in the **school multipurpose room**. All are welcome! Any donations of yarn are always appreciated. Contact **Tina** on **027 440 4563** or **266 7699** for more information.

### Thank you Rose!

After many years (at least three decades) of serving the parish in our music ministry, Rose Lamont is stepping down from this role to have more time for family. We thank you Rose for your faithful service and generosity in sharing your special musical gifts with our parish community. We have been truly blessed through your music.

## ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

WEEKEND OF MAR 13 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> – 5.30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> – 8.00am	14 <sup>th</sup> – 10.00am	14 <sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm
<b>Altar Server 1</b>	Monica Brzozowski	Zavius Collier	Chamara Tatari	Anna Marie Gabitan
<b>Altar Server 2</b>	Rachel Brzozowski	Daniel Tuusolo*	Jade Tatari	Jian Gabitan
<b>Altar Server 3</b>	Claire Brzozowski	Wayne Louis Henry	Akapa Tatari	Chim Chim Paz
<b>Commentator</b>	Tyndale Fiso*	Pat Morris		
<b>Lector 1</b>	Aryan Pereira-Dsor*	Lava Nofo'akifolau	<b>SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>FIJIAN YOUTH</b>
<b>Lector 2</b>	Vivian Pereira*	Susana Nofo'akifolau		
<b>SP Minister</b>	Imakulata Tulilo	Frances Ane	Anna Kiely	Jun Gabitan
<b>SP Minister</b>	Francella Tulilo*	Sarah Beacom	Therese Lautua*	Yvonne Gabitan
<b>SP Minister</b>	Maniapoto Vuna	Soane Nofo'akifolau	Luisa Otineru	Paulina Ifopo
<b>SP Minister</b>	Josephine Bose-Fiso	Paul Burns	Michael Pereira	Tupou Ilalio
<b>SP Minister</b>	Jeanette Cortesi	Grace Dodson	Virginia Poloie	Cathy Jenkins
<b>SP Minister</b>	Philip Cortesi*	Antonette Fletcher	Natui Sala Pesa	Christopher King*
<b>SP Minister</b>	Hazel Dela Cruz	Liz Hilliar	Serena Rouse	Carina King*
<b>SP Minister</b>	Jose Dela Cruz	Junior Parakoti	Epiphany Sanele	Mafi Kiola
<b>SP Minister</b>	Lorna Gayatin	Tiresa Parakoti*	Sarah Semisi	Shona Longley
<b>SP Minister</b>		Maimai Sirilan	Francis Stickney	
<b>SP Minister</b>		Bong Sirilan	Antoinette Stickney	
<b>SP Minister</b>			Faulili Tafu	
<b>SP Minister</b>			Tala Tafu	