



Last Sunday was the 1st Sunday in Lent. And, for all those that know what the season of Lent is, then you would have already thought about what you were going to give up and started last Wednesday, which was Ash Wednesday the first day in Lent. For those that don't know what Lent is, it is part of the churches yearly life cycle. Lent is the period before Easter, the 35 days leading up to Easter. And during this time, it is a period of ongoing self-examination, a time of reflection on ones-self, the things you and I do, our relationship with God and Jesus Christ and our relationships with our friends, family and people in general. Lent is a time when we get an opportunity to seek as individuals and as a community of faith to be reborn and renewed! It's about us opening our hearts and minds to GOD and to Jesus Christ. As Paul states in his letter to the Romans, "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved". To do this requires a willingness to die to the self, in order that we might arise a new and changed person. So during this period of Lent, you and I get the opportunity to change our attitude and perspectives on our spiritual lives, where God fits into our lives then our attitude and views towards others. The Theme last week was **Temptation**. According to the English dictionary, the word **temptation** means in the state of being tempted. In other words, you get into situations where someone or some whanau or group of people are trying to persuade or entice you to do something and you don't know which way you want to go because you don't know whether you will be making a right or

wrong decision. That is the state of being tempted. Just like Jesus. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus made 3 choices. His spiritual relationship with God was more important than his physical well-being. He can go without food but not God! Secondly, he didn't dare God to save him. There was no need for Jesus to have any emotional security. He had his own mana! And thirdly, Jesus didn't want Possessions and power because those things would have stopped him from his real calling, which was to worship and serve God.

Kia ora everyone!!!

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The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship

Number 2 Account

BSB: **032082**

Account Number: **155562**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTION

Attendance: **32**

Communicants: **23**

Our Weekly Target is \$2500.

Donations: **\$1610.00**

Congregational Giving: **\$341.35**

Direct Debit: **\$290.00**

Auto Donations: **\$117.50**

Fundraising: **\$775.00**

Total contributions: **\$3133.85**

Sunday 20 Mar 2011

CHURCH OF TE WAIRUA TAPU

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Rarangi:

Haea hoki o koutou ngakau, haunga o koutou kakahu, a tahuri ki a Ihowa, ki to koutou Atua: he aroha hoki tona, he mahi tohu, he puhoi ki te riri, he nui tona atawhai, a e ripeneta ana ia ki te kino. Joel 2:13

[CHURCH COLOUR IS VIOLET]





ATIRIKONA: Archdeacon K Karipa
KAIKARAKIA: Kararaina Field

HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: **91**
Gradual Hymn: **81**
Offertory Hymn: **157**
Closing Hymn: **210**

SENTENCE:

Rend your hearts and not your garments;
turn back to the Lord your God who is
gracious and compassionate, long-suffering
and abounding love. **Joel 2:13**

COLLECT:

Come Holy Spirit, to all baptized in your
name, that we may turn to good whatever
lies ahead. Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it
is, to what you have created it to be.

1ST READING:

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Call of Abram

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your
country and your kindred and your father's
house to the land that I will show you. I will
make of you a great nation, and I will bless
you, and make your name great, so that
you will be a blessing. I will bless those who
bless you, and the one who curses you I will
curse; and in you all the families of the
earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as
the LORD had told him; and Lot went with
him. Abram was seventy-five years old
when he departed from Haran.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

2ND READING:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Example of Abraham

What then are we to say was gained by
Abraham, our ancestor according to the
flesh? For if Abraham was justified by
works, he has something to boast about,
but not before God. For what does the
scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and
it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'
Now to one who works, wages are not
reckoned as a gift but as something due.
But to one who without works trusts him
who justifies the ungodly, such faith is
reckoned as righteousness.

God's Promise Realized through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the
world did not come to Abraham or to his
descendants through the law but through
the righteousness of faith. If it is the
adherents of the law who are to be the
heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
For the law brings wrath; but where there is
no law, neither is there violation. For this
reason it depends on faith, in order that the
promise may rest on grace and be
guaranteed to all his descendants, not only
to the adherents of the law but also to
those who share the faith of Abraham (for
he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I
have made you the father of many
nations')—in the presence of the God in
whom he believed, who gives life to the
dead and calls into existence the things that
do not exist.

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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter
and James and his brother John and led
them up a high mountain, by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them, and
his face shone like the sun, and his clothes
became dazzling white. Suddenly there
appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking
with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it
is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will
make three dwellings here, one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he
was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and from the cloud a
voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'
When the disciples heard this, they fell to
the ground and were overcome by fear. But
Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get
up and do not be afraid.' And when they
looked up, they saw no one except Jesus
himself alone. As they were coming down
the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no
one about the vision until after the Son of
Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ the Word



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Jamie-Lee Miles

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorraine Waititi
Tim Puha

Hohi Clarke
Ken Rau

Fred Kaa
Sam Morunga

Neville Berridge
Aphir Tahitahi



TWT CHOIR SMAC

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at
7pm. Call Char Roberts – **0416-135-894** for
more information.

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latest by joining our NEW 'Church of Te
Wairua Tapu - Poihakena' page. Search on
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TE WAIRUA TAPU KURA

The TWT Kura Te Reo classes has restarted
for 2011 every Sunday from 7:30am to
9:30am at the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

Isobel Roberts
Ivan Maheno
Neisha Hura-Tupaea
George Tupaea
Kilharn Manuera

We also continue to pray for all those
devastated by the earthquake in
Christchurch and also for the nation of
Japan. The NZ Government, all our church
leaders and congregations, especially Te
Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, Te Hui Amorangi
o Te Waipounamu and Bishop John Gray
and family.