

VIGIL EUCHARIST: Saturday 5.30 pm
SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 8.00 am 10.00 am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat. 8.00 am
 Fridays 12.05pm
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: 11.00am Fridays
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4.45 pm to 5.15 pm Sat.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 6th December 2020

	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
COMMENTATORS:	Anne Bannatyne	Susan Comber	Nellie Wulf
READERS:	Marina Tu'inukuafe	Kevin Maloney	Mark Brimble
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:	Trevor Arland Pam Braganza Ashlyn Braganza	Patrick Hallis Muna Hallis Chris Naughton	Stephen Piggan Volunteer Please Volunteer Please
OFFERTORY:	Lana Lon Melissa Mara	Paul Grace and Family	Barakat-Devine Family
COLLECTORS:	Marilyn & Vijay Kamath	Mark Almeida Steve Brown	Tanya & Desmond Fong
A/V OPERATOR:	Lana Lon	Jomy Mathews	Volunteer Please
ALTAR SERVERS: (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)	Natalia Temita Sam Lobo	Madeline Khuang Sophie Amos	Xavier Leota Alexis Igoy Hailey Igoy

COUNTERS: Mary-Ann Todd Amelia Todd Rosemary Trevenen	ALTAR CARE: Patsy McCahill	FLOWERS Josephine Yang	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Kenneth Reganit Sharon Suarez
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Are you new to our Parish? We warmly welcome you. We would like to know more about you and invite you to take an Information Pack available in the foyer in the cream-coloured box marked "Information for New Parishioners". Please complete the forms enclosed and return to the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Francis Chung, Anton Westerhaus, Noreen Helean, Valrae Collins, Theresa Way, Joseph Mascarenhas, Lucy Lee, William Fryer, Amy Fong, Maurice Aldridge, Sec Foo Fong

Sick: Rita Kelly, D.E.Mijares, Sue Wong, Kathryn Badrick, Millie Pacheco, Leo Cassin, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones, Corazon Abulencia, Joe & Nicholas Geor, Wim Wouts, Tony Porter, Josie Mijares, Evelyn Totanes, Paul Jang, May Chow

Anniversaries: George Wong & Reginald Wilton (November 5), Bro. Frank Duff (Nov 6), Philip Jew (Nov 10), Angeline Martin (Nov 11), Angeline D'Souza (Nov 15), Marie Edith Anderson (Nov 16), Chris Fewtrell (Nov 21), Eileen Williams & Kay Tipping (Nov 23), Carolyn Hulme (Nov 25)

Mass Intentions: We remember and pray for our faithful departed for the whole month of November.

Available in Church Foyer:
See notice board for upcoming events.



Readings for Next Week:
 1. Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
 2. 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

Father Robert O'Brien

Fr Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil



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29th November 2020 - Sunday Readings Year B

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1)

Wednesday December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd: 6.30-7.30pm in Reconciliation Room.

2021 Columban Calendars

The 2021 Columban Art Calendars are available from the parish office at \$12 each.

Christmas gifts for children in need

As in previous years, we would like to offer gifts and a food hamper to each of the families in the Parish food programme. If you would like to purchase a gift, please see one of us at the back of Church after each Mass this weekend and next. We would also appreciate donations to purchase food items for the hampers. Any queries, please phone Mary-Ann 021 2882850, or Brenda 027 6415615.



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Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal

This year we need your help and support for our Homeless families. We have 1,410 children in our care, who have been exposed to homelessness, living in cars and no place to call home. We have a tradition of providing a gift for every child so they may experience a little Christmas joy. Can you donate a gift/gifts so we can be sure none of them go without? You are invited to leave wrapped and labelled (age and Boy or Girl) Christmas gifts in the basket on the altar for distribution. **These will be collected by Monte Cecilia Housing Trust by Wednesday, 16th December.** Alternatively, you may contact Elaine Lolesio if you would like to help. Email elaine@montecelia.co.nz or call/text 0277770632.

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 30th Nov. 9.15-9.45am Rosary in the church. All welcome.
Mon. 30th Nov. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Wed. 2nd Dec. 6.30-7.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in our church (Reconciliation Room).

Legion of Mary Recruitment

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Legion of Mary invites interested people to join us. There are two types of Membership: 1. **Active members** who attend a weekly meeting in the church foyer 7-8pm on Monday evening. These members also do some parish work weekly with another legionary. They visit the sick, take out Communion, help with children's liturgy etc. 2. **Auxiliary members** who help by saying their rosary each day and some Legion prayers. For more information see one of the legionaries in the foyer after Mass on 28/29th November or contact **Louise 021863454**.

St Vincent de Paul Box & Food Bank

Thank you for your ongoing support to our shop in Onehunga. If you could help with any of the following, it would be appreciated - furniture, beds, bedding, linen, blankets, curtains, bric a brac, etc. Larger items are difficult for our volunteers to transport. If you are able to deliver to our store at 345 Onehunga Mall, our opening hours are 9am-4pm Monday to Saturday. We are also able to arrange collection from your home for furniture and larger items. Our phone number is 634 2697. Also, as Christmas approaches please be reminded to donate to the Food Bank with small non-perishable food items. The box is in the Church foyer. Thank you!

Mass Count

A full head count of all adults and children attending Mass in our Church is required by the Diocese of Auckland on all weekends of November. At the same time as the Offertory collection you may notice additional people carrying out this head count for us. The Mass count figures are very important for the forward planning of the Diocese and a requirement for the annual Diocesan report to Rome.

NZpray2day

An app that encourages people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day. It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

NZ Catholic

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The November 29-December 12 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Delight as Timaru basilica reopens. Palmerston North diocese in "really good stead" for 2021. Troubled lay movements need outside oversight. Schools collect thousands of cans for Christmas. Please ensure the money (\$4) is handed to one of our priests or in to the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass

Friday 4th December 7pm at St Mary's Church, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by general blessing of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Quo Vadis, Where are you going?

Breakfast meeting for single men ages 17+ who are interested in considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. **5 December 9am** for Mass followed by fellowship – St Patrick's Panmure.

Advent Carols and Readings

Join us for our annual service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. **Saturday, 5th December at 7 pm.** All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey through Advent. Please note there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Hobson Street and Durham Lane.

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass

Sunday 6th December, 4pm at Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. An invitation to all Catholics with disabilities, their families and support workers. A light meal is provided after Mass in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All welcome. Ph: 629 0445.

Royal Commission of Abuse into Care and Faith-based Institutions

Please keep in your prayers at this time the work of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care which continues to look into what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care. We pray for survivors for ongoing courage as they share their experience with the Commission.

Starting in late November & early December, the Royal Commission will focus on cases involving the Catholic Church. While this may be a difficult time for survivors and many in our communities, this is an important process. We listen to the experiences of survivors, acknowledge failings, support the justice and reconciliation process and look forward to the future with hope.

Our bishops and congregational leaders requested that churches and faith-based organisations be included in the Royal Commission process in order to have this significant opportunity to acknowledge the past, listen and learn from the experiences of survivors, and participate in seeking justice.

The Diocesan Mission Map

• The celebration of the coming of Christ marks the start of our new liturgical year. In 2020 it also marks the implementation of the diocesan Mission Map. The Mission Map is our diocesan strategic plan. However, the name Mission Map reminds us that it is different from what happens in business. It is not about paying dividends to stakeholders but about our participation in the mission of God.

• As the baptized no matter our vocational role we are challenged to be part of this initiative using the gifts generously bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit for mission. We are called to stay awake, alert to the opportunities to be molded by our God that together we might strengthen our Catholic communities for missionary discipleship, build up the spirituality of our young people and care for the poor.

Food for Faith for Advent – Father John O'Connor's popular Food for Faith page will have daily reflections for Advent. Sign up to get the reflections daily by email during December: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Christmas Concert

Celebrate Christmas with the St Mary's College Music Department. SMC 2020 Christmas Concert Performances from: Brass Ensemble, Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, Piano Club. Sunday, **6th December 7pm** at St Mary's College CM Hall. Adults \$10, children free. Contact the school for more information at (09) 376 6568.

MIHA MĀORI AT HĀTO PETERA CHAPEL

Miha Māori (Mass in Te Reo Māori) will once again be celebrated in the Hāto Petera Chapel, 103 College Road, Northcote. The Miha will be celebrated on **Sunday 13th December, 9.30am**. You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate our return to the Chapel. For more info please call Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori on (09) 360 3058. *Nau mai, haere mai.*

Employment Opportunities at St Francis Retreat Centre

Food Service Director (Head Chef)

• Passionate about food • Experienced • Qualified • Reliable • Hard-working • A team player.

General/Operations Manager

This is an exciting new position for someone who is experienced in hospitality, financial administration, managing employees, and who deeply values the search for God in our lives through retreats and spiritual direction. We are looking for someone who will work collaboratively with the Franciscan friars and the team at St Francis Retreat Centre to continue and develop our mission.

Email: finance@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz for a full job description and application form.

Contact Details for Safeguarding advice

OLSH Safeguarding Officer - Louisa Rani

Email: louisar@cda.org.nz

CDA Safeguarding Coordinator

Lisa-May Gray

Ph: 09 360 3019 Email: lisam@cda.org.nz

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Sr Jane O'Carroll

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