

**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: 20th December 2020

	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
<b>COMMENTATORS:</b>	Peyton Jacinto	Muna Hallis	Mark Brimble
<b>READERS:</b>	Anne Bannatyne	Nicholas Ansley	Rebecca Brimble
<b>MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:</b>	Lisette Albuquerque Sushila Fernandes Polly Kenrick	Estelle Arts Paul Foong Rose Foong	Amile Salian Annette Wilson Ani Fangupo
<b>OFFERTORY:</b>	Lynn Murphy Viv Smith	Peter Leathley and Family	Gazelle & Ivan Extross
<b>COLLECTORS:</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>	Andre & Osmitta Francis	Walter Lobo Sarita Pais
<b>A/V OPERATOR:</b>	Jadyn Leon	Richard Rambaud	Eliseo Rio
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>	<b>Volunteers Please</b>
(Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)			

<b>COUNTERS:</b> Rex Carroll Pauline Carroll John Ryan	<b>ALTAR CARE:</b> Paula McNamara	<b>FLOWERS</b> Julia McLauchlan	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> <b>School Holidays</b> (No liturgy)
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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, Tony Porter, Josie Mijares, Evelyn Totanes, Paul Jang, May Chow

**Anniversaries:** Angeline D'Souza (Nov 15), Marie Edith Anderson (Nov 16), Chris Fewtrell (Nov 21), Eileen Williams & Kay Tipping (Nov 23), Carolyn Hulme (Nov 25), Mary Chow (December 3), Jeannie Grace (Dec 26)

**Mass Intentions:** 5.30pm L. Messer 8am Brian McGrath 10am

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



**Readings for Next Week:**  
 1. 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16  
 2. Romans 16:25-27  
 Gospel Luke 1:26-38

# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

## PARISH PRIEST

**Father Robert O'Brien**

Fr Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil



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## 13th December 2020 - Sunday Readings Year B

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite I) in our Church

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

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite II)

Christ the King, Owairaka

Wednesday, 16 December 7.00pm

Our Lady of Assumption, Onehunga

Friday 18 December 6.30 pm

## 2021 Columban Calendars

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

## 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 on Wednesday, 16th December.** Alternatively, you may contact Elaine Lolesio if you would like to help. Email [elaine@montececilia.org.nz](mailto:elaine@montececilia.org.nz) or call/text 0277770632.

## Christmas and New Year Rosters

The blank roster sign-up sheets for the period over Christmas and New Year are out in the church foyer. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets if you are available to help. Thank you.



## Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 14th Dec. 9.15-9.45am Rosary in the church. All welcome.  
 Mon. 14th Dec. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.  
 Wed. 16th Dec. 6.30-7.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in our church (Reconciliation Room).

### Music for Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

One of our organists, Michael Collins, will be playing the organ at the 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve in our Church. This is traditionally the Mass that many families attend.

He is looking to bring together musically talented parishioners who might be interested in playing an instrument as part of the Mass (eg. violin, flute, etc.) to play with him for some of the carols. The music shouldn't be too difficult as it will be mainly following the melody line. There will be a rehearsal in our Church on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December after the 10am Mass.

Please register your interest by contacting Michael directly either by email or call (evenings)/text(anytime) him on his mobile.

Email: [collinsmichaelg@gmail.com](mailto:collinsmichaelg@gmail.com)

Mobile: +64 21 241 6647

### Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed from 24th December 2020 and will re-open on Tuesday, 12th January 2021. For urgent matters during this period, kindly call and leave a message on our voicemail at 630-3956. Have a safe and happy holidays!



### NZ Catholic

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The December 13-26 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New pastoral plan for Auckland diocese. New vaccines prompt serious questions. Hospital chaplain called a local hero. Marist ordained to priesthood. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on December 27. Please ensure the money (\$4) is handed to one of our priests or in to the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

### Christmas blessings and gratitude from the Caring Foundation

Your support for families and communities in need during 2020 has helped the foundation support over 60 agencies working with the poor and the vulnerable. Thank you for your compassion and care. Please keep the Foundation in your prayers, and if able please support our Christmas Appeal. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

### You can help CBA reach 250,000 listeners this Christmas!

This Christmas, CBA will broadcast for 18 hours on Newstalk ZB reaching 250,000 listeners! CBA's programmes are designed to communicate the Christian faith to those outside the influence of the church. They have asked for your help to cover production costs. Please phone 0900 80 222 to make a \$20 donation (charged to your phone account). Visit [cba.org.nz/christmas](http://cba.org.nz/christmas) to find out more.



## CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS TIMES

### Christmas Eve - Thursday, 24th December

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Carols from 5.00pm)  
 Evening Mass at 9.00pm (Carols from 8.30pm)

### Christmas Day - Friday, 25th December

Morning Mass at 9.00am ONLY

For a complete list of Christmas and New Year Holiday dates, please uplift a copy of the Timetable which is available in the church foyer for you to take home for reference.

**Christmas and New Year Rosters** - If you are available to help, please add your name to the sign-up roster sheets available in the church foyer. Thank you.



### Heading North this summer?

A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular Motuti, where Bishop Pompallier remains are interred in St Mary's Church, and Tōtara Point, where the first official Mass was celebrated on 13 January 1838. All are invited to **Mass at Tōtara Point Sunday, 10 January 2021 at 11am** to commemorate the first Mass in Aotearoa. Please see notice board for more info and route map.

**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](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

### 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.

A **refreshed diocesan website** same address <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> is live. Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site as well as a wealth of information and resources.

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Online Session (Evening): Christmas "Self Care Nibbles"** with Clare Barnett. **Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm.** Fee: \$30. ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/christmas-self-care-nibbles/>

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I ? – Reflecting on our Identity in God** with Eamon Butler. **Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm.** Fee: \$60, ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

For more information and registration, email : [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### Contact Details for Safeguarding advice

**OLSH Safeguarding Officer - Louisa Rani**  
 Email: [louisar@cda.org.nz](mailto:louisar@cda.org.nz)

**Auckland Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator Lisa-May Gray**  
 Ph: 09 360 3019 Email: [lisam@cda.org.nz](mailto:lisam@cda.org.nz)

**Auckland Diocese Complaints Officer - Sr Jane O'Carroll**  
 Ph: 09 360 3003 Email: [janeo@cda.org.nz](mailto:janeo@cda.org.nz)

**National Office for Professional Standards**  
 0800 114 622 Email: [prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz)



### Parish Food Programme Christmas Gifts

Thank you to everyone who offered to buy a gift for a child in the Parish Food Programme. Please leave your gift in the bag marked "Food Programme Christmas Giving" - in the foyer of the Church, or contact Mary-Ann (021 2882850) or Brenda (027 6415615). Many thanks for your support.

### OLSH Pro-Life Group Workshop

The OLSH Pro-Life Group is planning a Workshop to take place on **Thursday evening 11th February 2021, 7-8.30pm** in the Community Room, followed by a cup of tea. The topic will be 'Helping to Heal the Wounds of Abortion' and the Workshop will be led by counsellor Catherine Gillies. More details to come in January, including ways to offer practical support in the running of the event. If you have questions, or would like to help in the running of the event, please contact Deborah Railey 0212689429. If this notice raises difficult issues, you can contact:

<https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/crisis-support> or

Gianna's Choice 0800 367 5433, or Text 0274 488 070 or Catherine Gillies on 021 432 020 or

Email [catherine.mary.gillies@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.mary.gillies@gmail.com)