

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: 13th December 2020

	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
COMMENTATORS:	Osmitta Francis	Sarah Cozens	Anne Bannatyne
READERS:	Carmel Webb	Argyl Serrano	Mark Brimble
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION:	Teresa Chow Bernadette Collins Lynette Duncan	Mark Almeida Eleanor Almeida Volunteer Please	Nellie Wulf Peter Prosee Deffi Rambaud
OFFERTORY:	Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	Sue Lamont Anitha Louis	Bruce & Gaylene Emett
COLLECTORS:	Lana Lon Lynn Murphy	Paul Foong Vincent George	John Larner Johny Leslie
A/V OPERATOR:	Marcus Koenig	Beth Odiaz	Averia Rani
ALTAR SERVERS: (Please remember to arrive 10 minutes early)	Preston Lee Kristen Dizon	Aronui Williams Zack Darling	Raffiel Santiago Demspter Santiago Alan Thayalakal

COUNTERS: Fiona McLean Raewyn Sun Keesha Sun	ALTAR CARE: Mary Jackson Rosemary Trevenen	FLOWERS Josephine Yang	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Louisa Rani Averia Rani
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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: 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 8am 10am *Ivan Posa & Joseph Sunde*

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



Readings for Next Week:
 1. Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
 2. 1 Thess. 5:16-24
 Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

PARISH PRIEST

Father Robert O'Brien

Fr Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil



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6th December 2020 - Sunday Readings Year B

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1)

Wednesday December 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 Food Hampers

Thank you to everyone who offered to buy a gift for a child in the Parish Food Programme. All children have now been allocated, but you can still donate to the food hampers for the families. Please contact Mary-Ann on 021 2882850, or Brenda on 027 6415615. Many thanks for your support!

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 or call/text 0277770632.

Youth Group Outing

We will be going Rollerskating this **Sunday 6th December** at Skateland in Mount Wellington. All transport will be provided. We will meet at OLSH at **1:30pm** and will return at **4:30pm**. Please have lunch before you come and if you own a pair of rollerskates, please bring them along! Contact Rebecca on 0211535233 or email epsomyouthgroupolsh@gmail.com if you would like to come.

Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 7th Dec. 9.15-9.45am Rosary in the church. All welcome.
 Mon. 7th Dec. 7.00pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
 Wed. 9th 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 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!

NZ Catholic

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The Nov. 29-Dec. 12 issue is out now. Some headlines: 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.*

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.

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

Benefit Concert

You are invited to a special Benefit Concert for Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies. **Saturday, 12th December, 2pm** at St Michael's Parish, Remuera. The programme of sacred music with a Christmas feel will be performed by musicians from St. Michael's, led by bass-baritone James Loelu. One of our parishioners, Antonia Brightwell, will also be singing in this concert. Suggested payment: \$20 per person and \$40 per family. For tickets and further details please contact:

office@remueracatholic.org.nz.

OLSH Pro-Life Group Workshop

The OLSH Pro-Life Group is planning a Workshop to take place on **Thursday evening 11th February 2021**. The topic will be 'Helping to Heal the Wounds of Abortion' and the Workshop will be led by counsellor Catherine Gillies. It is planned to be in the Parish Community Room, from **7-8.30pm**, followed by a cup of tea. We will let you know more details 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, you can contact Deborah Bailey Ph 021 268 9429. 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

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.*

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.

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.

Contact Details for Safeguarding advice

OLSH Safeguarding Officer - Louisa Rani
 Email: louisar@cda.org.nz

Auckland Diocese Safeguarding Coordinator Lisa-May Gray

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

Auckland Diocese Complaints Officer - Sr Jane O'Carroll

Ph: 09 360 3003 Email: janeo@cda.org.nz

National Office for Professional Standards

0800 114 622 Email: prof_standards@nzcbc.org.nz

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.