

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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27th November 2022 – First Sunday of Advent

Mass Timetable

Monday: No Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday- Thursday: 8am Mass

Friday: 11am Adoration followed by 12.05pm Mass

Saturday: 9am Mass

Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4.45-5.15pm

November – Month of Remembrance

If you would like to have anyone who has died remembered especially in our prayers during the month of November, please write their name on one of the "Month of the Holy Souls" slips available in the foyer and place it in the purple box at the foot of the altar.



If you would like to make a Mass Offering and have a Mass said especially for the person during this month of the Holy Souls, please use the "Month of the Holy Souls" envelopes also found in the foyer and hand it to the priest or into the parish office, and a Special Mass will be said for that person. **Please DO NOT place any envelope containing your offering in the purple box. The box is for prayer intentions only.**

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 four 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.

Christmas Giving for the Parish Food Programme

Would you like to contribute to the Christmas delivery? If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for one of our children, please email us and we will match you with a child. We will also be delivering a food hamper and grocery voucher, so if you would like to make a monetary contribution, please let us know. Please contact Mary-Ann (maryanntodd29@gmail.com) or phone 021 2882850.

Fr Rob away

Fr Rob is away from the parish until December 7th. We thank Fr Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil, Fr Ezio Blasoni and Fr Tony O'Connor for assisting with Masses and other sacraments while Fr Rob is away.

Our Parish – The Week Ahead

Mon. 28th Nov 9.15-9.45am Rosary in the church. All welcome.

Mon. 28th Nov 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.

Mon. 28th Nov 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at the Mercy Centre. All welcome.

Thu. 1st Dec. 30-2.15pm Christian Meditation at the Mercy Centre. All welcome.

Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith in our church Saturday 3rd December at 3 pm



At Fatima, Our Lady asked the children to pray the Rosary every day. In these perilous times, this powerful prayer is needed more than ever.

Since 2018, the Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith has been held to coincide with the March for Life. The March, which is held in Wellington, starts at 3 pm and winds its way through the central city and ends in Parliament

Grounds. At the very same time the March is in progress, people gather together all over New Zealand, to pray the Holy Rosary. After the March there is a final Coast to Coast Rosary in Parliament Grounds around 4 pm.

In the first instance we encourage everyone to go to Wellington to join the March. If you are not able to go to Wellington, the OLSH Pro-Life group together with the Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary in our church on Saturday, 3rd December at 3pm.

Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal

We are again in need of your help and support for Homeless families. We have a tradition of providing a gift for every child in our care 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 Friday, 16th December.** Alternatively, you may contact Elaine Lolesio if you would like to help. Email elaine@montececilia.org.nz or call/text 027 777 0632.

2023 Columban Art Calendar

\$12 each, available from the parish office.

NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Otago school celebrates opening of new buildings. New Catholic Māori Group meets with Bishops. Liturgical formation of the People of God in NZ. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to the priest or into the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Epsom Parish Website

Our parish website has a new and improved look. Check it out here: <https://epsomcatholic.org.nz/>

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/1ST-WEEK-OF-ADVENT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Heaven-and-Angels-Sing-1.pdf>

Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy*

Online Sessions (Evening)

Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees with Beate Matthies Monday, 05 December, 7-8pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM. Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Marriage & Family Life would like to invite to you consider becoming Marriage Educators. If you have 2 hours a fortnight and are passionate about helping engaged couples prepare for marriage and have been married for 5 years or more, please contact Gerry on 021 02247442.

Taize Prayer For Advent

Fri. 9th Dec. 7pm. Mary MacKillop Chapel, Mission Bay

Advent Retreat Day

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre Mission Bay. Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin. Saturday 10 December 10am-3pm. \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged. Registrations to Sr Julian Langton by December 9th.

marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au Ph: 09 528 1801

Upcoming events at St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre

Fulfilled Retreat - Fri 2 - 4 Dec 2022. Weekend retreat on the life-changing series by Christopher West, *Fulfilled - The Promise of the Christian Life*. For more info, email retreats@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or visit <https://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz/events/fulfilled-weekend-retreat/>

Franciscan Spirituality Series - Join us every first Sunday of the month to learn about St Francis of Assisi and living the Gospel according to his spirit. Next session is on the C.R.I.B with Fr Mario Dorado OFMCap on Sun 4 Dec 2pm - 4pm (Free).

Time Out Day – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Tue 6 Dec

Auckland Vocations Discernment Retreats - Come along and discover the plan that God has for you in your life, through active spiritual discernment for young adults 18+.

Men's Retreat: Friday 9th-11th of December 2022

Women's Retreat Friday 16th-18th of December 2022

There are discounted Early Bird spots available. Early Bird spots are limited. For more information and to register for the retreat please email aucklandvocations@gmail.com

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1 pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle, and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2 pm. Concludes at 4 pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads, and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, at 7 pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit fii.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Mt Eden.

After we will share a light meal after in the G.I.F.T. Centre. All intellectually disabled friends and support people WELCOME.

Change of Venue for Weekday Masses

We will have contractors coming to replace the transept windows on both sides of the Altar. This work is likely to take 3 weeks.

We do not have a definite start date yet, so weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Church until construction work starts. When this happens, we will post signs on the door to advise you that the weekday Mass (Tuesday to Saturday inclusive) will be moved to a venue at the Sisters of Mercy Centre (Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings) at 104 The Drive.

For the duration of this work the Mass Tuesday to Friday will be at 8am, while the Saturday morning Mass will continue at 9am. Please note the change to the Friday Mass time.

The 5.30pm Mass on Saturdays and 9am Mass on Sunday will not be affected and will remain in the Church.

Normal Mass times in the church will resume as soon as possible.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

- Parish Finance Committee

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Michael Fong, George B. Pereira, Joe Geor, Ian Birch, Ann Fryer, Leo Alcantara, Mary Zoricich, Peter Williams, Mary Milicich, Leo Cassin, Ernesto De Jesus

Sick: Sue Wong, Millie Pacheco, Carol Rogers, Corazon Abulencia, Nicholas Geor, Evelyn Totanes, Stephen Wheoki, Leonard Lee, Noel Mijares, Arielle Beatriz Bautista, Peggy Dance, Adrian Judson, Joseph Cave, Anabella Olaes, Lily Owen, Paul Foong, William Wong, Lloyd Jones

Anniversaries: Leonardo & Julieta Basilio (Oct 29), George Wong (Nov 5), Reginald Wilton (Nov 5), Francis Chung (Nov 18), Carolyn Ann Hulme (Nov 25), Joseph D'Silva (Dec 28)

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

Roster for next weekend: 4th December

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Marlene Parejas	Estelle Arts
Reader	Priscilla Murphy	Nicholas Ansley
Offertory	Mary Jackson Melissa Mara	Bruce & Gaylene Emett
Eucharistic Ministers	Josie Mijares Marlene Parejas John Ryan	Priscilla B. Pereira Tanya Rodrigues Susan Perera
Altar Servers	Max Koenig Luke Koenig	Julianna Extross Volunteer Please
Collectors	Trevor Arland Water Lobo	Anne Beresford Steve Crawford
A/V Operator	Dads Dizon	Jomy Mathews
Counters	Mary-Ann Todd	Peter Leathley
Altar Care	Kathy Long	Sheryl Green
Flowers	Eileena Stoddart	Mary van Wijk

Readings for next week Second Sunday of Advent

1. Isaiah 11:1-10
 2. Romans 15:4-9
- Gospel Mathew 3:1-12

