

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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4th December 2022 – Second 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

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.

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.

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.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2nd-WEEK-OF-ADVENT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/The-College-Student-Who-Found-Her.pdf>

Our Parish – The Week Ahead

Mon. 5th Dec. 9.15-9.45am Rosary in the church. All welcome.

Mon. 5th Dec. 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.

Mon. 5th Dec. 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at the Mercy Centre. All welcome.

Thu. 8th Dec. 1.30-2.15pm Christian Meditation at the Mercy Centre. All welcome.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Basket

St Vincent de Paul, Onehunga is grateful for your donations. The shop is full and cannot take anymore donations at this time. **Please do not leave items for donation in or outside the church.** We will put the basket out again when we have space in the shop. Once more, we thank you for your generosity.

Parishioner Family looking for a rental

A family in our Parish is looking to rent a 4-bedroom home in the vicinity. Please contact Deborah Railey 0212689429

NZ Catholic



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Bishop wants 'thriving parishes of faith'; COP27 didn't heed call from Pacific; Synod is like a hui, says Bishop Lowe; CEC launches podcasts with a Christmas focus. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to the priest or into the Parish office.

Thank you.

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



Come sing with us our Christmas prayers. On **Thursday 8 December at 2pm** in the chapel of St Benedicts Bishop Steve will pray the Mass of Christmas day which will be filmed for broadcast on Shine TV. We would deeply

appreciate a good congregation so... please consider joining us and adding your prayers and voices.

The **Diocesan Pastoral Council** met on Saturday 26 November. Their newsletter is available for everyone to read on the diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/November2022.pdf>

Registrations are now open for **Ngā Tapuwae - Sacred Footsteps 2023**. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hiko with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience, and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier, and the early missionaries. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at the place where the first Mass in NZ occurred.

Register <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwae-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: stephenf@cda.org.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

Friday December 9th at 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@sosi.org.au Ph: 09 528 1801

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

WYD23 Fundraiser: Private Screening of Avatar 2 (Rated M), 18th December 2022 2pm, Midcity Hoyts Cinemas \$20 per ticket includes entry, ice-cream, popcorn, drink and sweets.
Email mdmwydmovie@gmail.com or ph Paula 021827225

Divine Renovation

Do you want to see your parish come alive, but you're unsure where to begin? Are you already in the renewal journey, but are looking to get connected with a community of parish leaders for inspiration, encouragement, and fellowship?

Wherever you are in the parish renewal journey, the 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference will be a unique and inspiring experience for anyone who wishes to move their parish from maintenance to mission.

10-12 February 2023 | Sydney, Australia
Register today at www.divinerenovation.org/draus2023

Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland, is seeking a part-time qualified chef for 25-hours per week over 5-days (Sundays being one of those days). Duties will include responsibility for the weekly grocery shop, as well as x1 evening meal preparation for the Seminarians and Seminary Priests. Holy Cross Seminary follows a university term schedule. The successful applicant will be required term time only (x30 weeks per year). If you have the necessary qualifications and are interested in this role, please send your CV with Cover Letter to office@holycross.org.nz by Sunday, 11 December 2022.

Catholic charity **NPH New Zealand** offers a range of Christmas Gifts which help vulnerable children and families in Latin America. E-cards and Gift Certificates available. More info at www.nph-nz.org

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: 11th December

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Anne Bannatyne	Sarah Cozens
Reader	Carmel Webb	Estelle Arts
Offertory	Vijay & Marilyn Kamath	John Long and Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Annette Wilson Rose Avery Grant Barnett	Peter Prosee Deffi Rambaud Amile Salian
Altar Servers	Jaden D'Souza Volunteer Please	Frederick Fry Shane Bankien
Collectors	Shee, Bradley and Alyssia Chow	Extross Family
A/V Operator	Mark Daria	Averia Rani
Counters	Peter Brooks Carolyn Brooks	Elvis D'Costa
Altar Care	Pat Thomson Sue Lamont	
Flowers	Eileena Stoddart Mary van Wijk	

Readings for next week Third Sunday of Advent

1. Isaiah 35:1-6,10
 2. James 5:7-10
- Gospel Mathew 11:2-11