

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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10th December 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Timetable

Tuesday: 8am at the Mercy Centre Chapel (104 The Drive)

Wednesday & Thursday: 8am

Friday: 12.05pm (Adoration from 11am)

Saturday: 9am

Sunday Vigil Mass – Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45-5.15pm

The Rosary is prayed in the Church every Monday morning during school term at 9.15-9.45am.

Christmas and New Year Timetable and Roster

The Christmas and New Year Timetable has been sent out by email. Hard copies are also available in the church foyer. Also, a blank roster sign-up sheet for Christmas Masses can be found in the church foyer. Please put your name down if you are available to assist in the various ministries. Thank you.

Would you like to contribute to the **Parish Food Programme** Christmas delivery, this year? If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for one of our children, please email me and I 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 get in touch. The food hampers help our families to provide for their children over the school holidays. Your help is very much appreciated! Many thanks!

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Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal

Christmas approaches quickly and Monte Cecilia is reaching out for our annual appeal, asking for your help in ensuring that children in Monte Cecilia housing have a joyful Christmas, with food on the table and a toy of their own. You are invited to leave wrapped and labelled (age and Boy or Girl) gifts in the basket on the altar for distribution. No gift is too small, as we have over 1,200+ children living within our Transitional & Community houses, so every little bit helps. **You can leave gifts in the basket until Monday, 11th December 2023.**

St Vincent de Paul Society Foodbank Donations

Our parish welcomes your donations of non-perishable goods and personal care items. In anticipation for Christmas, we invite you to donate food items suitable for a festive celebration. The donations basket will be put out on the altar from today **until Friday, the 15th December 2023** for this purpose. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Our Parish – The Week Ahead

Mon. 11th Dec. 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer.

New members welcome.

Mon. 11th Dec. 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Tue. 12th Dec. 5.45-6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church.

Wed. 13th Dec. 7-8pm OLSH Music Group practice in the church.

Thu. 14th Dec. 2-2.45pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Fri. 15th Dec. 5.45-6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas:

Tuesday, 12th December – 5.45 to 6.30pm

Friday, 15th December – 6.00 to 6.45pm

2024 Bible Diary

For sale from the parish office. \$20 each.

Prayer Cards for Peace in the Holy Land

These are available from the church foyer. Please take a prayer card home and join in prayer for peace in the Holy Land.

Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal – donations doubled! Give an impactful gift this Christmas! Give a gift that changes lives! Every donation to the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. The Caring Foundation partners with over 60 local agencies to provide the right help at the right time for families and people in poverty and hardship. To find out how to donate, pick up our Christmas post-card today, or check out our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Shine TV Shine TV weekly broadcasting of Sunday Mass at 2pm Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-two-PEACE.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Mother-Teresa.pdf>

St Vincent de Paul Onehunga Shop

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Vinnies Op Shop in Onehunga and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact us. We need more good quality donations! Please drop them off at our shop at 345 Onehunga Mall, or call us if you need furniture picked up. Why not volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Shop? Any help would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 97 and our youngest is 16 and we would be happy to have you join our team. Contact Wanda at the Vinnies shop (634-2697) for more information.

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - Saturday evenings to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; Wednesday mornings in silent Meditation; Wednesday evenings to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that 'it is confidence that must lead to love'. We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless. Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology is still on-going until the end of January. The Certificate and Diploma in Christian Studies are also accepting enrolment for 2024. Semester starts on 19 February 2024.

Courses offered: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables.

To enrol: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply.

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation, and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. All are welcome to participate and learn more of our Catholic heritage. You can experience the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021439407

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/>

YouTube Recordings

YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

Our next Zoom sessions will be in February/March on the theme of Miracles.

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24th December

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (*Carols from 5.00pm*)

Evening Mass at 9.30pm (*Carols with OLSH Music Group from 9.00pm*)

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December

Morning Mass at 9.30am



Please note that there will still be the usual Sunday Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday, 23rd December, Vigil Mass at 5.30pm and Sunday, 24th December, Morning Mass at 9am.

SAFE CHURCH ~ SAFEGUARDING

As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, we continue to ensure that our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We foster an environment which is welcoming, and in which all our parish whanau, including our tamariki, rangatahi, kuia and kaumatua, feel safe.

If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator is Louisa Rani and you can contact her by email at epsomsafeguarding@gmail.com. You may also contact the National Office for Professional Standards 0800-114-662 or the police 111.

MASS INTENTIONS

A gentle reminder that mass intentions need to be sent to the parish office at least 48 hours before the day on which mass is to be offered. If the intention is particularly important please make sure to mention this at the time the request is made. As a general rule, Sunday mass is offered for the people of the parish although some exceptions are possible. Please note that if a mass cannot be offered on the desired date, it will be offered on the next available date.

Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:

Recently Deceased: Bruce Currie, Margaret Nicholas, Patricia Kerr, Nevis Almeida, Mathilda Mendes, Br Gerard Mahoney, Brenda Anne Coup, Ivan Pervan, Sue Wong, Ngaio Abbot

Sick: Millie Pacheco, Carol Rogers, Corazon Abulencia, Nicholas Geor, Evelyn Totanes, Stephen Wheoki, Noel Mijares, Arielle Beatriz Bautista, Peggy Dance, Adrian Judson, Joseph Cave, William Wong, Lloyd Jones, Ricardo de Castro, Lima Sio Kame, Celia Codoy, Garry Mijares

Anniversaries: George Wong and Reg Wilton (Nov 5), Elizabeth Cahill (Nov 11), Carolyn Ann Hulme (Nov 25), Alma McCombe (Dec 2), Mary Chow (Dec 3), Leonard Lee (Dec 9)

Roster for next weekend: 17th Dec.

	5.30PM Vigil	9AM
Commentator	Anne Bannatyne	Anitha Louis
Reader	Carmel Webb	Stephen Pigginn
Offertory	Vijay & Marilyn Kamath	Anitha Louis
Eucharistic Ministers	Reena Fernandes Sushila Fernandes Peyton Jacinto	Olive Maumalanga Mark Almeida Estelle Arts Priscilla B. Pereira
Altar Servers	Jaden D'Souza Kristen Dizon Karan Dondeti	Fynn Rowley Kieran Thewarapperuma Volunteer Please
Collectors	Andre & Osmitta Francis	Priscilla & Carlos Sevele
A/V Operator	Dads Dizon	Richard Rambaud
Music	Judith Fullerton	Susan Aldridge
Children's Liturgy		Volunteers Please
Counters	John Long Kathy Long Michael Kerridge	
Altar Care	Mary Jackson Rosemary Trevenen	
Flowers	Josephine Yang	

Readings for next week Third Sunday of Advent

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



Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

Ki te ingoa
O te Matua, O te Tamaiti,
O te Wairua Tapu
Āmene