# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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# 17th December 2023 - Third 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.



Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for the Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal and food items for the St Vincent de Paul Foodbank. The Christmas gifts have been handed over to Monte Cecilia this past week and the groceries will be collected next week. Thank you also to everyone who contributed towards the Parish Food Programme. Your generosity will surely bring smiles to many children and families this Christmas.

A huge thanks also to all volunteers who serve in the various groups and ministries in our parish.

God bless you all!

Thanksgiving Mass – Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 10AM Everyone is invited to join the school for a thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am. Please note that there won't be an 8am Mass on this date.

# **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.

The **Christmas 2023 Mass Times** have been published on the CDA website. Here is the link

https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2023/

### Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30pm Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.

Mon. 18th Dec. 7.30-8.15pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am School and Parish Thanksgiving Mass.

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7-8pm OLSH Music Group practice in the church.

Thu. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2-2.45pm Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 5.45-6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church.

# 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: correction to published Christmas Timetable
There will be No Mass on Tuesday, 26th
December (Boxing Day)



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



The Parish Office will be closed from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2023 up to the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. The parish email will not be monitored during this time. For urgent matters, please call the parish number at 630-3956 and leave a voice message if the phone is not picked up. Fr Anthony will get back to you as soon as possible.

The last newsletter for the year will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December and the next newsletter will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

# **New Parish Roster (February to May 2024)**

Our current parish roster will finish at the end of January. In preparation for the new roster covering 4th February to 26th May 2024, please **email the parish office** if you want to make changes to your ministry or your unavailable dates, if any. **Deadline to notify changes is Friday, 5**th **January 2024.** Thank you for your service to our parish.

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

Kids Korner: <a href="https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf">https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf</a>
Parent Ponderings: <a href="https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-delebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf">https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-delebrating-ADVENT-Week-Three-JOY.pdf</a>

content/uploads/2023/11/Mom-Walks-Into-Living-Room-And-Comes-Face-To-Face-With-A-Koala-In-The-Christmas-Tree.pdf

**Bible Diary 2024** with daily prayers, readings, short reflections, and Saints of the Day. Available from the parish office at \$20 each

#### **NZ Catholic**



NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4. Some headlines for this issue: Joy as fourth Bishop of Hamilton ordained. Don't forget suffering Church. Pope receives new NZ ambassador. South Korea pilgrimage was a real blessing. Please make sure the money (\$4) is handed to the priest or into the Parish office. *Thank you*.

**Hāto Petera** past students and whānau are invited to comment on draft proposed repurposing plans for the site by 19 January. More information at: <a href="https://hatopetera.com/about-hato-petera/">https://hatopetera.com/about-hato-petera/</a>.

**Hāto Petera repurposing:** All whānau and local communities are encouraged to review the proposals at <a href="www.hatopetera.com/about">www.hatopetera.com/about</a> and provide feedback by **Friday 22 December** to <a href="mailto:teresam@cda.org.nz">teresam@cda.org.nz</a>.

To read about **diocesan events** in the last weeks and start filling your 2024 diary with opportunities for faith development, fun and diocesan life download the latest edition of CDA connect <a href="https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf">https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf</a> - the link can also be found on the front page of the diocesan website.

What about the Synod? The Synod on Synodality was not just a meeting in Rome in October. This week the Synod Secretariat issues guidelines *Towards October 2024* for how local Churches continue the journey together exploring the question "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?". Regional opportunities for holding conversations around this theme will be held post Easter that the diocese might participate in this phase. To find out more head to <a href="https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/">https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/</a>. Details about the sessions will be available early 2024.

# NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwae – 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:steve-fraser">stephenf@cda.org.nz</a> 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

A Medjugorje group pilgrimage is planned to depart 19th May. Group leader and chaplain to accompany. See noticeboard for details. Visit <a href="www.pilgrimage.nz">www.pilgrimage.nz</a> or phone 0274219064.



Prayer for the Holy Land
Jesus, protect the innocent
and vulnerable, comfort the
suffering, and give courage
and wisdom to leaders in
the Holy Land. Amen.

# 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 <a href="mailto:epsomsafeguarding@gmail.com">epsomsafeguarding@gmail.com</a>. 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:

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: Ricardo de Castro, Bruce Currie, Margaret Nicholas, Patricia Kerr, Nevis Almeida, Mathilda Mendes, Br Gerard Mahoney, Brenda Anne Coup, Ivan Pervan, Sue Wong

<u>Sick</u>: 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, Lima Sio Kame, Celia Codoy

<u>Anniversaries</u>: Alma McCombe (Dec 2), Mary Chow (Dec 3), Leonard Lee (Dec 9), Jeannie Grace (Dec 26)

# Roster for next weekend: 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.

5.30PM Vigil

Commentator	Estelle Arts	Volunteer Please
Reader	Margaret Wong	Volunteer Please
Offertory	Walter Lobo Lana Lon	Volunteers Please
Eucharistic Ministers	Suchi Lewis Josie Mijares Marlene Parejas	Volunteers Please
Altar Servers	Volunteers Please	Volunteers Please
Collectors	George Vincent and Family	Volunteers Please
A/V Operator Music	Lana Lon Annemarie Kerridge	Volunteer Please Judith Fullerton
Children's Liturgy		Volunteers Please
Counters Altar Care Flowers	Volunteers Please Patsy McCahill	

Roster for Christmas Masses – Please refer to sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

## Readings for next week Fourth Sunday of Advent

1. 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16

2. Romans 16:25-27 Gospel Luke 1:26-38



# Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

9AM

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