



**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-Three-JOY.pdf>

**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-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: <https://hatopetera.com/about-hato-petera/>.

**Hāto Petera repurposing:** All whānau and local communities are encouraged to review the proposals at [www.hatopetera.com/about](http://www.hatopetera.com/about) and provide feedback by **Friday 22 December** to [teresam@cda.org.nz](mailto:teresam@cda.org.nz).

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 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CDA-CONNECT-Christmas23.pdf> - 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 <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>. Details about the sessions will be available early 2024.

## 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 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 [stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto: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](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

A Medjugorje group pilgrimage is planned to depart 19th May. Group leader and chaplain to accompany. See noticeboard for details. Visit [www.pilgrimage.nz](http://www.pilgrimage.nz) 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 whānau, 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](mailto: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:** Ricardo de Castro, Bruce Currie, Margaret Nicholas, Patricia Kerr, Nevis Almeida, Mathilda Mendes, Br Gerard Mahoney, Brenda Anne Coup, Ivan Pervan, Sue Wong

**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, Lima Sio Kame, Celia Codoy

**Anniversaries:** 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              | 9AM               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Commentator           | Estelle Arts              | Volunteer Please  |
| Reader                | Margaret Wong             | Volunteer Please  |
| Offertory             | Walter Lobo               | Volunteers Please |
|                       | Lana Lon                  |                   |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Suchi Lewis               | Volunteers Please |
|                       | Josie Mijares             |                   |
|                       | Marlene Parejas           |                   |
| Altar Servers         | Volunteers Please         | Volunteers Please |
| Collectors            | George Vincent and Family | Volunteers Please |
| A/V Operator          | Lana Lon                  | Volunteer Please  |
| Music                 | Annemarie Kerridge        | Judith Fullerton  |
| Children's Liturgy    |                           | Volunteers Please |
| Counters              | Volunteers Please         |                   |
| Altar Care            | Patsy McCahill            |                   |
| Flowers               |                           |                   |

**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)

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