

Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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24th December 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS 2023 and NEW YEAR HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24th December

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

Evening Mass at 9.30pm (*Carols with choir from 9.00pm*)

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December

Morning Mass at 9.30am

MASS TIMES (After Christmas Day) -

Wed. 27th December 2023 to Tues. 6th February 2024

Sunday Mass 5.30pm Saturday (Vigil Mass)
9am Sunday

Weekday Mass (Tues.– Sat.)
9.00am up to 6th Feb. (inclusive)

★ Usual Timetable resumes on Wednesday, 7th Feb. 2024 -
Mass at 8am.

★ 12.05pm Friday Mass will resume in 2024 beginning 9th
February.

★ No Mass on Mondays.

★ No Mass on Tuesday, 26th December (Boxing Day).

The **Christmas 2023 Mass Times** for Auckland parishes have
been published on the CDA website. Here is the link
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2023/>



The Parish Office will be **closed**
from the 23rd of December 2023
up to the 8th 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 your call is unanswered. Fr Anthony will
get back to you as soon as possible.

This is the last newsletter for the year and the next newsletter will
be on the 21st January 2024.

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a
prosperous new year!

Meetings and Events in Our Parish

Mondays 6.30pm	Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Mondays 7.30-8.15pm	Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.
Wednesdays 7-8pm	OLSH Music Group practice in the church. On break. The next practice will be on the 7 th Feb. 2024.
Thursdays 2-2.45pm	Christian Meditation at 104 The Drive, Epsom.

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, 5th January 2024.

A huge thanks to all volunteers who serve in the various groups
and ministries in our parish. God bless you all!

Baptisms in our Parish (December)

We welcome to the Catholic faith:

Lewis Patrick Austin, child of Luke and Tess
Austin (nee Rippon);

Leonardo Ian MacDonald, child of Christopher
and Paloma MacDonald (nee Raimundo Albino);
and **Ryan Isaac Hurley**, child of Dominic and
Louise Hurley (nee Wilson).

God bless Lewis, Leonardo, and Ryan.



Wedding in our Parish

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Rebecca Brimble and
Aakash Rajay who got married in our church on Friday, 15th
December.

St Vincent de Paul Shop Onehunga

Thank you from the manager and staff of St Vincent de Paul
Onehunga for all your donations this year. The shop will be closed
from the 23rd of December and will re-open on the 9th January
2024. **Please do not leave donations in and around the church**
until the box is put out again. Thank you and God bless.

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.*

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

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/2023/12/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Four-LOVE.pdf>

Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Advent-Gods-Love-and-our-Love-for-others.pdf>

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 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

A Medjugorje group pilgrimage is planned to depart 19th May. Group leader and chaplain to accompany. See noticeboard for details. Visit 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 kaumātua, feel safe.

If you have any complaints or concerns, our Safeguarding Coordinator 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: 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)

Please refer to the sign-up sheet and the noticeboard in the church foyer for the upcoming rosters.

Readings for next week Holy Family

1. Ecc. 3:2-6, 12-14
 2. Col. 3:12-21
- Gospel Luke 2:22-40



Sign of the Cross (Te Reo)

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

