

23RD DECEMBER 2018

Ministers of the Word

Yvonne	Peter	Cristina
Ashlyn	Pauline	Therese

Ministers of the Holy Communion

Mirella	Tupou	Toto
Trish	Baby	Leone
Dave	Teddy	Elisepa
Sr Seini	Honorine	Miriam
Theresa	Mele	Anna

Altar Servers

Isabella	James	Callum
Josef	Lucy	Emily
Isaac	Anna	Marie

Greeters: Cathy, Owen, John **Cleaning team:** G
Counters: Keven, Caroline, Andy, Olwyn & Irene

Requests for Masses Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write the details on the front, place your donation inside envelope & hand to Father.

Your Prayers are requested this week for

Sick members of our Parish - Jonathan Ross, Malini Salt, Theo Purcell, Mick Godwin, Lisa Finucane, Lorenzo Culham, Tim Lythe, Rica Cabral, Ashley Rodrigues, Ang Siong, Catherine Chittillapally, Luca Fairgray, Therese Graham, Mary Guolo, Flynn Morris-Clarke, Nora Walshe, Baby Reilly, Rhoneil Mercado, Ronald Sanidad & Tina Gallagher.

Please let the office know if you wish to have a name placed on or taken off the prayer list.

This newsletter is printed for your information. Please take a copy for your reference. Available on website : www.mtalbertcatholic.org.nz from Mondays.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Diocese requires courses to be taken before baptism or marriage. For **Baptism** phone the office on **846-6775** For **Marriage**, please visit www.catholicmarriage.org.nz

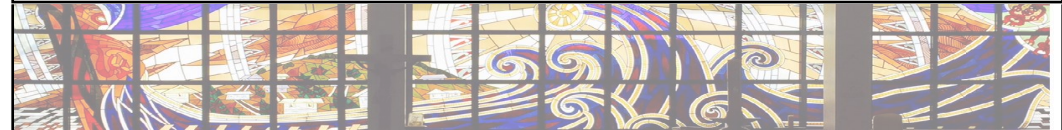
House blessings & visits or unable to get to Mass, please contact the Parish office on 8466775 to have communion brought to you. For a visit from a Priest at Auckland Hospital, please call 358-0825 ext. 4000 or 4045

Senior Legion of Mary - meet Friday evenings in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more information.

Catholic Publications – The Parish purchases and sells the latest editions of : **Marist Messenger** -\$5, **Tui Motu** - \$7 & **NZ Catholic** \$4 latest issue out now. Please place money in the little brown envelopes & put it in the collection bags.

Food Bank : run by St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Parish provides foodstuff to those in need in our community. Your dry goods donations of canned foods, long life milk, jams, spreads, rice, biscuits, pasta sauce, pasta are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 16 DECEMBER 2018



ST. MARY'S PARISH - MT. ALBERT, AUCKLAND

PARISH PRIEST Fr Philip Lakra OFMCap

ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST Fr Ranjit Ekka OFMcap

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OFFICE 20 Kitenui Ave (Up ramp facing side door of church) Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 am - 3 pm, Wednesday 10.30 am - 3 pm.

STAFF Parish Secretary - Johanna Tumahai-Fox
Finance - Megan Williams



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
MASS TIMINGS**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 9 am
Tuesday - 7 pm
Thursday - 10 am
Saturday - 9 am, followed by Reconciliation Rite 1
Sunday - 8 am, 10 am, 5.30 pm

WHAT MUST WE DO

*The coming of the Son of God
as a human being confirms
that our 'secular' world
is now God's world.*

*Our daily lives are now important.
God's presence in our lives
depends on our daily behaviour
sharing our warm clothing, our food,
transparent justice, integrity,
non-violence.*

*The work-place, the market place
become sacred places.*

*And Christ's Church must comment
on the issues of every day life.*

*The 'way of the Lord' lies in active
engagement with life's complexities.*

*John the Baptist knew 'someone else'
was coming after him.*

*John's humble honesty made him
content to be the 'bridegroom's friend'
and to prepare the world
to receive the 'lamb of God'.*



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Anyone is welcome to read a prayer. Please read slowly and clearly.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For the Church: that we may experience joy through recognizing God with us each day and be instruments in helping others become aware of God's work in their lives

.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For a renewal of hope: that we may surrender our anxieties to God and trust in God's providence for all our needs and challenges

Let us pray to the Lord

For a renewal of our hearts: that God will stir up the Spirit who lives within us so that our faith may deepen, our spirits grow in courage, and our hearts be overflowing with love

Let us pray to the Lord

For the grace to accompany one another: that God will free us from judging others and help us to see each person as a sister or brother with fears and wounds like ourselves

Let us pray to the Lord

For all who feel overwhelmed by life: that God's message of "have no fear" may renew their hearts and fill their spirits with hope

Let us pray to the Lord

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY MASS TIME TABLE 2018

Sunday 23rd December – Masses at 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24th December

6.30 pm - Christmas Mass with Children's Liturgy

11.15 pm - MIDNIGHT MASS - beginning with Readings and Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY - Tuesday, 25th December

9 am - Family Mass. *No evening Mass*

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Sunday 30th December

Feast of the Holy Family - Masses at 9 am & 5.30 pm only

Tuesday 1st January - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass at 9 am

Sundays 6th January until 27th January 2019

Masses will be at **9 am & 5.30 pm** only.

All Weekdays/Saturdays - 26th December - 31st January 2019

Mass at 9 am every morning

Church Closing for Urgent Maintenance - The church will be closed from Monday 7th January 2019 until Monday 28th January to allow for maintenance and repairs to be undertaken. Sunday Masses 9am and 5.30pm will be held in the Marist College Gym, 31 Alberton Ave, Mt Albert. 9am Weekday and Saturday Masses will be held in the Presbytery. We thank you for your patience and Marist College for their support.

Visiting Priest - Next Sunday the 23rd December, the 10am Mass will be celebrated by Fr Vijay who is the Assistant Parish Priest of Onehunga.

Christmas Vigil Mass - (6.30pm 24th Dec) Calling all children that will be attending as we will be holding a practice for the Nativity enactment on Sunday 23 December after the 10am Mass. See you there!

Praise & Worship Service - There will be no Praise and Worship during the months of December and January!

Caring Committee - Is busy preparing to deliver the Jesse Tree Gifts along with Food Parcels to families in need. We are in need of help on Monday 17th December from people who can help with these deliveries. For more information please contact Dianne McArdle 0274846315 or the office.

If you are able to assist us with further meals please contact the office.

SVDP - Extra food required for Food Bank to assist with Christmas Parcels. Please think of us when you are grocery shopping.

Calendars & Christmas Cards - 2019 Columban Art Calendars & St Vincent De Paul Christmas cards are available after the Sunday morning Masses or from the Parish Office during the week. Columban Calendars \$12 SVDP cards \$2.50 a packet of five.

Marist School Parking - There will no longer be parking on Kitenui side until further notice due to The Catholic Schools Building Programme. The school has offered to open up the Alberton side until 7th Jan.

Organist/Musicians - We are in need of organists. Please contact the office if interested.

Homestays needed for Marist College - Looking for families to host short term individual students (mostly from Japan) for approx. 7 or 8 weeks in Term one 2019. Please see notice board for more information.

The first Diocesan Youth Mass for 2019 - Sun, 10 Feb 2019 starting with praise and worship from 6.30-6.50pm followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Patrick Dunn will be our main celebrant for the Mass.

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth - A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj 9am-4pm **Saturday 23 February 2019** Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

Our weekly bag collection for 9 Dec is \$1097.10 Many thanks for your contributions.

	Sunday Readings	Year C	
16 DEC -1st	Zephaniah 3:14-18	2nd Philippians 4:4-7	GOSPEL LUKE 3:10-18
23 DEC -1st	Micah 5:2-5	2nd Hebrews 10:5-10	GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-45