

9TH DECEMBER 2018

**Ministers of the Word**

John	Peter	Anna
Rob	Paulina	Ben

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Sr Seini	David	Miriam
Theresa	Jocelyn	Sr Kathy
Felicia	Sabatini	Anna
Linda	Tapinga	Oonagh
Mervyn	Tauhola	Anne

**Altar Servers**

Nicky	Nishera	Noah
Liam	Frances	Cameron
Matthew	Ia Amberly	Kris

**Musicians/ Organists**

Liz Veronica

**Greeters:** Cathy, Owen, John **Cleaning team:** E  
**Counters:** Cedric, Marina & David

**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.

**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](http://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.

**Your Prayers are requested this week for**

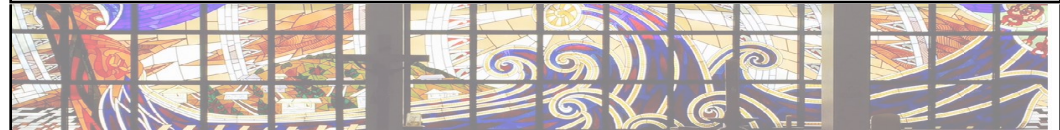
**Sick members of our Parish** - Jonathan Ross, Malini Salt, Theo Purcell, Mick Godwin, Lisa Finucane, Lorenzo Culham, Tim Lythe, Rica Cabral, Ashley Rodrigues, Ang Siong, Catherine Chittillapally, Luca Fairgray, Therese Graham, Mary Guolo, Flynn Morris-Clarke, Nora Walshe, Baby Reilly, Rhoneil Mercado,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

**Recently Baptised** - Max & Mia Errington, Tristan McKnight, Sienna Fahiua & Carol Pito.

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

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 2 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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**TELEPHONE** 846-6775

**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

**WAITING FOR GOD**

*Once more, the wheel of the year  
has turned .. we are back  
at the beginning.*

*Four weeks of waiting ..  
at a place where the rush stops.*

*We turn to this patch of holy ground  
to sit and wait, to set aside.*

*The insistent world we live in  
would have us want things now*

*but we wait  
in God's good time.*

*For God to come, take us home  
past trees of Wisdom and of Life  
to open wide the door  
to close the path of misery  
to make us laugh.*

*let us hear words, stories,  
that will not pass away  
that God is all around us.*

*How can we wait for a God  
who has already arrived?*



## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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

### Response: Lord hear our prayer

For the gift of patience: that God will teach us how to wait and allow God's plan to unfold in our lives and our relationships .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For strength and peace in the face of suffering: that God will plant the divine Word of hope deep in our hearts and give us the strength to remain faithful even when tragedy and suffering enter our lives .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For all gathered here: that Christ may increase our love for one another and help us to be overflowing with generosity toward all who are in need.....  
.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For all who live in fear and confusion: that whether they are rich or poor, refugee or famous, they may encounter the light of Christ that will show them the way forward to a fuller life .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For all whose hopes are unfulfilled and whose dreams are dying: that God will inspire them with a new vision and a new opportunity to use their gifts to build up the human community .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For greater respect for God's creation: that we may practice good stewardship of the earth and its resources so that all may benefit from God's gifts .....  
.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

### Gentle Reminders

- Cell Phones - Kindly switch off or put on silent mode during Mass. Thank you.
  - If you are sick (cold/flu, infections or any type of bug) please do not take from the chalice.
  - Any Parishioners wanting to book the Church or a house blessings etc, please call the office to organise.
  - Please note we do not offer any Special Masses on Sundays or on any Holy Days of Obligation.
  - Preference Forms will be signed for families registered to our Parish only.
  - Once in every three months there will be general anointing of the Sick on the first Saturday.
- Praise & Worship Service** - Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 7pm to 8pm in our parish. The next one is on Thursday 20th December. All are welcome!

**Total offerings for the month of October \$13,552**

**Our weekly bag collection** for 25th Nov is \$1636.30 Many thanks for your contributions.

### Sunday Readings Year C

**2 DEC -1<sup>st</sup>** Jeremiah 33:14-16      **2<sup>nd</sup>** Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2      **GOSPEL** LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36  
**9 DEC -1<sup>st</sup>** Baruch 5:1-9      **2<sup>nd</sup>** Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11      **GOSPEL** LUKE 3:1-6

**First Friday Morning Tea** - after 9 am Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a plate to share.

**Parish Reconciliation** - Wednesday 12th Dec at 7pm here at St Mary's. All are welcome!

**Jesse Tree** - We have the gift tags on the Jesse Tree for children who are in need of our help to share in the joy of Christmas. Please take a tag which has an age and gender and bring the gift to Mass with you next time. We ask that all gifts be returned by Sunday 16th December to allow for delivery before Christmas.

**SVDP** - 2019 Columban Calendars and St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards will be available after the Sunday morning Masses from December 2. The calendars and cards feature beautiful religious art. Columban Calendars \$12. SVDP cards \$2.50 a packet of five cards. The correct amount of cash payment will be much appreciated.

**The Hour of Grace** - is from 12 Noon to 1.00pm on 8th of December 2018 here at St Mary's Church, Mt Albert. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and we will be reciting Psalm 51 three times, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way, singing hymns and silent communication with God. All are welcome to attend this special request of Our Heavenly Mother for the Hour of Grace.

**2018 Sacramental Photos** - will be left at the back of the church for those of you who have not yet picked them up. Please call the office if yours is not there.

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

**Caring Committee** - If you are able to assist us with further meals please contact the office .

**St Mary's College Christmas Concert** - Today 2 December at 7 pm. In the Stella Maris Hall, 11 New Street, Ponsonby. Performances by the St Mary's Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, the Clarinet and Wind. Ensembles. Admission \$10 (children free).

**G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass** - Today 4.00pm, Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral. You are most welcome to share a light meal afterwards in the G.I.F.T. Centre which is just across the road. Everyone is welcome! G.I.F.T. (Growth In Faith Together) is Bishop Pat's apostolate for intellectually disabled Christians.

**Dove West Auckland** - Christmas Party ON Tuesday 4th December at 7:30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977. Please bring a small plate of finger food to share.

**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral** - Saturday, 8 December at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking available for both Masses.

**St Pius X Parish, Glen Innes Summer Food Fair** - Bring your families and friends along to our Summer Food Fair Saturday 8th December, St Pius X Parish grounds. Featuring a variety of cultural foods, entertainment, prizes to be won and much more. For more information or if you wish to make a donation please contact [office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz) or see noticeboard for details.

**Rosary Crusade** - There will be a nation-wide Pro-Life Rosary Crusade (for Life and Faith) on 8th December at 3 pm. To find out more information, or how to lead a group, please go to [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) or phone 022 1912 886.

**Pax Christi Aotearoa** - New Zealand AGM will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, 5.30pm, Wednesday 12 December 2018. All welcome.

**Family Faith** - The Diocese has a number of ideas and resources concerning advent for families at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/re/family-faith/learn-together/advent/>