

16TH DECEMBER 2018

**Ministers of the Word**

Kevin	Sylila	Robert
Geoff	Lovlin	Sisifa

**Ministers of the Holy Communion**

Alex	Loretta	Celine
Billy	Teresa	Cynthia
Cathy	Nebu	Pam
Christine	Lizzie	Ben
Leroy	Joseph	Chloe

**Altar Servers**

Daniella	Bryce	Sam
James	Sean	Dylan
Lucy	Gabriel	Finn

**Musicians/ Organists**

Liz Anne

**Greeters:** Cathy, Owen, John **Cleaning team:** F  
**Counters:** Dianne

**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.

**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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**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)

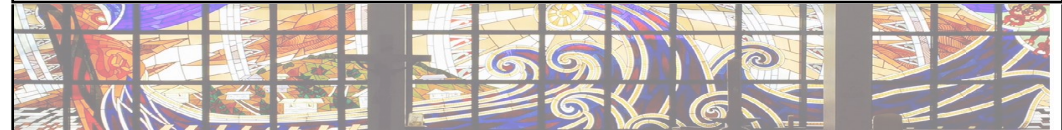
**House blessings & visits** or unable to get to Mass, please contact the Parish office on 8466775 to have communion brought to you. For a visit from a Priest at Auckland Hospital, please call 358-0825 ext. 4000 or 4045

**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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 9 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

***THE VERY LAST VOICE...***

*John the Baptist challenges us  
to abandon old ways.. to let go  
of our 'failed world'.*

*To turn from our deceptions  
our cover-ups, our denials  
God's reign is near!*

*We need to change—to re-pent.*

*John reveals a God of generous heart  
who helps us level out injustices  
who helps us place people before  
possessions, who reconciles,  
who makes it impossible  
to mis-use others.*

*The world's true light is near!*

*May our lingering greed for power  
not block us from the joy  
with which*

*He would fill our hearts.*



*Fr Bill Fletcher  
Wellsford Parish*

## 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 make ready a way for the Lord in our time and place and make a straight path for God in our hearts, within our families, and in our workplaces .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For all who are gathered here: that our love may grow in depth and sincerity so that our words and actions may manifest compassion towards all whom God brings into our lives .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For the grace of insight: that we may see the work of God in the events large and small in our lives and cooperate with God in bringing God's love where it is most needed .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For all children: that the hope that fills their hearts in this season may become firmly planted and sustain them throughout life's journey .....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For a levelling of the obstacles in our hearts: that God will remove from our hearts resentments and inability to forgive, free us from vices that blind us to God's presence, and dismantle injustices and discrimination in our society .....  
.....**Let us pray to the Lord**

For peace within families, on our city streets, in faith communities and amongst nations: that God will inspire all to respect the dignity of one another and to work for justice .....**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!

**Our weekly bag collection** for 2 Dec is \$1651.70 Many thanks for your contributions.

### Sunday Readings Year C

<b>9 DEC -1<sup>st</sup></b>	Baruch 5:1-9	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11	<b>GOSPEL</b>	LUKE 3:1-6
<b>16 DEC -1<sup>st</sup></b>	Zephaniah 3:14-18	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Philippians 4:4-7	<b>GOSPEL</b>	LUKE 3:10-18

**Calling all children that are going to attend the Christmas Vigil Mass (6.30pm 24th December) we will be holding a practice for the Nativity enactment on Sunday 23 December after the 10am Mass. See you there!**

**Parish Reconciliation** - This 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**St Francis Retreat Centre** - Time Out Day for prayer and reflection - Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018, 9.30am – 2.30pm @50 Hillsborough Rd Mt Roskill. Light lunch provided. Gold coin donation for the day Booking essential : ph. 09 625 6651 or email : [admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](mailto:admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz)

**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/>

**Mercy Spirituality Centre** – 104, The Drive, Epsom, For bookings, phone: 638 6238. Email [info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or visit [www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](http://www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz). Please see notice Board for more information.

**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](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.