

11TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Ministers of the Word

Peter Clara Udayangi
Pauline Tivinia Sean

Ministers of the Holy Communion

Merv Nebu Oonagh
Dave Honorine Veronica
Mele

Altar Servers

Margaux Cameron Marie
Fearghus Evan Raphael
Thomas Aleah William

Musicians/ Organists

Liz Marie & Dermot

Cleaning team: I
Counters: David & Violet

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

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 at 6pm in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more info.

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 envelopes & put it in the collection bags.

Food Bank - 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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MASS/LITURGY TIMINGS

Monday - 9 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion
Tuesday - 7 pm
Wednesday & Friday - 9am
Thursday - 10 am
Saturday - 9am, followed by Reconciliation Rite 1
Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

PARISH PRIEST Fr Carlo Cruz

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ST. MARY'S PARISH MT ALBERT

20 KITENUI AVE, MT ALBERT, AUCKLAND

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

'Choosing to follow Jesus'

*It is not easy being a follower of Jesus,
and to live as he wants us to.
Jesus wants us to think carefully about what is
expected of us if we are to be his disciples.
To love him totally and be committed to living his way,
to love one another and to be forgiving and kind.
It can be a difficult thing for us to do!
Discipleship may be demanding but it is not impossible,
for we are given grace to sustain us and community
to support our efforts.
This is the place where we belong to God and can
find true happiness and peace.
The benefits make all the cost worthwhile!*



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord hear our prayer

That our Church leaders will remain true disciples....

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

For the courage to make a deeper commitment to follow Jesus even when it is difficult for us**Let us pray to the Lord**

For a spirit of generosity in sharing what we have with those who are in need**Let us pray to the Lord**

For our families, and our faith community, that they be strengthened to support all who belong to them**Let us pray to the Lord**

That during the week ahead, Social Justice Week, that we will all work towards fair distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges....

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

Your Prayers are requested this week for

The sick - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Ronald Sanidad, Cedric Menezes, Elizabeth Beckham, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Thomas Allison, Duane Alvares, Veronica Malupo, Fiona Rogers, Brianna Magdalani & John O'Hanlon.

Recently Deceased - Regina Tumahai, may she rest in the arms of our Lord.

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

NOVENA FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Blessed Child Mary, destined to be the Mother of God and our loving Mother, by the heavenly graces you lavish upon us, mercifully listen to our supplications. In the needs which press upon us from every side and especially in our present tribulation, we place all our trust in you. O holy Child, by the privileges granted to you alone and by the merits which you have acquired, show that the source of spiritual favors and the continuous benefits which you dispense are inexhaustible, because your power with the Heart of God is unlimited.

Deign through the immense profusion of graces with which the Most High has enriched you from the first moment of your Immaculate Conception; grant us, O Celestial Child, our petition, and we shall eternally praise the goodness of your Immaculate Heart. Amen.

Gentle Reminders

- **Please do not leave any household items or clothing in the church or on the presbytery door step. Thank you for thinking of us but we get inundated with stuff that we struggle to off load ourselves. If there is a need we will put a call out. Thank you!**

- Cell Phones - Kindly switch off or put on silent mode during Mass. Thank you.

- Any Parishioners wanting to book the Church or a house blessings etc, please call the office to arrange.

- Please do not smoke out side the church or on any of the school grounds.

Wedding Anniversary Mass - Every last Tuesday of the month at the 7pm Mass. Those celebrating their wedding anniversary are encouraged to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

4/11 Sep - Baptism Classes 11am

8 Sep - Parish Feast Day Mass 10am

11 Sep - Parish Feast Day Celebration 10am

18 Sep - Baptism Presentation 10am

24 Sep - Baptism 10.30am

25 Sep - Altar Servers Training 11am

27 Sep - Wedding Anniversary Mass 7pm

29 Sep - Mass of the Anointing 10am

We hope and pray you and your loved ones are safe and well at this time.

With the high number of cases in the community, we ask you to remember that if you have any symptoms that you remain at home and not come to Mass.

Sacramental Candidates - the Parish welcomes 56 new full members to our community. We congratulate them for last weeks celebrations.

Sacramental Helpers - Thank you to all of those that helped make last weekend so special in our Parish, from our Catechists, Jesse Chittilapally, Phil Marshall, Robert Sheehan, Clara Fernandes and Nish Somaratne and their families that helped with prep and decorations, to Dianne for all your hard work and effortless hours you put into the programme and the children, to Annie from the Liturgy Committee for all her organising, to Veronica and the Samoan Choir, to Lovlin Franswah and family for donating gift books, to Marist school and the parents from last year who helped organise the lunch/afternoon tea, to Marist College for letting us use their facilities, to Nisha for the beautiful cake and to all of you who prayed for them. We give thanks and we ask that you continue to remember them all in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

Masks - We ask that you please continue to wear your masks during Mass. This is to help protect our elderly and vulnerable. We have some disposal masks at the front entry of the church for those who may have forgotten theirs. Thank you!

Tap'nGo - have you noticed our Tap'nGo machine for your convenience for those who wish to use contactless payment (card or phone) instead of cash via plate collection. The device is set for \$10 donations. Please note that tax receipts cannot be issued if you use this system. If you are wanting a tax receipt please contact the office about joining one of our planned giving schemes.

Altar Servers Training - Fr Carlo will be holding a training on Sunday the 25th September after the 10am Mass. Fr has mentioned this is the last training he will be doing for the year so those existing and for any new Altar Servers who have not attended a training this year, make sure you are there or Fr will not be including you in the roster.

AGM - For those of you that are interested, copies of the reports that were presented last week have been emailed or there are copies by the notice board in the church foyer. Please help your self.

Sunday Morning Tea - After 10am Mass, please bring a plate to share.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - 1st Sep 22, It is also the start of the Season of Creation, which is celebrated until 4th October. From Laudato Si', A Prayer for our Earth: "All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen". Pope Francis has officially invited the faithful to participate in this annual "season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home". Further information and resources for the Season of Creation can be found at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/care-of-the-poor/justicepeace/> at the tab for "Environment and Sustainability"

Mission Map Momentum - In order to nourish our continuing journey together as pilgrim people of God the Pastoral Services Group invites you, parish leaders and interested parishioners to a day of prayer, formation, information and collaboration. The day will begin at 10.30am and conclude at 2.15pm. The diocese will provide lunch. During this time, we will explore what we consider the hallmarks are of a welcoming, vibrant faith community, hear from David Wells about missionary discipleship, explore the different resources personnel and practical that are available, and give communities time to reflect on what they could do now. Due to the nature of the sessions and the space available we are limited to 80 participants. Please register through the website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum/> Sat 24 Sep, Onehunga Church Hall, RSVP 19 Sep. Sat 15 Oct, Takapuna Church Hall, RSVP 10 Oct.

Sunday Readings Year C

4 SEP -1st Wisdom 9:13-18

11 SEP -1st Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

2nd Philemon 9-10, 12-17

2nd Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-32