

8TH DEC 2024

Ministers of the Word

Faustina Sylila Richard
Kevin Delia Ben

Ministers of the Holy Communion

David
Mirella Gay Miriam
Soya

Altar Servers

Margaux Selena Raphael
Dyon Matilda Jayden
Deanne Eli

Musicians/ Organists

Liz Marie & Dermot Ann

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.

CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

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Tuesday 24th December

6.30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass with Children's Liturgy
11.15pm - Carols & Readings followed by Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday 25th December

9am - Family Mass. *No evening Mass*

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Sunday 29th December

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

Wednesday 1st January

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Mass at 9am

Sundays 5th January until 26th January 2025

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

All Weekdays/Saturdays

26th December 2024 - 31st January 2025

Tuesday to Saturday - Mass at 9 am every morning

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Saturday Adoration and Reconciliation - the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9.30-10am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be during this time.

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

Preference Forms - Please contact the office to organise a time to meet with Fr Marchellino.

Senior Legion of Mary - meet Tuesday evenings at 5.30pm in our Church. Phone Cathy on 8460339 for more info.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

Two adult rule

No fewer than two adults should be present at all times during any activity involving children or vulnerable adults.



Complaints or concerns are confidential. Our Safeguarding contact is **Trish Wood:** stmarysmtabert@gmail.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 1 December 2024



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

PARISH PRIEST Fr Marchellino Park

Parish Secretary Johanna Tumahai-Fox

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Sunday Readings Year C

1 DEC -1st Jeremiah 33:14-16 **2nd** Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 **GOSPEL** LUKE 21:25-28,34-36

8 DEC -1st Baruch 5:1-9 **2nd** Philippians 1:3-6.8-11 **GOSPEL** LUKE 3:1-6

Your Prayers are requested this week for

The sick - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Ronald Sanidad, Cedric Menezes, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Sr Juliana, Thomas Allison, Veronica Malupo, Brianna Magdalani, Abigail Perillo, David Ng, Brian Malone & Karl Guttenbeil.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MASS/LITURGY TIMINGS

Tuesday - 6.30 pm Mass

Wednesday - 9 am Mass

Thursday - 10 am Mass

Friday - 9 am Mass

Saturday - 9am (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Rite 1 - 9.30 am to 10 am)

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: **Lord hear our prayer**

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our bishop, Stephen, and all the shepherds of the Church, that they may lead us to live ever more fully the life to which God calls us**Lord hear us**

For all the Holy People of God, that we may all grow evermore in love for each other and all our brothers and sisters amongst whom we live**Lord hear us**

For all who will find this season a time of stress and anxiety, that the hope the Lord brings in his coming may strengthen and comfort all for whom our current situation means difficulty and hardship**Lord hear us**

For peace in the world, that the coming of the Prince of Peace may turn the warring peoples of the world away from violence and hatred and towards peace and reconciliation**Lord hear us**

For the Lord's blessing upon the Holy Year to come, that the Church throughout the world may know the gifts of unity and peace**Lord hear us**

For all who have died, especially those whom we have known and loved, that they may live forever in the joy promised to us in the coming of the Lord in glory**Lord hear us**

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.

- For Church bookings, appointments, etc, please call or email the office to arrange.

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

- When attending Mass, please remember to dress modestly and respectfully. By doing so, we demonstrate our reverence for God and consideration for each other. Together, let us continue to foster an environment of reverence and respect within our St Mary's community.

Home Visits - If you or a family member are unable to come to Mass to receive Holy Communion and would like to have Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office to arrange this. We also have Ministers visiting Aranui rest home to take Holy Communion to Catholic residents. If you have a family member at this residence who would like to receive Holy Communion and have not been contacted please let the Parish Office know.

Parking - Please remember to keep the church driveway clear of vehicles during School hours from 8.15-9am & 2.30-3.30pm and Sunday Masses. Also please do not park in any of the school carparks during week day Masses. Thank you.

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 22 December after the 8am Mass. See you there!

Jesse Tree - The Jesse trees are now up. We are asking those that are able, to please take a tag/s and purchase a gift or a gift voucher and return it to either the office or the church if there is a Mass on (please don't leave presents unattended under the tree) we will need all presents by Sunday 8th December. Thank you!

Jesse Tree Gifts Delivery - we are planning to deliver Jesse tree gifts and food to those in need on Wednesday 18th December after 9am Mass. If you are able to help with this please let the office know or Dianne McArdle 0274846315.

Advent Reconciliation - We will have Reconciliation on Wednesday the 11th of December at 7pm. Please join us.

Midnight Mass - singers needed for Midnight Mass, we will have choir practice on Sunday's the 8th, 15th & 22nd December after the 8am Mass. All are welcome.

Christmas Food Parcels - we have had a huge demand for food parcels this year and expect Christmas to be the same. Please remember us when you are shopping.

Centennial Books - available to purchase in the office. Books are \$10.

Tap'nGo - we have a Tap'nGo machine, for those who wish to use contactless payment (card or phone). 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.

First Friday Morning Tea - next Friday the 6th December after the 9am Mass, please join us for our last morning tea for the year and bring a plate to share.

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass - Friday 6th December at 7pm, here at St Mary's Parish. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

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

Marist School Mt Albert/ Enrolments - We are now looking at **2025** New Entrant (5 year olds) enrolments, if you haven't already enrolled your child please do so **NOW**. For planning purposes, if you have a preschooler please enrol them ASAP. Enrolment forms are available at the school office or online at <http://www.marist.school.nz/enrolments/> For any questions or queries, please contact Denise Sampson at admin@marist.school.nz

Year of Jubilee - Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of Jubilee Events. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore here <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

On the 'Wings' of the Spirit! - Gather with others in your parish to explore your faith through the Scriptures and to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Get Wings.Nga Parirau in your parish today, the NZ Catholic Faith Formation programme. Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz

Anniversary Mass 2025 - Registrations now open for **Coach Trip on 12th January 2025**. We are excited to invite you to join us on pilgrimage for this one-off day trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Totara Point. We will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at between 6:30pm - 7pm. Lunch will be provided - Cost per person is \$15.00 All are welcome!! For more info contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Nga Tapuwae - Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae **10th to 12th January 2025**. Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Māori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz

Children's Content

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-one-HOPE.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Just-A-Seed-Of-Faith.pdf>