

15TH DEC 2024

Ministers of the Word

Geoff Evelyn Ben
Tom Lovlin Sean

Ministers of the Holy Communion

Honorine
Achala Loretta Veronica
Nebu

Altar Servers

Hana Katherine William
Mila Evan Jayden
Alex Ethan Evelyn

Musicians/ Organists

Liz Samoan Choir Marianne

Cleaning team:
Counters: 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.

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.

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

SAFEGUARDING

Behaviour management

Managing the behaviour of children & vulnerable adults should always take the form of positive reinforcement. It is never punitive, humiliating or aggressive.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 8 December 2024



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

PARISH PRIEST Fr Marchellino Park

Parish Secretary Johanna Tumahai-Fox

Finance - Megan Williams

OFFICE 20 Kitevui Ave, Mt Albert (*Up ramp facing side door of church*)

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Principal: Carolyn Phillips c.phillips@marist.school.nz

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Sunday Readings

Year C

8 DEC -1st Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

GOSPEL LUKE 3:1-6

15 DEC -1st Zephaniah 3:14-18

2nd Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL LUKE 3:10-18

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

We pray that in this second week of Advent, we will heed the voice of John the Baptist to 'prepare a way for the Lord' in our lives...

....**Lord hear us**

We pray that Pope Francis, may his example of prayerful anticipation of Christ's birth be a witness to the world of the profound joy that awaits us at Christmas**Lord hear us**

We pray for peace in our world, may the armed conflicts cease, especially those in the Middle East, Sudan and Ukraine. May the peace that Jesus gave his disciples reign in the hearts of all....**Lord hear us**

We pray that those who are sick may experience the healing presence of Christ and share in the hope and joy of this Advent season...

....**Lord hear us**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enjoy the fullness of eternal life...

....**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 Gifts - if you still have gifts to drop off, please take to the office during office hours.

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 next 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.

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

Sacramental Programme 2025 - our Sacramental programme will start in early March next year, with the information morning on Sunday the 9th March at 9am in the Church, Registrations close on Friday 28th of February. Enrolment forms are available at the back of the church, on our website or from the parish office.

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/>

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Celebration - Growth in Faith Together for people with intellectual disabilities. Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm at Good Shepherd Church, Telford Ave, Balmoral. After mass please join us for a meal. Everyone welcome.

Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal - See the Need. Be the Hope! Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have double the impact!. Please feel free to take home our Christmas newsletter and see where your donations are making a difference. www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

Joshua Family Night - at St Marks Church, all families are invited to the next Joshua meeting on Mon 9 Dec at 7.30pm at St Marks Church Hall, 334 Pakuranga Rd, Pakuranga. Please bring a plate if you can and come and find out what a Joshua meeting is all about! Our guest speaker for the evening is Pregnancy Choice Director - Rebecca Crowe. Call Mike Lobo 021 280 9285 for info.

Pondering the Advent Sunday Gospels - Sunday evenings 8th, 15th, 22nd December, on Zoom, 7-7.30 pm. Contact: 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-Two-PEACE.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Finding-Peace-in-a-Dog-Named-Cheeseburger.pdf>