

14TH DECEMBER 2025

Ministers of the Word

Faustina Jesse Sean
Tom Calvin Gillian

Ministers of the Holy Communion

Annie
Cathy Crystalline Veronica
David

Altar Servers

Mila Luke Willim
Hana Evan Evelyn
Alex Christopher Tessa

Musicians/ Organists

Liz Marie & Dermot Marianne

Cleaning team: G
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.

'Turn back to God'

John the Baptist, is calling people to change their lives.

He withdrew into the desert to pray and preach. Desert places are traditionally where people find God, away from the busyness of daily life and concerns.

Where is your desert place?

Advent is a time in which we are invited to withdraw into our Desert and make time for prayer and reflection.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Diocese requires courses to be taken before baptism or marriage. For **Baptism** EMAIL the parish office, For **Marriage**, please visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>

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 EMAIL 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 food 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

Safe spaces for All

Our church is a place where everyone should feel welcomed, valued and protected.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 7th DECEMBER 2025



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

PARISH PRIEST Fr Marchellino Park

Parish Secretary Johanna Tumahai-Fox

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Sunday Readings Year A

7 DEC -1st *Isaiah 11:1-10* **2nd** *Romans 15:4-9* **GOSPEL** *MATTHEW 3:1-12*
14 DEC -1st *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10* **2nd** *James 5:7-10* **GOSPEL** *MATTHEW 11:2-11*

Your Prayers are requested this week for

The sick - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Cedric Menezes, Julie Prince, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Sr Catherine, Brianna Covich, Abigail Perillo, David Ng, Brian Malone, Karl Guttenbeil, Chris McGuire, Lotu Hasini, Sr Shirley, Mikaere Palmer, Valerie McRae, Bernard Nicol & Bernard Rodrigo.

Recently Deceased - Margaret Horne, may she rest in eternal peace.

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 - 9 am Mass, followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Rite 1 - 9.30 am to 10 am

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5.30 pm Mass

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: **Lord hear our prayer**

For the Church, that through our baptism with Spirit and fire, we may be renewed and become instruments for the transformation for the world**Lord hear us**

For the grace of repentance, that God will lead us to a desert place where we can listen in the silence and return to God, who is our source of life and our hope for the future**Lord hear us**

For our actions in this coming week, may what we do help us to proclaim the death of Christ until he comes again**Lord hear us**

For all burdened by poverty, that God will raise our awareness of those who are in need around us and free us to respond generously with both our time and resources**Lord hear us**

For peace, that God will bring an end to the violence in Ukraine, sustain the ceasefire in Gaza, and protect the human family from weapons of mass destruction**Lord hear us**

For the dead, awaken them to a glorious resurrection and may we be one with them at the end of time**Lord hear us**

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 21 December after the 10am Mass. See you there!

Parish Reconciliation - We have our Advent Reconciliation this Thursday the 11th of December at 7pm in the church, please join us. If you are able please bring an item to contribute to the foodbank

Second Collection - we will be doing a second collection at all 3 Masses next Sunday the 14th December, all proceeds will go towards our youth group. Please help support our youth group.

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

Christmas Gifting Day - Friday 12th December at 9.30am, we will gather in the parish office to prepare parcels for families we support. If you are able to help on this day please join us.

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.

Tap'nGo - we have a Tap'n Go 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.

St Mary's Youth Group - Upcoming Youth Nights, December 21st after the 5.30pm Mass in the Marist Primary Hall, for years 7 - 13. There will no youth night in January, we will start back up in February.

Divine Mercy - there will be no Divine Mercy Devotion here at St Mary's during the months of November, December 2025 and January 2026. The next devotion here at St Mary's will be on Friday the 6th of February 2026 at 7pm.

Closing Mass of the Year of Jubilee - Bishop Steve invites everyone to celebrate the Closing Mass on the 4th January 2026 at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. All welcome.

Scripture focus this Advent - You are invited to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading and reflecting on the Scripture we will hear that weekend. Marist priest Fr Frank Bird has for several years been helping people make those preparations through his Living the Word project. As the name suggests, Living the Word is an invitation for Catholics and others to allow the Word of God to shape their lives. You can download the resources, and access other rich content, at www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray

Food For Faith for Advent 2025 - Daily reflections for those seeking greater maturity of Christian Faith in preparation for Christmas. Sign up to receive daily emails during Advent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal - give a gift to help families and people in need. Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have double the impact! "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Take home our newsletter, and donation card, or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

Saintly Gift - Discover faith-filled gifts for every age at Saintly Gift Shop - from rosary bracelets, colouring books, Saint plush toys, Catholic games, and many more. **Share your faith, give a gift. Shop now at www.saintlygift.com.**

Family Life Catholic Gifts - has many lovely gifts this Advent Season, ready for our Saviour's Christmas birthday. We have a good variety of Nativities and other gifts, including a great new selection of Bibles and books for both children and adults. Come and see us at 569 Richardson Road Mt Roskill, or phone (09) 629 0820, or visit our website: catholicgifts.co.nz



CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

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Wednesday 24th December

6.30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass with Children's Liturgy

11.15pm - Carols & Readings followed by Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday 25th December

9am - Family Mass. *No evening Mass*

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Sunday 28th December

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

Thursday 1st January

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

Sundays 4th January until 25th January 2026

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

All Weekdays/Saturdays

27th December 2025 - 31st January 2026

Tuesday to Saturday - Mass at 9 am every morning



There will be no Masses on the 6th & 7th January, also the week of the 20th through to the 24th January. Thanks for your understanding! Please check other local parishes for Mass times.

Children's Content & QR Code to Kid's Corner
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CELEBRATING-2nd-SUNDAY-OF-ADVENT-1.pdf>
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/The-Best-is-Yet-To-Come.pdf>

