

8TH FEBRUARY 2026

Ministers of the Word

Tom Butchard Delia D'Mello Richard Perillo
Kath Faughey Tivinia Ngauamo Ancella Perillo

Ministers of the Holy Communion

David Ah-Wai
Mirella Monteiro Lizzie Sithole Cynthia Monteiro
Soya Thomas

Altar Servers

Alistair Plant Eli Hanrahan Raphael Perillo
Toby Plant Chiara O'Connor Abigail Perillo
Esther Banda Maddie Hanrahan

Musicians/ Organists

Liz Marie & Dermot Inali

Cleaning team: B
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.

'Blessed are the poor in spirit'

Jesus is showing us that all these sufferings reveal to us our need for God;

Those who embrace the concept of the Beatitudes are the ones who are living the way that God desires people to live.

Which of the beatitudes touches you most deeply at this present moment?

What message did you take from your suffering?



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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 1st FEBRUARY 2026



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

PARISH PRIEST Fr Marchellino Park

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Sunday Readings Year A

1 FEB-1st Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13 **2nd** Corinthians 1:26-31 **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 5:1-12

8 FEB-1st Isaiah 58:7-10 **2nd** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 5:13-16

Your Prayers are requested this week for

The sick - Jonathan Ross, Lorenzo Culham, Cedric Menezes, Julie Prince, Michael Loughlin, Sr Margaret, Thomas Allison, Sr Catherine, Brianna Covich, Abigail Perillo, David Ng, Brian Malone, Karl Guttenbeil, Chris McGuire, Lotu Hasini & Sr Shirley.

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 Liturgy of the Word

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: **Lord hear our prayer**

For the Church, that we may recognize the Blessedness given us by the Spirit and manifest it in our lives through loving sacrifice, deeds of justice, and words of compassion...**Lord hear us**

For the grace to be poor in Spirit, that we may recognize our poverty whenever God is not at the centre of our life and decisions...**Lord hear us**

For all who show mercy, for those who care for the sick and elderly, and for those who assist those who are in need, that the face and love of God may continue to shine through them**Lord hear us**

For all who are persecuted because of the Gospel, that they may have courage and hope as they live as people of God's kingdom**Lord hear us**

For all who mourn, that they may know God's presence this day and that we may stand with them and support them through their grief**Lord hear us**

For all who have died, that they may see God and live forever**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 email the office to arrange.

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

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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 any of these residences 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

15&22 Feb - Baptism Classes 11am

28 Feb - Baptism 10.30am

1 Mar - Sacramental Programme Information Morning 9am

6 Mar - World Day of Prayer Mass 5pm

17&24 May - Baptism Classes 11am

30 May - Baptism 10.30am

Farewell—Sadly we farewelled our wonderful Johanna, as she headed across the ditch for new opportunities in Australia, we thank her for her faithful service and dedication to our parish over the years and wish her and her family all the best on their new adventures!

Welcome - We wish to warmly welcome Victoria Malone as our new parish secretary. We are truly blessed to have her join us as part of our office team.

Parish Foodbank - Please remember us when you are shopping.

Tap'n Go - 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.

First Friday Morning Tea - Friday 6th of February after 9am Mass, please bring a plate to share.

Divine Mercy - Devotion & Mass on Friday 6th February 7:00pm 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.

Praise in the Park - All are welcome to join many Auckland Catholic and Christian believers at our outdoor event, which will include music, Gospel proclamation, personal stories, and Eucharistic Adoration. This outdoor event will bring hope and joy to all who come by.

Please bring yourselves and families to help bring the light of Jesus to those who may not have hope. There will be prayer ministry and information stalls.

Date: 15 February 2026 **Where:** Selwyn Domain, along Mission Bay.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm - Praise and Worship, including a mix of contemporary and well-known Christian music, interwoven with personal stories and the gospel message.

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm - A time of Adoration, accompanied by traditional Catholic hymns, offering space for reflection and encounter with Christ.

For more details and parking information visit praisethepark.nz or contact Engelbert on engelbert.dsouza@yahoo.com

Theology of the Body - Registration OPEN for 2026 Course 1: Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life looks deeply at the 'ache' of human longing and the hope of infinite bliss in Christ. Dates: **Sat 21 and Sun 22 Feb. Course 2: NEW Beginners TOB course – Called to Holiness** - LIVE – 4-talk series. **Sat 28 March (ONE DAY only)** All adults 20 years + are welcome. To register, visit: theologyofthebody.nz

Franciscan Renaissance - with Patrick Carolan Monday, 16 February 2026, 7-8pm. Zoom (Koha/Donation). Register to receive the Zoom link: www.studyjoy.nz/2026/01/08/franciscan-renaissance/

Celebrating Marriage & Family Life - St Valentine's vigil Mass **Saturday 14th February 5.30pm** at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph 43 Wyndam Street CBD for married, engaged, dating, widowed and families all are welcome to celebrate the joy of families. Further info contact Gerry 021 02247442

The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Assumption - invite you to the 2026 Aquinas Conference held at Holy Family Parish, Te Atatu on **21st February**. Holy Mass at 9AM followed by four talks exploring the life and teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. Open to all ages. The Conference will be FREE of charge but donations (<https://www.givenow.com.au/stdominicspriory>) greatly appreciated!

Children's Content & QR Code to Kid's Corner

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CELEBRATING-The-Fourth-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Pope-Francis-BEATITUDES.pdf>

