



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent - Year A



**BE ON GUARD,
BE ALERT**

You do not know when that time will come.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the First Sunday of Advent, the new liturgical year begins for Catholics. Not only does it signify the beginning of a new period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to our Faith. The entire Liturgy of the Advent season spurs us to awaken and be vigilant in the waiting for Our Lord Jesus Christ who is coming.

Today also marks the launch of the Diocesan Mission Map – the new framework going forward, which will enable our Auckland Diocese to strengthen our Catholic communities so that we may more effectively form missionary disciples, build up the spirituality of our young people and care for the poor.

The launch will occur throughout the Diocese through the prayers of our Sunday Masses. The readings of the day remind us that we are clay in the hands of the potter who is gifted with the Spirit so that we may prepare to come ever closer to Christ.

Advent is a fitting time to be alert to new opportunities for us as individuals and communities to become creative promoters of evangelisation. The commencement of the Mission Map is accompanied by the launch of a refreshed diocesan website, which Bishop Pat invites you to explore. It can be reached at the same address, <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/>.



Loving God,

Because your love for us is so great, you call us to be with you.

Because your love for the world is so great, you share your mission with us
and send us as instruments of your love.

Encourage us as we strive to implement the Mission Map.

Walk with us as we accompany one another as missionary disciples.

Guide us with your Spirit of wisdom and love.

Make us truly welcoming to all, particularly the young.

Send us forth to proclaim the joy of the Gospel through faith, service,
justice and love of others, most especially the poor.

May we live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all we do. Amen.



MISSION MAP

Mata kaupapa Mihinana

Diocese of Auckland

- prepare for missionary discipleship
- strengthen spirituality of young people
- care for poor

10 ADVENT FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

1. THE WORD ADVENT COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD 'ADVENTUS': COMING.

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation for the coming of the Lord.

2. ADVENT HAS A CHANGING START DATE. It starts on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30th). It can begin as early as November 27th or as late as December 3rd.

3. ADVENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR. Advent was chosen to begin the year as representative of the time in history that Christ was not known to us. With his birth the beginning of our faith was founded. The liturgical year ends with the feast of Christ the King, his reign over the Universe.

4. THE ADVENT SEASON HAS TWO MEANINGS. It emphasizes both the celebration of Christ coming into the world as a man and also the second coming when the Lord will return again.

5. HOPE IS A PREDOMINANT THEME OF ADVENT. The Israelites hoped for a Messiah to come, and Christ entered the World. We are hopeful for the arrival of Christ again into the world.

6. ADVENT IS A REMINDER OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH. The Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree consists of symbols of the Messiah coming from the line of Jesse (Lk 3: 23-38). Isaiah is often read during this season to remember that we are waiting for the day when the Messiah will come again.

7. ADVENT FOCUSES ON LIGHT AS OPPOSED TO DARKNESS. Christ enters our dark world and casts away the darkness of sin to redeem us. He will come again as the light of the world.

8. ADVENT HAS TWO PARTS. The first portion the First Sunday of Advent until December 16th is preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second portion from December 17th to 24th directly prepares us for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ - Christmas.

9. THE ORIGINS OF ADVENT CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE CHURCH IN FRANCE. In the 4th Century, the church in France used the period before Epiphany as a time of preparation for Baptism. It was called "St. Martin's Lent" for the 40 days that started on November 11th, feast of St. Martin of Tours.

10. ADVENT AS WE KNOW TODAY WAS DEVELOPED IN ROME. Pope Gregory I in the late 6th/early 7th Century composed many of the prayers, antiphons, and psalm responses. Many themes and ideas we now know can be traced back to the Roman Advent Season.



Recently deceased

Marie Cortesi (Mother and Mother-in-law of Philip and Jeanette Cortesi), Helen Shutkowski (long-time teacher at St Anne's Primary School), Ponifasio Ponifasio, Olive O'Grady (Mother of Christine Bennett), Violet Gibbs, Anna Taefau (Mother of Ulea Pene), Anefe Bourke (Ane).

The Sick

Bill Bayden-Brown, Semeli Tuiatua, Nestor Algarico (Washington USA), Teofilo Iakopo, Lagi Vaike, Alan Taylor, Tahaafe Emilio, Pei Isa'ako Baice, Tuioti Fu'a Baice Pauline Maxwell, Valda, Rosie, Fotulafai Siliva Chungsum, Joan Dickens, Stephanie Hilliar, Maureen Foster, Barry Fraei, Kamaljit Dsor, Nurani Khan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Rosalynn Clark, Henry O'Neil, David Ifopo, Fancis Gallego, Olivia del Valle, Su'a Pese, Peter Dickens, Marie Dephoff, Alice McElhinney, Kevin Nelson, Nadia Kourkgy, Naomi Daculan, Jean Lepper, Amelia Kaihea, Janette Vinall, George Koteka, Steve Meredith, Frances Te Amo, Uera Redfern, Molly Winkley, John Bland, Chanele, Broughton, Ron Scholten, Stella Sequeira, Lily Fernandes, John Coombe, Philip Coombe, Brian & Nadene Fahey, Luis Cabral, Raj Kaur, Claudia Medeiros.

SUNDAY READINGS

Year A

First Sunday of Advent 29th November 2020

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Second Sunday of Advent 1st December 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalms 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Greetings FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

This week, meet our Health & Safety star!

Maureen (Meg) Goodman

Thank you!

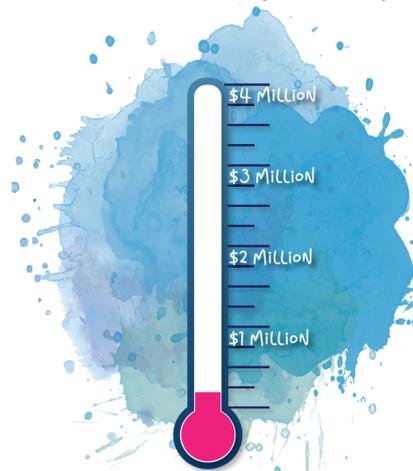
"Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance."

~ Blessed John Henry Newman

FUNDRAISING FOR THE REBUILD

We have already started receiving generous donations towards the new Church building fund - thank you! We've set up a separate account just for donations, so if you would like to contribute via **Internet banking**, please do so using the following account number, and leave your name as a reference: **02-0100-0120974-028**.

Thank you for your generosity. Our building fund so far is up to around \$300,000 of our \$4 million+ goal. One Parishioner collected all of their coins in a jar and brought it to the Parish Office when it was full. Every cent helps!



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Or do you know someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith? RCIA is for you.

Contact **Therese Lautua**, 021 2636812

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday - 5.30pm, **Sunday** - 8.00am, 10.00am, 7.00pm

Tuesday & Thursday - 7am, **Wednesday** - 12.05pm, **Friday** - 9am, **Saturday** - 8am

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Has finished for the year and will resume in **February 2021**.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

If you would like your child enrolled at St Anne's Catholic School, please make an appointment by phoning the **parish office**, **09 266 5826**.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT INFO

Phone: 09 266 5826, **Email:** stannes@manurewacatholica.org.nz

Website: manurewacatholic.org.nz

Facebook: [St. Anne's Catholic Church Manurewa](https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesCatholicChurchManurewa)

Instagram: [@stannesparishmanurewa](https://www.instagram.com/stannesparishmanurewa)

NOTICES

PARISH DATABASE UPDATE & call for volunteers

We're well underway with updating our Parish roll! Thank you to the 100+ people who have filled out the online form or answered phone calls.

NOTE 1: If you haven't received an email or call, we might not have your email address or phone number on record. Please call the **parish office** on **266 5826** and leave your name and number (or email address) for **Sophie**, or send a message to **communications@manurewacatholic.co.nz** and we'll be in touch.

NOTE 2: If neither email nor phone suits you, there are physical copies of the Roll Update form available in the atrium. Please pick one up, fill it out and return it to the **parish office drop box** (to the left of the office entrance) at your earliest convenience.

Please bear with us as we migrate to our new database software system - this process is a lengthy one, but once completed, communication throughout the Parish will be much easier and more efficient.

We're also calling for volunteers who might like to assist in this task by making friendly phone calls to Parishioners. If this sounds like you, please contact the **parish office**, **266 5826**.

CATHOLIC READING AND NEWS for Sale

The Marist Messenger magazine (\$6.00), NZ Catholic paper (\$4.00), and Daily Mass Calendars (\$4.00) are available for purchase from the **parish office**.

UPCOMING MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

We are planning one hour workshops for all people who fulfil the following ministries - please note down these dates:

Sacristans: Saturday March 6th: 10.00am -11.00am

Lectors: Saturday March 6th: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday March 13th: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

All those involved in these ministries are expected to attend. From attendance at these workshops, decisions will be made about your on-going commitment to your rostered ministry. We would also like to welcome new people who would like to be involved in any of these ministries. Contact **Philip Cortesi** on **021 632944** or **266 4079** with any queries.

ROSTERS

The new rosters, taking us through to the beginning of February, are in the folders out on the shelf in the atrium. Please take a copy of the roster you are on. Any queries regarding the rosters please contact **Diana Heke Baice** (diana.hekebaice@gmail.com), or **Philip Cortesi** (pjcortesi@hotmail.com). If you have changed your phone number we need to hear from you please.

ALTAR SERVER Training Sessions

Saturday December 5th: 11.00 - 12.00pm

Saturday December 19th: 11.00 - 12.00pm

All altar servers are expected to attend. Please contact **Ana Baice**, **021 480478**, if you require further information.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

There is work available in Gisborne for 50 people who may wish to earn some money for Christmas. If this sounds like you, please contact **Sanele** ASAP at sanele.poluleuligaga@yahoo.com.au for further details.

CHRISTMAS GIVING 2020 for women in prison

A big thank you to the people of St Anne's parish. With your generous support we have a grand total of \$3740.20. This is wonderful. Awesome thanks too, to those who collected after each of the Masses over the last 4 weeks. If you have been unable to contribute and would like to, a donation can still be made up until the 30th of November via **Internet banking: account # 12-3083-0204597-00**. Please reference as Donation PCG. God bless, Sr Margaret Martin.

CAKE STALL BUILDER FUNDRAISER

A big thanks for all of your support in our cake stall fundraiser after last weekend's Sunday morning Masses. The winner of the raffle was **red star**, number **32E**. Congrats!

QUO VADIS, Where are you going?

There will be Mass followed by Fellowship for single men ages 17+ interested in considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood. **9am** on **December 5th, St Patrick's, Panmure**.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME 2021 Organisation

We need people to help in the Baptismal programme for next year. Could you see yourself committing to helping out in this area once every three months for three years? We will offer training and expertise for you in this very important ministry. Contact the **parish office** on **266 5826**.

ST ANNE'S MUSICIANS Gathering

Saturday February 21st, 11.00 - 12.00pm, followed by pizzas for lunch. The purpose of this gathering is to thank all our musicians for the great commitment you make to our parish worship. We would also like to talk about the principles and processes of music planning and have an open discussion with you all as we consider our future planning.

HELP AT ADVENT MASSES

Calling any community groups who would like to contribute to an evening in Advent on Friday's night. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. Contact **Father Kerry** at kprendy@gmail.com.

DOVE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Meeting

Saturday December 5th, 1pm at St Anne's Parish, Manurewa. The theme of this special meeting is 'Baptism in the Holy Spirit'. Bring a plate to share and join us for praise and worship. Contact **Grace** on **577 3479** with any queries.

MIDNIGHT MASS Choir Practise 2020

Will be held at **7pm** every **Thursday, December 3rd** to the **24th**. Singers, musicians, all are welcome! Contact **Daniella** on **027 2300945** or rudolph.daniella@gmail.com for more info.

PRO-LIFE FACTS

Abortions have increased in NZ by 9% since the radical new abortion law was enacted in March. The **March for Life** in **Wellington** on **December 5th** is a sign of the ongoing commitment of pro-life people to seek protection for pre born babies in NZ. See voiceforlife.org.nz for more info.

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

WEEKEND OF DEC 5 th	5 th – 5.30pm	6 th – 8.00am	6 th – 10.00am	6 th – 7.00pm
Altar Server 1	Spencer Ioane	Alexandria Ligamate	June Papalii	John Paz
Altar Server 2	Dominic Nguyen	Stephanie Luteru	Victory Vitolio	Trixie Paz
Altar Server 3	Mateo Baice	Ravishay Mani	Miriama Vitolio	Chim Chim Paz
Commentator	Mark Elder*	Susana Nofu'akifolau*	Kamila Kaiaruna*	Rita Filimaua*
Lector 1	Mark Baice	Elijah Parakoti*	Tauaa Malaetele	Martin Francis
Lector 2	Sharon Collins	Sebastian Parakoti*	Alalafaga (Lala) Milovale	Carmelite Lemi*
SP Minister	Lourdes Collins	Sarah Beacom	Lia Fata	Jun Gabitan
SP Minister	Philip Cortesi*	Paul Burns	Uben Filimaua	Galuafe Punuauga
SP Minister	Hazel Dela Cruz	Grace Dodson	Barrington Fletcher	Paulina Ifopo
SP Minister	Jose Dela Cruz	Sesilia Eti	Virginia Poloie	Tupou Ilalio
SP Minister	Lorna Gayatin	Antonette Fletcher	Tavita Gafoi	Cathy Jenkins
SP Minister	Margaret McVey	Liz Hilliar	Beverley Glass	Christopher King*
SP Minister	Vivian Pereira*	Junior Parakoti	Epifania Halapio	Carina King*
SP Minister	Loloma Tuivai	Jeremiah Parakoti*	Natui Sala-Pesa	Mafi Kiola
SP Minister	Helen Tuivai	Bong Sirilan	Anna Kiely	Shona Longley
		Maimai Sirilan	Therese Lautua*	
		Frances Ane	Sheryn Lilomaiaava	
			Luisa Otineru	
			Michael Pereira	