

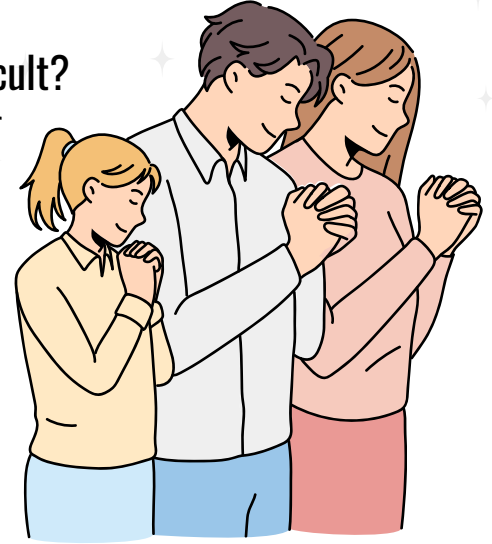


Finding Prayer Difficult?

Do you find praying and getting into a conversation with God difficult?

I want to share with you this short story by, Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan (he was imprisoned by the Vietnamese and Communist Govt for 13 yrs)

"After my liberation, many people said to me, Father in prison, you must have had a lot of time to pray. It wasn't as simple as people may think. Time passes slowly in prison, particularly in solitary. Imagine a week, a month, 2 months, six months in total silence! There were days when I was worn out by exhaustion and illness that I could not manage to say a single prayer!



This reminds me of a story... "There was an older man named Jim, who would go to the church every day at 12.pm, stay for a few minutes and then leave. The sacristan was curious and asked Jim, Why do you come here, every day? Jim said, "I come to pray." The sacristan said, "That's impossible....what prayer can you say in 2 minutes? Jim said, "I am an old man and I pray in my own way, and I say, Jesus , here I am, it's Jim and then I leave.

After some years, Jim became ill and went to hospital. When it seemed that he was dying, a priest and a nurse stood near his bed. The Priest said, "Jim, when you came to this ward, everything changed for the better. How did the patients and staff become happier, more content and friendlier?"

Jim said," When I could, I would go around and visit everyone, say hello and make them laugh and feel happy and content. They would say, with Jim around we are always happy and thinking about others, like Jim does. But Why are they happy, said the nurse. Jim said, " Well, aren't you happy when you receive a visitor who makes you feel important and makes you laugh?"

"But Jim," said the nurse," we have never seen anyone come to visit you?" Jim said, "when I came here I asked for 2 chairs..one was for you Father and the other for my guest. But what guest", said the Priest.

Jim said," I used to go to church to visit Jesus every day at 12. But when I couldn't do that anymore, Jesus came here. and visited me. He then says, "Hi Jim, it's Jesus."

Before dying, Jim smiled and pointed to the empty chair, as if inviting someone to sit down.

When I couldn't pray, I said Jesus , here I am, it's Francis. Jesus replied Hi Francis, its Jesus, I have come to take you home"
So if you find praying hard at present, just sit down and say Jesus, Its me, just wanted to be with you today and let you speak to me....This time is yours"

*Blessings -
Fr Kevin*



Fr Kevin Murphy sm

ST ANNE'S MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8am, 10am and 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday 12:05pm
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Tues - Thurs 12.05pm
Mass
Friday 9am Mass
Saturday 8am Mass

OCCASIONAL MASSES:

Māori: 4th Sunday of every month at 11.30am
Samoan: 3rd Sunday of odd months at 12pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 8am
Mass
Saturday 4-5pm



PREVIOUS OFFERINGS

September \$31, 711.47
October \$37, 543.77

BAPTISMS

Enrol your **0 - 6 year old child** for baptism. You will need to attend two classes before the ceremony can be booked. Contact baptism.stannes@gmail.com for details.

PREFERENCE FORMS

Enrolling your child at a Catholic school? For a preference certificate please contact the office.

Processing times can vary so don't delay!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Can be undertaken six months in advance. Call the parish office today.

THINKING OF CATHOLICISM?

Or do you know someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith? RCIA is for you. Contact **Therese Lautua, 021 263 6812.**

PARISH OFFICE CONTACT

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 3pm

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STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

The news is out that I am being shifted from St Anne's at the end of January. Yes...so sorry about that....

But ...the good news is that Fr Tony O'Connor will take over as parish priest. Fr Tony, is a kiwi Marist priest who returned to NZ two years ago after about 35 years in Latin America (we worked there together) and more recently on the USA border with Mexico (Brownsville City). Currently Fr Tony is working at Meadowbank. Since his return to NZ he has been relieving around Auck parishes and getting a feel for NZ parishes once again.

I will be moved to a parish in Christchurch (Chch South) which our Marist boss is trying to build up... There are big changes there too. This is most unexpected for me and I am very sorry to leave after just three years... I've come to know so many wonderful, generous and hard working people who are helping to make St Anne's go so very well. That is hard to leave! However this hand over is not till the end of January... I am working hard to revive our pastoral council post covid ... It's full steam ahead as usual! Kia kaha St Annes!

God Bless!

Fr Peter McAfee SM.
Parish Priest.



KNITTING GROUP TURNS 10!

The Knitting group have been going strong for 10 years! Well done to Tina Shore and the team that make this happen. If you would like to join them for a wonderful slice of celebratory cake, come along Tuesday 10:30am!



ST ANNE'S 2023 CALENDAR

Pencil these dates into your diary & stay involved with our Parish.



November

19th: Samoan Mass 12pm
21st: Knitting Group 10th Birthday!

26th: Maori Mass 11:30am

28th: Senior Meet & Greet

December

5th: Knitting Group

7th: Anointing Mass

24th: Maori Mass 11:30am

22nd: Parish Office Closes

LAST MAORI MASS

This sunday will be the **last** Maori mass for the year.

REGULAR EVENTS

Breaking Open The Word
every 3rd Sunday of the month after the Sunday 5pm Mass

Temples of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group



Every Monday 7pm

In the lounge - contact Serena

Christian Meditation Group

Every Tuesday 7pm-8pm, in the chapel

Contact Grace Switzer
027 250 7206



Knitting Group

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays of the month

10am-12pm, Church Lounge



Legion of Mary Senior Meeting

Every Tuesday
6.30-8pm, Church Lounge



Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Every Wednesday
6.30-8.30pm, Chapel

Indoor Bowls

Every Wednesday
7:30pm, Hall
Contact Bev 267 2026



Legion of Mary Junior Meeting

Every Friday
5-6pm, Church Lounge



Tongan Sunday School (ECL)

Every Sunday
11am, Church Hall

Samoan Sunday School
EVERY SUNDAY
8:30-9:30am 2024 Church Hall



SUNDAY READINGS



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26th November 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



RECENTLY DECEASED

Leo Collins

THE SICK

Fotulafai Chungsum, Phong Lan, Su'a Pese, Palepa Mulipola, Elham Kemp, Anne Wallbank, David Wallbank, Francis and Anne Stickney

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Losalina Bourne-Olive, Felise Tamiano, Pesamino Pitovao, Amy Cabral-Verissimo, Matalena Fau, Alyssa Celestine, Margaret Martin, Judith Killian, Hunter Faalogo, Lawrence Sharma, Alofa-Tunoa Owen, Suliasi Niulala Fualalo, Rachael Magno, Bharat Sankarathill, Sheldon Rodricks, Mafi Kiola, Cecelia Hunkin, Faivaalofilima Ioane, Laupepa Peteli-Auola, Siaki Sakalia

Special mention to Telesia lakopo. Your family wish you the greatest of birthdays, Happy 84th

happy birthday!

IN OUR PARISH RENEWAL

Our final 2 fundraisers this year :

* 2nd collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend 18/19 November.

There'll be a 2nd collection for the Renewal after Communion at all Sunday Masses this weekend. Renewal Offering envelopes are available in the Atrium for anyone to put their offering in and place in the 2nd collection basket. The Eftpos machine will also be available in the Atrium after each Mass if you prefer to donate that way.

Could 1st collectors at all Masses please be ready to assist with the 2nd collection - we need your help when there is a 2nd collection.

* Christmas themed Craft stall Sunday 3rd December 8 & 10am Masses run by our Parish Knitting Group.

Beautifully made Christmas themed hand crafts on sale at the 8 & 10am Masses Sunday 3 December. If you'd like to donate any craft work for the stall please contact Tina Shore 266 7699 or 027 440 4563. Alongside the craft stall we're raffling at \$5/ticket the choice of an amazing hand knitted nativity set (usual sell \$200) OR a handcrafted queen size bed quilt, winner chooses! Raffle tickets on sale Sunday 26 November 5:00pm Mass through to Sunday 3 December 10am Sunday Mass when the raffle will be drawn.

Eftpos will be available as usual.

* Have you been reading the Bulletin? Can you please help fill in the blanks below? What will be our total for the year?

Financial Summary of Fundraising Events 2023		
Activity		Net Proceeds
Total to 15 October		\$ 29,686
2nd Collection at Masses	22.10.2023	\$
Afternoon High Tea	28.10.2023	\$
2nd Collection at Masses	19.11.2023	\$
Christmas themed Craft Stall	03.12.2023	\$
Christmas Craft Raffle	03.12.2023	\$
Total for the year		\$

The activities and membership of the Interim Fundraising Committee end in December. The focus has been small and regular fundraisers. What direction would you like to see future fundraising take? Would you be prepared to help make it happen? Please send any ideas, suggestions, or feedback to fundraise.stannes@gmail.com.

Des Kiely
Fundraising Committee Convener



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is making a safe space for all our people



COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS: (Strictly Confidential) For any feedback, complaints and concerns. Your first point of contact for this Parish is Tina Pakipaki: opsmanager.stannes@gmail.com

COMMITTEES, GROUPS, & MANAGEMENT

- Finance** - Meg Goodman, 267 6177, michaelfg@xtra.co.nz
- Fundraising** - Des Kiely, 0272221672, fundraise.stannes@gmail.com
- Liturgy** - Philip Cortesi, 266 4079, pjcortesi@hotmail.com
- Rosters** - Philip Cortesi, 266 4079, pjcortesi@hotmail.com
- Music** - Rose Lamont, 0275845548, rosemarielamo@gmail.com
- Health and Safety** - Pesi Tuala, 027 256 1955
- Events** - Christabel Edwards, 021 875 956
- St Vincent de Paul Shop** - 4 Station Road, Manurewa (09) 267 4581
- Altar Servers** - Tyndale (Tee) Fiso, tyndalef@gmail.com, 0226599361/0210353917
- Knitting Group** - Tina Shore, 027 440 4563 or 266 7699
- Indoor Bowls** - Bev Glass 267 2026
- St Anne's Climate and Social Action Group** - Sr Margaret Martin, 09 2636464, margaret@sistersofmercywiri.org.nz

PRAYER AND CATHOLIC LIVING GROUPS

- Couples for Christ** - Glen Cunningham, 027 800 0050
- Divine Mercy** - Pesi Tuala, 027 256 1955, bessietuala@hotmail.com
- Legion of Mary** - TBA
- Temples of the Holy Spirit** - Serena Rouse, 269 6353 or 027 322 3540
- Sacramental Prog.** - Andrew Malele, 021 023 90935, stannesacrament@gmail.com
- RCIA Prog.** - Therese Lautua, 021 263 6812
- Baptisms** - Church office 266 5826, frontdesk.stannes@gmail.com

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

- Private Houses** - Coordinator Amy Verissimo, 029 264 2102, stannes.sick@gmail.com
- Rest Homes** - Coordinator Joseph Tucker, 021 037 0363, stannes.circ@gmail.com
- CULTURAL GROUP REPRESENTATIVES**
- Māori** - Eddie Hita, 027 279 9556
- Samoa** - Sala Sefo Tevaga, 0211791406
- Tongan** - 'Etuata Manu, 021 183 2334, etuata.manu@hotmail.co.nz
- Tongan Sunday School** - Kaifa Fatongiatau, 021 169 3630, kai4to@gmail.com
- Samoa Sunday School** - Taua'aletoa Malaetele, 022 043 0637
- Tokelauan** - Matt Ineleo, 022 326 6139, ineleom@gmail.com
- Fijian** - Chermayne Raega, 021 167 9230

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

25th/26th November	25th – 5:30pm	26th – 8am	26th -- 10am	26th – 5pm
ALTAR SERVER 1	Joel Leau	Isidro Masoe	Anah-Marie Ioane	Ellie Scorrige
ALTAR SERVER 2	Dawn Hutchinson	Suli Mafivaea	Angelina Leuea	Thomas Enoka
ALTAR SERVER 3	Taimana Hutchinson	Fayelin Lealo Tuiatua	Tulua Leuea	Katarina Yavala
COMMENTATOR	Josephine Fiso-Lolohea*	FIJIAN COMMUNITY	Penina Ifopo*	Michelle Maua
LECTOR 1	Heather Kavanagh		Faaulu Lueatea-Tautolo	Lomana Malele
LECTOR 2	Gavin Tully		Papalii Theresa Chungsum	Dean Wearmouth
SP. MINISTER	Lorna Gayatin	Fa'amasino Lemisiio Kollio	Papalii.L.Chungsum	Yvonne Gabitan
SP. MINISTER	Vivian Pereira*	Iosefo Kalolo	Anne Changaiya	Luana Enoka
SP. MINISTER	Lourdes Collins	Serena Rouse	Tuala Pesi*	Anne Marie Gabitan
SP. MINISTER		Frances Ane	Anna Kiely	
SP. MINISTER		Mary Bartlett	Therese Lautua*	

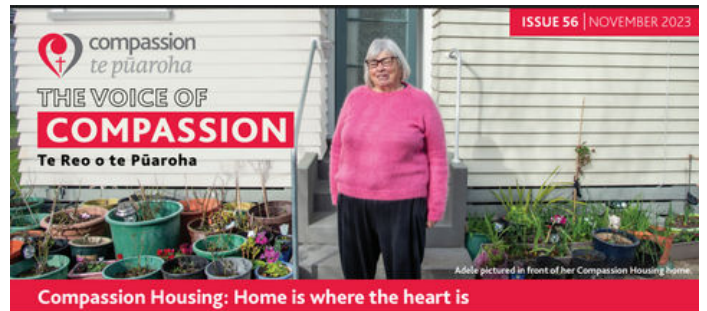
FREE TO A GOOD HOME: ENCYCLOPEDIA COLLECTION

Kave Saili is very generously looking to donate a collection of encyclopedia. If you or know someone who is interested, please contact Kave Saili on 0273402067

PREPARING TO CLOSE



Friday 22 Dec, 2023 the office will close at 3pm and will not open until Tuesday 23rd Jan, 2024. There will be no access to the Admin team during this period so please be sure to get your requests in early!



Read the latest issue online: <https://compassion.org.nz/newsletters/the-voice-of-compassion-issue-56/>

Use this bank account for Weekly Offerings:

02-0108-0707622-000
Reference: Your Giving Number
Particulars: Your Last Name
Code: Weekly



Use this bank account for donations towards the Renewal Project, the new church building:



02-0108-0707622-004
Reference: Your Giving Number
Particulars: Your Last Name
Code: Rebuild