



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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As a New Year begins, we ask: **IS ST ANNE'S A SLEEPING GIANT?**

Advent speaks of the second coming of Jesus and the birth of the infant at Christmas. They are both symbols of a new beginning, getting ready, waking up. A new year...

The early Christians did not hope in empty promises, nor should we. We believe in God's unfailing love and his call to **Rise, Lift up our heads and Serve, not just ourselves, kids and whanau but the kingdom, and our community of St Anne's.**

At the first Synodality meeting in May, almost 50 invited leaders attended.

At the synodal meeting last Sunday not only our leaders were invited but everyone and anyone. Only some 20 people came to discern how better we could be as a vibrant and dynamic parish community.

St Annes is known as one of the largest parishes in the country, a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural conglomerate.

Some add the word "Vibrant". Does that mean "Vibrant" at Sunday masses with over 1,450 people in attendance, or does it mean "Vibrant" as a community with most or all of those numbers actively involved in some sort of service and work for the kingdom?

All praise to our parish faith and cultural groups which work amongst us. All power to many non "groupies" who lend a hand. There is much good being done and thanks be to God.

Our older people have carried the baton for many years - all power to them too, to those who continue to do their bit.

At the synodal meeting on "**Communication**" last Sunday, recognition was given to administrative leadership and communication: the "fathers on the same page"; the bulletin, the notices at the end of mass, those published in the atrium, and our Facebook.

On Sunday it was affirmed that the synodal instrument of communication initiated by Pope Francis and being attempted here in St Anne's is very important although for the moment not fully grasped.

Finally expressed was the need to communicate by "doing together", for example a working bee programmed for the Saturday December 14th, and a proposed sports programme for kids and youth over the summer, doing things together. Coming together is not something sleepy people do.

Are we just a Mass Centre? Or are we a full and active community?

This new year, God invites us to a fresh vision. He wants great things from us.

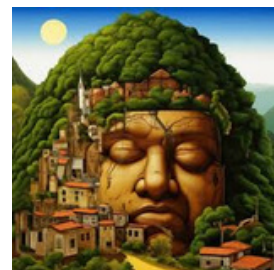
Our lives are busy. The basic needs of our families are a struggle to attain. There are many reasons why we are not a full-grown community, the lack of time being one of them.

But the challenge stands before us facing this new year.

In the words of the gospel today:

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy and the anxieties of daily life, catch you by surprise like a trap."

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength"



December/Tihema

- 10: Anointing of the Sick at 12:05pm Mass
- 11: Advent Reconciliation Rite 2 at 7pm
- 20: 11am Mass at Elmwood & Parish Office closes at 3pm
- 24: Christmas Family Mass
- 25: Christmas Day
- 26: Boxing Day

January/Hanuere 2025

- 1: New Year's Day
- 14: Anointing of the Sick at 12:05pm Mass
- 17: 11am Mass at Elmwood
- 21: Parish Office reopens at 9am
- 29: Auckland Anniversary Day



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate

Maria Pereira, Donald Sattler, David Wallbank & Utumalafata Simaima Mary To'omalatai Wilson, Antonia Esguerra

The Sick/Ngā Turoro

Fotulafai Chungsum, Phong Lan, Su'a Pese, Elham Kemp, Anne Wallbank, Anne Stickney, Punipua Su'a, Anarosa Tofaeono, Gloria Williams, Lorraine Va'a, Lourdes Collins, Pauline Arthur, Helmut Rudolph, Mirjana Dorotich, Louisa Iosefa Aiolupotea Segal, Carmela Maplesden, Jon Maplesden & Rosalia Segal

Birthday Blessings/

Manaakitanga Huritau

Faapine (Pine) Old, John Tava'e, Romeo Espiritu, Devin Tissera, Sheran Tissera Adriel Teofilo, Christian Cozo, Tala Tafu, Sieni Kapeteni, Rohani Sood, Elijah Segal, Livian Chute, Sienna Ang, Soane Vaturei, Kate Singh, Aldrina Taua, Reagan Barnett, Isabel Taatey, Taulango Manuke, Audrey Marie Macaraig-Anipot, Advait Sankarathill, Teariki Maka-Kea, Lysander Misifosa, Akenese Hansell, Lysander Ogden Misifosa, Lupe Sala, Michael Tuusolo, Kosta James, Ongolupe Uepi-Mataiti, Rose Lamont, Rasela Tauillili, Lynis Finau, Rianna Figota, Sesilia Tupola, Faafetai Brown, Mason Tokareta, Sarah Semisi, Peter Nauan, John Wulf, Tevita Ma'afu, Annastacia Faasootauloa Leota

In Our Parish / I roto i to tatou Pārihe



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen." We bless this first Advent Candle in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit .

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED CHILDREN

May your life be filled with the joy, love and endless blessings that come from God. We pray that you continue to grow in grace & love.



Angela Maninang, Uriel David Levi, Marvel Arona, Adrielle Kelsall, Adrius Kelsall, Thomas Kelsall, Easton Kelsall, Selestine Brown, Arcadia Kelsall Brown, Labron-Jay Vaipo, Vjae Lui, Villami Lui, Everset-Alan Lui, Lui He-Lotu Lui & Cecilia Lui

CHRISTMAS BOX FOR 100 FAMILIES (S. V. DE P)

We know for sure that many families will be hurting this Christmas, especially down here in South Auckland.

So we are pooling in with St Vincent de Paul "Feed a Family this Christmas" by receiving your special envelopes (available in the Atrium) of what you can give for this cause. The envelopes will pass through the parish system for your receipts as well.

We calculate that we have **until Sunday the 15th of December.**

Thank you and don't feel any pressure. We offer this as a service to help you and St Vincent de Paul in these efforts of Solidarity.

To donate online, **account # 02-0108-0707622-004** with the reference **100 FAMILIES**



THANK YOU TO THE GOLDEN OLDIES!

We are grateful to the Golden Oldies for their contribution to the Rebuild with the sum of \$12, 500.00. You are all champions! Thank you.

CAN NEWS

A further two bales of cans were sold to the merchants on Saturday, netting \$264.00. The first cash collected of \$218.00 was added to the \$264.00 and deposited in the Christmas Box for families for 100 families - total \$482.00. Good Work! "Keep those can a rollin in".



SYNODALITY MEETING SUNDAY 24TH UPDATE

Please refer to the front page reflection for more information - formal report pending

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

On 20th of November the finance committee met and welcomed a new member Michelle Scorrige. We welcome Michelle too on behalf of the parish!

Also Lorna Gayatin, sitting member, was elected to be the chair. Congratulations Lorna!

The following day, Meg Goodman, past chairman, and this year sitting member proffered her resignation expressing her satisfaction with the progress of the committee.

We are grateful to Meg for her service, first as the representative of the health and Safety committee that comes under the finance committee and then her tenure as chairman during the administration of Father McAfee. S.M.

THE CHRISTMAS TOY MOUNTAIN FOR NEEDY KIDS

Many thanks to those who have put gifts underneath our Christmas tree and contributed to our Christmas Toy Mountain

We invite you to join our "Christmas Toys for Needy Kids". If you wish to participate you can leave your **new toy** gift under the Christmas Tree and Crib in the office beginning now. There is no need to wrap them.

Unwrapped we can classify better at the time of distribution. It is so good to be able to participate as a St Anne's Community.



KNITTING GROUP CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

After all masses this **weekend 30th November and 1st December**, there will be a craft stall selling Christmas goodies! A knitted nativity will be for raffle as well!

If you would like to contribute to the stall or help with the stall on the weekend please contact Tina Shore 0274404563 or 2667699.

CHRISTMAS GIVING FOR WOMEN IN PRISON

Thank you to the many parishoners who have contributed to this year's Christmas gifting for women in the Wiri prison.

If you have not made a contribution and would like to do so you can make an on line donation up until 6 December. The account number is 12-3083-0204597-00. Please code/reference as 4-1000 St Annes CG and your name.

If you would like a tax receipt email margaret@sistersofmercywiri.org.nz

Renewed thanks and advent blessings from the Climate and Social Action group.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION RITE 2

Advent Reconciliation Rite 2 will be held on **Wednesday 11th Dec at 7pm.**

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS - TUES 24TH DEC 5PM

The youth of the Parish will bring alive the Christmas story, in a Christmas Drama. Calling all youth who want to be involved in the Christmas story, aged 9 to 20 years.

The practice will be at 6:30pm on Saturday 14th December. Dinner first then practise until 8:15pm.

Please register at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Registrations for the Sacramental Programme are open. Please fill in a new form for each child. Baptism and birth certificates will be required for each child.

Please note the programme runs for 12 weeks and dates are still being confirmed with the Bishop. [\(Click here for the form\)](#)



Scan this QR Code for the form

We also need catechists! The programme will only be as successful as the volunteers who deliver it, so if you are able please let us know.

Any questions can be directed to stannesacrament@gmail.com

PARISH CONTACTS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND COMING HOME

For any one who **18 years and over** who want to **explore** the Catholic faith, to **receive** the **sacraments** or to **chew the rag** and come home.

Please contact the **Office** or **Langi Nunan**, 0225272193 rcia.stannes@gmail.com.

1ST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

FOR CHILDREN 8 - 17

Here is the form link to complete for each child. Please fill in the form and supply the documents required before the start date.

Please contact the Parish Office 266 5826 or stannesacrament@gmail.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

6 WEEK PROGRAMME

Our Third marriage preparation course will take place in November- December. To be precise on the **Thursdays of 7, 14, 21, 28 November and 5, 12 December**.

Registrations open now online or registration form in the atrium of the Church

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

FOR CHILDREN 0 - 7

For Catholic parents who want to baptise their children. Must attend two classes before booking the ceremony

Please contact the Parish Office 266 5826 baptism.stannes@gmail.com

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SAFEGUARDING / TIKANGA HAUMARU

Safeguarding is making a safe space for all our people

Children always need a caregiver accompanying them to the bathroom.



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 the new church building:
02-0108-0707622-004
Reference: Your Giving Number
Particulars: Your Last Name
Code: Rebuild

PREVIOUS OFFERINGS
September - \$ 32, 984.25
October - \$42, 191.91

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

YEAR B READINGS

1/12/2024
1st Sunday of Advent

Daniel 7:13-14 | Psalm 93:1-5
Revelation 1:5-8 | John 18:33b-37



8/12/2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 | Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 | Luke 3:1-6

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

7th/8th Dec	7th - 5:30pm	8th - 8am	8th - 10am	8th - 5pm
ALTAR SERVER 1	Claire Brzozowski	Schwartz Paulo	Sarona Ioane	Alexei Melissa James
ALTAR SERVER 2	Jacob Brzozowski	Gianna Paulo	Angelina Leuea	Olivia Malele
ALTAR SERVER 3	Rachel Brzozowski	Wayne Esekia	Anastasia Leuea	Matthew Malele
COMMENTATOR	Nick Agana	DIVINE MERCY	SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL	Addison Scorrige
LECTOR 1	Rose Agana			Crispin Montilde
LECTOR 2	Josephine Fiso-Bose			Foa Muliaga
SP. MINISTER	Telesia Leata Ilalio	Mafi Kiola	Aiavao Muliaga-Ioane	Hanna Malele
SP. MINISTER	Aylah-Rose Apulu Lemalu	Langi Nunan	Foa Muliaga	Anna Everatt
SP. MINISTER	Mia Laumea	Dinesh Chand	Anne Finau	Yvonne Gabitan
SP. MINISTER		Gabriel P Tully	Anna Kiely	
SP. MINISTER		Epifania Halapio	Easter Iakopo	

Please direct any roster related queries to Foa in the Parish Admin Team: frontdesk.stannes@gmail.com