



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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“DON'T LET ADVENT PASS US BY” “Prepare the way of the Lord”

How do we hear the Baptist's call in St Annes today?

How can we open ways to meet him in each other, our whanau, and our community?

The cry must connect! It must connect with Jesus, (Baby Jesus and Big Jesus). It must attune to Him, be infected by his passion, humanity, and concern for others.

But because of the “messy world” and the “spiritual desert” we live in, we also must find ways to configure, our homes and St Annes as places where Jesus is alive and well. We need to know Jesus and through Him know each other.

Last Sunday weren't our music ministries almost out of this world in their singing?
One person wrote in:

“We were profoundly moved by the angelic beauty of the choir's voices. Their singing filled the church with a serene sense of peace and reverence, allowing us to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in a deeply meaningful way. As a family, we were in awe of the choir's exceptional talent and the sacred atmosphere they so graciously fostered throughout mass.”

I personally can vouch for this and the other choirs as well in different ways. Thanks to them our first Sunday of Advent worship was **awesome**.

But preparing the way is not just to be lifted up to Jesus by music and song, but **to do**, and **to act together**.

Some signs of that were present: the knitting group all so busy, and the news of the Golden Oldies' hidden and unknown but so active presence throughout the year.

Other signs: the women prisoner project; the 100 Christmas meals; the toy mountain for needy kids; and the Working Bee.

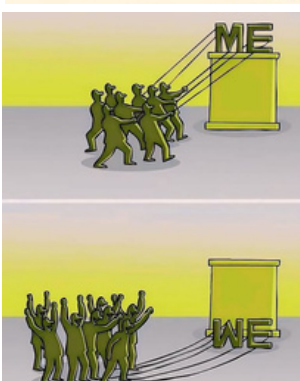
Somehow it is all about uplifting our “insides” and “ripping our bodies” **outside** in service and community.

St Annes may be a sleeping giant still, but the cry of the Baptist in some ways is being met.

We do need though to be more unified and to know each other better across groups, who we are and what we do. We need to do more together

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Why not pray together as a family the week 2 Advent Prayer in this bulletin. **Working Bee**



He who stays in the valley will never see over the hill



December/Tihema

- 9: Immaculate Conception Mass at 12:05pm
- 10: Anointing of the Sick at 12:05pm Mass
- 11: Advent Reconciliation Rite 2 at 7pm
- 14: Working Bee at 9am & Xmas Family Mass Practice at 6:30pm
- 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

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

Catherine O'Kane, Leticia Moralejo,
Theodore Wearmouth, Maliana
Pio, Jodie Simich, Francisco
Leolaga, Cara Cozo, Ariel Ah
Leong, Etilasi Eti, Malia Vatuvei,
Seloti Jr Saga, Erma Isais, Therese
Lautua, Claudette Aliifaalogo,
Matthew Su'a, Evie Turner, Sililo
Sala, Maria Meredith, Glian Eziah
Rapiza, Alfred Moses, Leaf Osiris
Dena, Kayla Vo, Etuale Vaiula,
Iremia Sila, Asiava Venu, Apaula
Lautua, Toatolualii Maanaima,
Elizabeth Faull, Pogia Afamasaga,
Maria Fatima Pese, Lourdes
Collins, Thomas Pesamino,
Evelingi Leilua, Alisha Patel, Roger
Panahon, Jesmarc Isais, Anna
Kaleti, Tinei Gray, Anthony Horan,
Micah-Rose Lim, Lusitania Mahoni

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.” **We bless this second Advent Candle in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE



The Parish Office will be **closed at 3pm on Friday 20th December** and will **reopen at 9am on Tuesday 21st January 2025.**

If you need support from the Parish office please make contact **before 20th December.**

PARISH WORKING BEE - 14 DEC

Hi Everyone,

On Saturday the 14th from 9am – 12pm we are running a working bee in the Parish, kai will be at 12pm. A rough programme and description will be sent by email and published on our Facebook and in the Atrium.



There is work, light, medium and heavy, for all ages, young, middle aged and decrepit like me!!



Please bring what tools you have. Nobody is useless. Everyone can do something.

It is not just a statement about the work we are doing. It is a way of greater communication in the Parish, and being in it all together, We hope to see you there. - Fr Tony

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

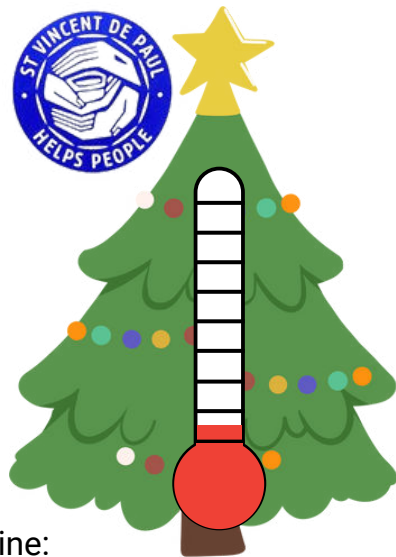
We know for sure that many families will be hurting this Christmas, especially down here in South Auckland.

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 have all of December to make our contribution.

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 KNITTING GROUP

A big thank you to the knitting group who raised \$1666.10 for the rebuild. We are grateful to those who purchased something from the knitting stall.



Congratulations to the winners of the raffle!
Winner of the doll: Amy - ticket # E04,
Winner of the gift basket: Cyrilet - ticket # E28
Winner of nativity: Alice - ticket #1

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER THERE WILL BE A MASS AT 12.05PM

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - DATES ANNOUNCED

We are happy to announce the dates have been locked in for the Sacramental Programme. It begins **Sunday 16th February 2025** and ends **Tuesday 20th May 2025**.

Thank you to all those who have already registered and handed in the required documents. If you would like to register your child please register **via the form link or the QR code on the right.** (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

ST ANNE'S CHOIR - COME SING WITH US!

St Anne's choir will be practicing next Thursday, 12th at 7pm in the church, for the 15th December Mass at 10am (and if interested for Saturday 14th at 5.30pm Mass as well) thanks.

St Anne's choir will be helping with Christmas Day Mass at 10am. We will be practicing separately for this. All singers and musicians are most welcome to join us.

For further info please contact Daniella on rudolph.daniella@gmail.com or txt 027 230 0945 thanks.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

The Eucharistic Miracles International Exhibition designed and curated by Blessed Carlo Acutis will be displayed in the Church Atrium this weekend.



Date/Time: Saturday 7th December - 8am & 5:30pm Masses and Sunday 8th December - 8am, 10am & 5pm Masses.

UNREGISTERED GIVERS

We have incredibly generous donors in our Parish, if you are listed below can you please make contact with the office. We would love to register you on the Parish roll and include you in all our communications about the life of the parish.

- MILLER TR & MC
- CARESOSA

Please contact opsmanager.stannes@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TOY MOUNTAIN

On Wednesday the 11th of December, the bulk of the toys will go to the Monte Cecilia Christmas Toy project.



If you know of kids in our community who will not be receiving a gift this Christmas. Please discretely inform the Parish Office or send an email before Tuesday.

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND COMING HOME

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

1ST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN 8 - 17

The programme will begin **16th Feb 2025** and ends **20th May 2025**.
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 Office 266 5826 or stannesacrament@gmail.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

6 WEEK PROGRAMME

The next round begins in 2025, **May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5th.**



Registrations are now open online via this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the right

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

Fr Tony O'Connor SM
Parish Priest
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021 981 420

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Fr. Carl Telford SM
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St. Anne's Catholic Church Manurewa

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

PREVIOUS OFFERINGS
October - \$42, 191.91
November - \$35, 467.99

Use this bank account for the new church building:
02-0108-0707622-004
Reference: Your Giving Number
Particulars: Your Last Name
Code: Rebuild

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

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



15/12/2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a | Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7 | Luke 3:10-18

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

14th/15th Dec	14th - 5:30pm	15th - 8am	15th - 10am	15th - 5pm
ALTAR SERVER 1	Faivaalofilima Ioane	Rita Eti	Anah-Maria Ioane	Thomas Aquinas Enoke
ALTAR SERVER 2	Sarona Ioane	Peter Eti	Nina Leolaga	Latu Anjelo Enoke
ALTAR SERVER 3	Adam Brzozowski	Etilasi Eti	Amanda Esekia	Priscilla Kaihau
COMMENTATOR	Philip Cortesi	Kave Saili	Maliana Manu*	Hoy Neng Wong Soon
LECTOR 1	Alethia Beirne	Madeleine Uaine	Rita Filimaua	Matthew Norman
LECTOR 2	Josephine Fiso-Bose	Ursula Tamiano	Madeleine Uaine	Ropati Tipasa
SP. MINISTER	Vivian Pereira	Aimalefoa Muliaga	Papalii L Chung Sum	Salamina Tipasa
SP. MINISTER	Mehr Pereira	Aiavao Muliaga-Ioane	Iulieta Leafa	Diane Pilimai
SP. MINISTER	Monty Dsor	Serena Rouse	Giovanna Neriah Sila	Evienna Eden Hartman
SP. MINISTER		Telesia Burgess	Epifania Halapio	
SP. MINISTER		Celesmaria Hansell	Papalii L Chung Sum	

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