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HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY

It's all Good

Advent used to be like Lent. It was longer, beginning on the 11th of November and continuing until Christmas. People fasted and sacrificed .. a grim time.

Just as there is a rest day in Lent "**Laetare**" Sunday,(Rejoice), there is "**Gaudete**" Sunday in Advent (Rejoice also).

In many places on both these days, the priest wears a special rose-coloured vestment. We must save up and get one for here! The rose pink chasuble adds to the pomp, grandeur and colour of the Eucharist on this day. The Anglicans are well ahead of us in this practice.

John the Baptist's message continues as we have been hearing, and as a community, we have been supporting various projects of solidarity and doing that personally and privately and as a family.

Today the Baptist speaks clearly and precisely, "**Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.**"



As in past weeks, he calls for "a Baptism of Repentance for the Forgiveness of sins". That's all good.

But today is a Happy, Happy Day.

Repentance can get all morose as we write out our shopping list of faults, failings, our pain and sins, as we think of all the bad things, real or imagined maybe.

But today says Pope Francis , "Gaudete" is a Sunday of Joy. Instead of fretting and beating our breasts, we should think of all the good things that life has given us.

Why don't we do exactly that today? Even put on our pink shirts and sweaters, go over our lives and remember... only the good things, the blessings, cherish the happy memories of love which incidentally brings joy.

Life is not solely a Valley of Tears.

We all have memories and even now there are good things happening within us and around us.

So in the words of **Philippians** today "**Rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus.**"



Happy, Happy, Happy.
Think of all God does for Us.
Rejoice, humbly Rejoice
Cry for Joy
Not Shame or Pain.



Nga Mihi Nui,
Fr Tony O'Connor SM,
Parish Priest.

December/Tihema

- 14: 9am Working Bee & 6:30pm Xmas Family Mass Practice
20: 11am Mass at Elmwood & 3pm Parish Office closes
24: 5pm Family Mass & 8pm Vigil Mass
25: Christmas Day - 8am & 10am Mass
26: Boxing Day - 12:05pm Mass

January/Hānuere 2025

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

February/Pēpuere 2025

- 6: Waitangi Day
11: 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
21: 11am Mass at Elmwood



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate

James Watson (son of Bridget Watson)

The Sick/Ngā Turoro

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

Birthday Blessings/

Manaakitanga Huritau

Faimafili (Mariana) Apisai, Michael Malele, Mele Uhatafe, Michelle Hancy, Demetrius Ah Leong, Xavier Ikenasio, Kassandra Muller, Katarina Yavala, Elizabeth Falekaono, Sesilia Timu, Pulou Tanielu, Baelin Truman, Pelesia Emelio, Terissa Loto, Jasper Meleisea, Ronnie Deliva, Willow-Rose Andrew, Arrabella Tele, George Kako, Lorna Mae Esplaguera, Diane Pilimai, Moerau Tangatakere-Tobia, Magdala Fafoi, Minina Bell, So'onafai Taulanga, Sebasitiano Baleisuva, Sau Vai Faleaupu, Valda Nicklin-Lagendijk, Sione Fatongiatau, Taaremon Tiaeki, Paulo Arona, Richard Brown, Elijah Ford

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen. We bless this third 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.



HEALTH AND SAFETY + CHRISTMAS CAR PARKING

We are so grateful to Sally for accepting the Health and Safety role for the parish - thank you Sally!

Sally is assembling a team to help manage the smooth running of the Christmas Mass celebrations. Please note as the new gardens have been planted, there will be no parking on the grass which means once the car park is full, everyone will have to park on the street. Please be respectful of our car park team. In previous years we have had some pretty rude people come late for Mass and get cranky with our volunteers - let's remember to be kind this Christmas!

If anyone has a first aid certificate and can help volunteer for the Christmas Masses, can you please contact the office frontdesk.stannes@gmail.com

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

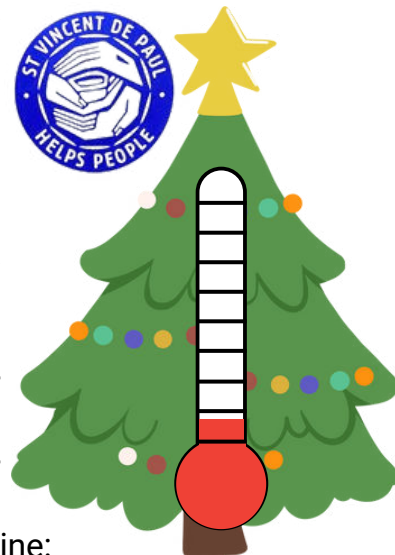
We know for sure that many families will be hurting this Christmas, especially down here in South Auckland.

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 # 02-0108-0707622-00 with the reference 100 FAMILIES



PARISH WORKING BEE - THIS SATURDAY 14 DEC

Many thanks to all who participated in the Parish Working Bee. It was amazing and you were all awesome each doing their little bit.

This is not only a statement about the work we did, rather it is a way of greater communication and being in it all together. Thank you all!!



DISMANTLING OF THE CHRISTMAS TOY MOUNTAIN



The Monte Cecilia Housing Trust thank the fine people at St Annes Parish for their wonderful donation to Monte Cecilia's Christmas Drive. Wonderful stuff!

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIVING 2024 FOR WOMEN IN PRISON

A big thank you to the people of St Anne's Parish. Cash donations were \$2633.10 and online donations were \$1300.00 coming to a total of **\$3933.10**. The St Anne's Climate and Social Action Group thank you. Please refer to the Church Atrium noticeboard.

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

THE VINNIES SHOP, 4 STATION ROAD, MANUREWA

OPEN: 10am - 3.30pm Tues to Fri. 9am - 1pm Sat. Come do some Christmas shopping.

Thank you to those who have volunteered during the year, and to those who have donated, because of this we can continue our work in support of the community.

We wish all parishioners a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Enquiries Marie ph 09 267 4581



ST ANNE'S PARISH DEC - JAN MASS TIMETABLE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Dec 16th	Dec 17th	Dec 18th	Dec 19th	Dec 20th	Dec 21st
	12:05pm Liturgy	7am Mass 12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	9am Mass **Office closes at 3pm**	8am Mass 8:40am Reco 4pm Reco 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Dec 22nd	Dec 23rd	Dec 24th	Dec 25th	Dec 26th	Dec 27th	Dec 28th
8am Mass 10am Mass 5pm Mass	12:05pm Liturgy	7am Mass Christmas Family Mass 5pm Vigil Mass 8pm	CHRISTMAS DAY 8am Mass 10am Mass	BOXING DAY 12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	8am Mass 8:40am Reco 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Dec 29th	Dec 30th	Dec 31st	Jan 1st	Jan 2nd	Jan 3rd	Jan 4th
8am Mass 10am Mass 5pm Mass	12:05pm Liturgy	7am Mass 12:05pm Mass	NEW YEARS DAY 8am Mass	12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	8am Mass 8:40am Reco 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Jan 5th	Jan 6th	Jan 7th	Jan 8th	Jan 9th	Jan 10th	Jan 11th
8am Mass 10am Mass 5pm Mass	12:05pm Liturgy	7am Mass 12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	12:05pm Mass	8am Mass 8:40am Reco 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Jan 12th	Jan 13th	Jan 14th	Jan 15th	Jan 16th	Jan 17th	Jan 18th
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**No Reconciliation: Saturday 4 - 5pm on Dec 28th, Jan 4th, 11th and 18th.
The office will close on Friday 20th December at 3pm. Reopens Tuesday 21st
January 2025 at 9am!**

YEAR B READINGS

15/12/2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

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



22/12/2024
4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a | Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrew 10:5-10 | Luke 1:39-45

ALTAR SERVER, COMMENTATOR, LECTOR AND SPECIAL MINISTER ROSTER

21st/22nd Dec	21st - 5:30pm	22nd - 8am	22nd - 10am	22nd - 5pm
ALTAR SERVER 1	Mehr Pereira Dsor	Roslyn England	Maotu Leuea	Joseph Malele
ALTAR SERVER 2	Aryan Pereira Dsor	Sophia Lene	Tulua Leuea	Olivia Malele
ALTAR SERVER 3	Samuel Desouza	Florence Tumua	Mataele Takai	Matthew Malele
COMMENTATOR	Matthew Norman	FIJIAN COMMUNITY	ST JOACHIM	Caroline Lauaki*
LECTOR 1	Heather Kavanagh			Michelle Scorringe
LECTOR 2	Brendon Ward			Ursula Tamiano
SP. MINISTER	Jose Darwin Dela Cruz	Rita Eti	Sita Poluleuligaga	Sela Koaneti
SP. MINISTER	Hazel Dela Cruz	Sesilia Eti	Lionel Bureta	Luanna Enoka
SP. MINISTER	Philip Cortesi	Pine Old	Paulina Ifopo	Anna Everatt
SP. MINISTER		Steph Lee	Easter Iakopo	
SP. MINISTER		Soonafai Taulanga	Sally Roberts	

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