



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 5th January 2025 | The Epiphany of the Lord- Year C | Issue 1

THE MAGI FOLLOWED THE STAR, BROUGHT GIFTS AND PAID HOMAGE TO THE NEW BORN KING. EPIPHANY.

Epiphany has facts from the **gospels**, (Wise men (Magi) come from the East with gifts to pay Jesus homage as King, God and Saviour))

Many elements of the story come from folk-lore: they are assumed to be **three** Magi; each with a gift and representing the **three** known continents; (Asia, Africa and Europe)

And there are many many traditions ranging from twelve Magi to just four and the fourth known as the Magi who got lost and is still chasing the star (like us).

The gifts they bring foretell something about Jesus:

Gold represents that Jesus is king.

Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity (priests burned it in the Temple).

Myrrh, used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death as Saviour.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth" or "revelation". Certain revelations in Christ's life are celebrated at this time:

His birth in Bethlehem; (25 12 24)

The visit of the Magi (05 01 25)

His baptism by John, (12 01 25)

and every third year (this year) his first miracle at Cana. (19 05 25)

These are all Epiphanies .

We too must follow the Star

Give gifts to the King (gold)

who is God (frankincense)

and the Crucified Saviour (Myrrh)

We too must recognise that Mankind is One.

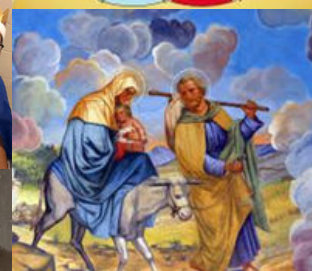
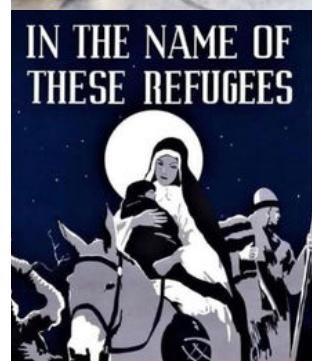
All cultures, ethnicities and Beliefs.

"Gentiles (Christians ,Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, Hindis, atheists, All religions)

"We are all coheirs, members of the same

body, and co-partners in the promise in

Christ Jesus ." **Ephesians 3:6**



Nga Mihi Nui.

Fr Tony O'Connor SM.
Parish Priest.



January/Hānuere

- 14: 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
 - 17: 11am Mass at Elmwood
 - 21: 9am Parish Office reopens
 - 27: Auckland Anniversary Day
 - 29: St Anne's Primary starts
- February/Pēpuere
- 06: Waitangi Day
 - 11: 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass
 - 16: Sacramental Programme begins
 - 21: 11am Mass at Elmwood



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate

James Watson (son of Bridget Watson), Antonio Lorenzon, Jim Stapleton, Okesene Ikinupe and Philip Franklin

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, Felise Segal & Rosalia Segal, Carmela Maplesden, Jon Maplesden & Marie Mani

Birthday Blessings/

Manaakitanga Huritau

Sophia Birondo, Antoinette Kolo, Moureen Taanoa, Mercy McFarland, Esera Momoemausu, Gemma Santos, Jeremiah Parakoti, Otis Healey, Lily Switzer, Beth Paras, Esmeralda Morente, Bea Therese Halal, Catherine Dodson, Josephine Kolo, Peter Passi, Cody Fitzpatrick, Malachi Hodge, Mathew Stevenson, Lucia Enosi, Tiffy Sankarathill, Elena Sa'u, Kelly Ierome Tuiloma, Johanna Matafeo, Setefano Tuunai-Ifopo, Talosaga Muliaga Tominiko, Sevaio Tautolo, Johanna Masoe, Betty Radish, Telesia Kaihau, Joshua Iosefa, Angela Pritchard, David Boon, Gwen Mika, Helen Le Marque, Ronald Castrillo, Anita Tofaeono, Tanya James, Akeliano Ioakimo, Mele Tupola, Esther Ah Sue, Charles Alexander

Special mentions to:
Sosefo Nofo'akifolau Tufulele celebrating 40th & Virginia La Madrid celebrating her 60th Birthday!

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

"Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hills, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh"

The last post. The bugle call has sounded, another year 2024 has passed us by. The new dawn of 2025 is here. I hope you all had a peaceful, fulfilling and restful Christmas. Now, blessings, many blessings for 2025.

As always I must say that this past year was event-filled in so many ways. Apart from the usual important yearly events, celebrations and commitments of so many groups and individuals:

- the R.C.I.A, their Hikoi as well;
- R.C.I.C. Sacramental programme, Baptism preparation;
- Legion of Mary (2);
- Divine Mercy;
- Prayer groups;
- Golden Oldies;
- Knitting Group;
- Bowls;
- Meditation group;
- Youth activities;
- Samoan Mass;
- Really dedicated music groups - not to mention Daniela Rudolph the "filler of gaps". Rose Lamont and Foa Patelesio Ioane, the liturgical roster creators;
- Samoan, Fijian, Tongan, Philippine and other communities and Catechetical groups;
- Maori Community;
- Sacristans, wow yes the Sacristans;
- Servers, readers, ministers to the Eucharist both in church and beyond;
- White Sunday;
- The valiant rebuild efforts;
- St Annes School limited, but valued participation;
- Christmas outreach to women prisoners;
- Flower people;
- Health and Safety;
- The Parish Council;
- The Liturgy and Finance Committees;
- Fathers Kevin and Carl, Eteise in the gardens as well as Tina, Anne & Foa las chicas in the office,

In all like a mountain of ants, always so busy for the Lord. I am sorry if I have not mentioned all and everything that each year "ticks us along".

How blessed we are and our thanks to God.



2024

Looking back over 2024, I can see in my mind's eye maybe new events that can be added to what is outlined above:

- Frances Mazur receiving her a papal award;
- The visit of the Eastern Relics;
- Lenten Caritas appeal with boxes/tins for kids;
- Lenten Stations of the Cross by groups in fine weather in the grounds;
- The three life size crosses erected in Holy Week, Symbols to Manurewa of our faith in the Crucified and Risen Lord;
- Kids ringing bells during the Gloria in Holy Week;
- Visit of our only ordained son Fr Leo Danvers,
- Marae stay by the Samoan Catechist group;
- Synodality meetings;
- Addition of Young People to the ranks of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors
- Donation of altar backdrop curtain;
- Parish Priest dialogue with Samoan and Tongan communities;
- Soup Op shop (2);
- Fijian youth group upholstery of church seats;
- Return of Tokelauan community
- Our very own preparation courses for engaged couples, 15 couples in total;
- Greater office co-ordinations; Extended Office Shop ;
- Outreach to South American migrants, food and other;
- Can collection and recycling;
- Blessed Carlo Acutis exhibition;
- St Vincent de Paul Feed 100 Families;
- "Toy Mountain" for our families kids and Monte Cecilia;
- Breastfeeding group;
- The Fono health living, weight loss and diabetes help;
- Our new November Orange Altar;
- Christmas Working bee.

Special thanks to the retiring committee chairs - Meg Goodman (finance committee) and Philip Cortessi (Liturgy committee).

Also to our honorary parishioners Manuel Beazley and his wife Pata who have been instrumental with our synodal process and marriage preparation programme.

Last, but not least, the great impact that Fr Martin Wu's short stay made on all of us.

2025

We hope that this New Year in a truly synodal way we can grow in greater harmony and community initiatives that come from our hearts and hopes.

On the Horizon who knows what good things are in store. But we do know this:

- The arrival of Fr Peter McDermot s.m. as 4th member of our Marist Community;
- Renovation and enhancement of the "Fale Fono" and the "Nga Kawai Maha Wharenuui" (more later);
- Three more synod meeting themes - Parish Structure, Outreach and Rebuild;
- Parish Priests dialoguing with the other cultural groups and people;
- Year of Jubilee Year Activities;
- Tongan Mass every second month;
- "hui hui" interchange, (getting to know us) sharing between all groups and communities ;
- Better organized greeters at mass;
- Greater Promotion of youth; and
- Greater efforts to envelope all.

Thanks to you all for offering your grain of sand. Have a blessed and fruitful year 2025.

If you ever meet Spanish speaking people, please tell them I am here and would like to meet with them.

Ka kite ano,
Fr Tony O'Connor sm



TUESDAY 7AM MASS CONTINUES THROUGHOUT JANUARY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office is now closed. If you have any queries please email the addresses below:

Account queries/Bookings/Preference Forms: frontdesk.stannes@gmail.com

Baptisms:

baptism.stannes@gmail.com

Communications/events:

communications.stannes@gmail.com

Becoming Catholic or Welcome Home:

rcia.stannes@gmail.com

For any urgent enquiries, please mark your email URGENT and send to opsmanager.stannes@gmail.com The office opens again at 9am, Tuesday 21st January 2025.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - 5 MORE WEEKS UNTIL IT STARTS

IS YOUR CHILD 8 OR OVER AND HASN'T YET HAD CONFIRMATION + HOLY COMMUNION + FIRST RECONCILIATION?

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM

The Sacramental Programme begins **Sunday 16th February** and ends **Tuesday 20th May**.

Register your child please register via the **St Annes Website**.

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

FEED A WHANAU COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave to the SVDP Feed A Family Appeal.

St Anne's managed to raise just under \$5 000 to help support families in need!



A very generous donor will match what we raised - dollar for dollar so it's a truly excellent result!

SAFEGUARDING / TIKANGA HAUMARU

Safeguarding is making a safe space for all our people

Children always need a caregiver accompanying them to the bathroom.



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

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

November \$35,467.99

December \$36,787.77

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. To register please fill in the form via this [link](#).

For more info please contact the Parish Office 09 266 5826 or email baptism.stannes@gmail.com



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YEAR C READINGS

5 JANUARY 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.
Ephesians 3:2-3a | Matthew 2:1-12



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The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10.
Acts 10:34-38 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22