

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18th DECEMBER 2022

First Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Responsorial psalm

Psalm 24: 1-6

Second reading

Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel

Matthew 1: 18-24

EXPLORING THE WORD

In Palestine, the betrothal period was akin to our period of engagement but was somewhat more binding. The couple are considered married but have not yet come to live together. An indiscretion of the nature described by Matthew requires a formal divorce and thus public knowledge. Joseph seeks to spare Mary this public disgrace, but God intercedes and alerts Joseph to the real identity of this child, which is in her 'by the Holy Spirit'. For Matthew, this is the most important point of his infancy narrative. The child Jesus is the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy that the maiden will conceive 'God-with-us'. God has freely chosen to come among people. The second important point in this text is Joseph's response. The anguish and turmoil he must have felt is overcome by his trust in God's ways, and he obeys. He simply 'did what the angel told him to do'. Through his trust and acceptance of God's will, human history will never be the same because 'God-is-with-us'.

Readings for next week

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 24.12.2022

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

Responsorial psalm

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-13

Second reading

Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-16

PARISH COLLECTIONS

11th DEC 2022

1st Collection: \$2,945.60

2nd Collection: \$1,364.10

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Wayne Cammell, Marianne Mudaliar, Thomas Pereira, Celia Hunkin, Fr Craig, Harold Ballicao Arlene Pereira, Josephine Nickel.

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BAPTISM ENQUIRES 2023

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.

Enquire with Nick at the Parish Office.

EXTRA PARKING FOR SUNDAY MASS

Friendly reminder there is plenty of parking available via the Te Irirangi entrance to the Schools. Only a short walk through the school and less traffic congestion. Thanks in advance.

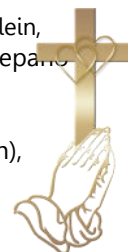
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Mila Bilowwan, Gui Lan Ma, Siuaki Pule'anga, Baby Klein, David Solia, Rogelia Rodulfa, Boboy Guevara, Patrick McBride, Ramon Elepano

Anniversaries of Death: Anthony Joseph Brighthouse (6yrs), Luis Lopez, Mr P. Verghese (16th), Souls in Purgatory: Lau Keung; Ning Chuen Fa; Lau Yee Ming & Lau Kai Yan, Bill Davies (1st), Maria Crestanello (1 month), Alicia Gulapa (1st), Souls in Purgatory: Mary Lee Sin Fong; John Lim; Anne Abbot & Alice Lee, Demetrio Kalaw, Artemio Romulo De Villa, Romeo Munar, Anna & Andres De Villa, Nieves Nacario, Pablitos Santos

For the Sick: Mario Tarranza, Jeffrey Heng, Maria Lien

Special Intentions: Ronan DeSouza & Nairika Sweeney-Dyer (Birthdays), Thanksgiving for Baby Klein



PARISH GROUPS

The Legion of Mary: Our Lady of Victories Presidium

Madel 027 889 5679

Meetings are every Tuesday 7pm

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Live & Share Christ

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PARISHIONER REGISTRATION



Check it out on our Parish Website, by scanning this QR Code.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

NO RIGHT TURN

To help alleviate the congestion after each weekend mass please do not make a right turn as you exit onto Chapel Road. Thanks for your Understanding and cooperation.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 24TH DECEMBER 2022

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	
6:30PM	Mike Parcon	Cyril Siasoco	Andre Bautista (Thurifer)	Irene Siasoco	Aaron Chan	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish! <i>Thank you</i> Please ensure your details have been updated in our new parish database.
			Alistar Bautista	Oliver Tamayo		
		Anne Chan	Erin Gizelle Taruc	Owen Tamayo		
			Matthew Cortez	Rita Nepomuceno		
			Miguel Cortez	Makerita Ropati		
9:30PM	Sharon Naidoo	Nathan Pereira	Daniel Pereira (Thurifer)	Virginia Lesa-Toala	Siosiana Paletua	
			Jas Lopez	Alisa Magele-Rees		
		Nicola Crestanello	Jodek Lopez	Janet Wigmore		
			Tino Wu	Jana Lopez		
			Mercy Magele-Rees	J L Lopez		
Joaquin Fallar						

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Sat 24th Dec	6PM Carols, 6.30PM Mass (NO 5PM VIGIL)
	9PM Carols, 9.30PM Mass
Sun 25th Dec	8.30AM & 10.30AM Mass
Sat 31st Dec	5PM Vigil Mass
Sun 1st Jan	8.30AM & 10.30AM Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday 27th Dec 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday 17th Jan 2023



MASS TIME UPDATE

There will be no 1.30pm Mass on Fridays during the month of January.

**MASSTIME
JANUARY**

Weekday	
Wednesday	9am
Thursday	9am
Friday	9am & 1:30pm
Saturday	9am
Sunday Masses	
Saturday	5pm Vigil
Sunday	8:30am & 10:30am

NO 1:30pm Mass on Friday during January 2023

- Reconciliation Saturday 9:30am
- Adoration 1st Saturday 9:30 - 10:30

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. We raised just over \$20K towards paying off our building loan.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Prize Winner - Aubrey S
- 2nd Prize Winner - Mariano S
- 3rd Prize Winner - Joey L

ASSISTANT PRIEST

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Steve has appointed Fr Daniel Kulangara as Chaplain to the Syro Malankara Community & Assistant Priest here at St Lukes.

We look forward to welcoming him at the end of January 2023.

MORNING TEA

Thank you to the Kiwi & Others Community for hosting our morning tea last Sunday.

We look forward to hosting more morning teas in the new year by our St Lukes Ethnic Communities.

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

Small flat for a single female in need. If you can help, please get in touch with Fr Craig.

SOCIETY of ST VINCENT DE PAUL. SOUTH AUCKLAND



A Situations Vacant is available at the Mangere Bridge Op Shop, as Shop Manager 32 Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge

To view the Position Description and make an application, view on the job ad on Seek.

WE HELP PEOPLE

CARING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Give a more impactful gift this Christmas with a donation to the Caring Foundation. Give a gift of joy to our most vulnerable.

www.caringfoundation.org.nz



The latest issue in your church Sunday Dec. 18 \$4



NZ CATHOLIC

Headlines for this issue:

- *De La Salle brother's Christmas in Bethlehem.
- *Two new monsignors in Hamilton.
- *SVDP gift an experience in Dunedin.
- *Papal and NZ church year in review.

PILGRIMAGE

11th - 27th JAN 2024

Offered by Sehion Tours and Travels

15 Night 17 Days Pilgrimage
A minimum of 33 People is required
Destinations - Egypt, Jordan, Israel

Cost Includes - 9350 NZD. (Travel to & from AKL Airport, Flights, Accommodation, All Meals, Visa Fees and exit taxes)

For more information please contact Sijo Abraham sijo@sehiontours.com

"And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem" - *Isaiah 2:3*