

**32ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME
12.11.2023**

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

EXPLORING THE WORD

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens-friends and family members of the bride-to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? (Source: Loyola Express)

33RD SUNDAY 19.11.2023

First Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS

FLAT BUSH BUILDING

02-0108-0708780-03

FLAT BUSH PARISH

02-0108-0708780-00

Particulars: *First Name* Code: *Last Name*
Ref: *Contact number*

The old bank accounts from the back of the newsletter have been closed.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is
\$1,744,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

COLLECTIONS 5 NOVEMBER 2023

1st Collection:
\$3526.70
2nd Collection:
\$1121.50

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

**New to the area??
Want to join a ministry or community group.**

Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US !!!



DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you getting married?
Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/
For more information email:
marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz
Gerry M:021 0224 7442 / gerrys@cda.org.nz

BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby.
Note: There are no baptisms during Lent.
If you need a Baptism or Sacrament Certificate to be re-printed there will be an admin charge. Your original certificate is free of charge, please keep it in a safe place.
Enquire with the Parish Office

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Peter Kim, Fa'atuai Imeleta Penn, Lesa Tomniko (Samoa), Tarcisio Leonila, Margaret Warham, Bonifacia Leechin Ortega (Philippines), Joan (South Africa), Joseph Peter Pereira, Felipa Rima Carranceja, Sesilia Samu, Phuoc Ngo.
Anniversaries of Death: Rene Canlas Felizardo (4th), Esteban Junior (10th), Glenn Batimana, A. C. Antony, Jose Luis Trevino (3 months), Felicito Guiyab (7th), Minda Sevilla-no, Gloria Daclan, Ramon Elepano (1st), Ester, Fasavalu Parker, Arcio Casing (40 days), Viraj Vijay Misquitta (1 mnth), Monica Kong, Jag, John Lim, Anne Abbot, Alice Lim, Lawrence Lim, Anastasie Razanabohitra (10th), Salud & Modesta Manaloto, Teresita Arellano (6th), Paul Chim, Jag, Lee Sim Leong, Mary Lee SF, Junior, Nehra, Junie, Chloeie, Jose Sr., Jose Jr., Pablito Santos.
Special Intentions: Howard & Betty Everson (67th Wedding Anniversary), Howard Everson (93rd Birthday), Gloria Francisco (Sick), Jacob, Bon, Ronan & Robin's Family, Gerald Tan & Family, Pafusi Lo (Hospice), Mala (sickness), Rosalie Leal (recovery), Margarita Basco (recovery).



**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19 NOVEMBER 2023**

5:00PM	Zoe Martis	Janet Wigmore	Jakob Bolante	Lydia Lobo	Joseph George
		Ninoshca Remedios	Beatrice Basilio	Louis Magallanes	
8:30AM	Sharon Naidoo	Diego Carrillo	Gabbie Dungog	Jacob Mukkada	Semisi Paletua
		Cedric Pigginn	Trisha Faye De Jesus	Ane Kauhalianua	
10:30AM	Alexa Lazatin	Joey Lazatin	Ariana Hall	Fehoko Kauhalianua	Andre Bautista
			Jas Lopez	Sue Kubala	
			Jodek Lopez		
		Angenith Roche	Caying Ramos	Felipe Elecanal	
			Edzel Lazatin	Gennie Rudd	
Elaine Penafior	Doris Shennan				
	Jacen Mejica	Faapine Pupualii			
		George Dio			
		Don Velasco			
		Allison Serdenia			

Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish!

Please contact Thomas for any roster queries:



coordinator
@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023

Raffle tickets are available in the foyer this weekend.
The draw is on Sunday 17 DEC 2023!

GRAB SOME TICKETS!!!

We are looking for more helpers to sell raffle tickets in the foyer at 10:30am Sunday Mass.

Please contact the parish office to get involved!



The Filipino Community
of St. Luke's Parish, Flat Bush Sponsors a
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023
For the benefit of the church building fund of St Luke's Parish

1st Prize: Masport 6 Burner BBQ – value of \$1200
\$600 Pak n Save Gift Cards

2nd Prize: Photography package – value of \$500
Family or Engagement shoot (T&C's applicable)
\$500 Pak n Save Gift Cards

3rd Prize: IGLOO BMX 49L Chilly Bin & Christmas Hamper
– value of \$500

Raffle draw date Ticket Price: \$10
Sunday 17th December 2023

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our six parishioners of St Luke's who have just received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!
As a faith community, we continue to pray for them and their families that they will joyfully live and grow in their faith journey.

TAGIILIMA MOEFANA (ST MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)
LUKE FOMISON (ST LAWRENCE)
MELISSA CHAN (ST THERESE OF LISIEUX)
JOHN JERALD BANO (ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI)
MAXINICOLE BANSON (ST NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO)
RIJANNE JUANTA (ST AGATHA)

THANK YOU

Huge thanks to the Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School and all those involved with celebrating at our 8.30am Mass this Sunday. It was lovely to see our children's flare of creativity to our liturgy.
We pray that our primary students will continue to experience the love of God in our faith community .

ADVERTISING BACK PARISH NEWSLETTER - 1 spot available only

We are about to pre-print our newsletter for the next print cycle. If you would like to support the parish and have your business advertised on the back of the parish newsletter, please confirm a spot ASAP with Ambi at INKPRINT 09 441 6011.
Reference St Luke's Parish, Flat Bush.

PARISH WORKING BEE SAT 9 DEC 10AM

A great opportunity to serve and spruce up the grounds in time for Christmas. Please bring gardening equipment to weed, trim hedges, water blaster to wash exterior windows, cloths/rags for dusting and cleaning inside the church.

And of course the elbow grease.
Sausage sizzle will be provided at the end.
Your support will be greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Religious Christmas cards are available from the Parish Office
\$15 for a pack of 5.



JOIN ST LUKES YOUTH FOR GAME NIGHT

SAT 18 NOV - 6:00PM

260 CHAPEL RD, FLAT BUSH - ST LUKES CHURCH
IN THE CHURCH LOUNGE - RSVP WITH QR CODE



THEME: CHRISTMAS PYJAMA PARTY

POTLUCK STYLE - PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

FOOD STALL

The Food Stall on next week **Sunday 19 November 2023**, hosted by St Luke's Tongan Community.
If any Tongan parishioners would like to be involved, please contact the leaders listed on the foyer noticeboard.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

We will remember the Holy Souls at all Masses.
Please click to the link or scan the QR code below to add names of your loved ones.

bit.ly/holysouls2023

There will also be a box stationed in the front of the altar.



HAROLD PLUMLEY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Choose to remember your loved ones in a tranquil and prayerful memorial garden on the grounds of St. Luke's parish.

Please contact the Parish Office.

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

The Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you, and it is for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level.

Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. We do this through thought provoking keynote sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens.

Registrations are closing! www.lifeteen.nz