

**34TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME
26.11.2023**

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

EXPLORING THE WORD

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

We learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. *(Source: Loyola Express)*

1ST ADVENT SUNDAY 03.12.2023

First Reading Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b

Responsorial Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Matthew 13:33-37

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Ballicao, Arlene Pereira, Arturo C.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr Craig, Lydia Lobo, Tony Noronha, Mike Pope, Nicola Crestanello, Utita Sakalia.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Thomas Pereira, Alzira Rodrigues, Fr Craig, Shaad Karmani, Cora Noblejas, Errol Aviet, Celia Hunkin, Cherrie Lapaz, Joval Moredo, Patricia Smith.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Gloria T, Bong d. V, Fr Craig, Allan S, Judith V, Leanne B, Manu L, Allan Stowers, Leanne Brighthouse.

**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/](http://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

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
\$1,735,503.00
Thank you for supporting
our 2nd Collection.

**COLLECTIONS
19 NOVEMBER 2023**

1st Collection:
\$3,100.90
2nd Collection:
\$906.80

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Laurie Richardson, Clement, Carolina Mondelo Claraball (Philippines), Tevita Leger (Tonga), Ineen Reynolds (Paeroa), Elicia Enriquez, Peter Kim, Fa'atuai Imeleta Penn (Sydney), Lesa Tomini (Samoa), Tarcisio Leonila, Margaret Warham, Bonifacia Leechin Ortega (Philippines), Joan (South Africa), Joseph Peter Pereira.

Anniversaries of Death: Malia Maketalena Pule'anga (1st), P. Verghese (17th), Susana Moon, For all the departed souls of the Legionaries, Ernesto Evangelista, Maximo Rojas & Julieta R. Bendijo, Dr. Alexander Arellano (5th), William Aguzar, Luis Lopez, Katreen Samantha Eustaquio (2nd), Mary Lee Sin Foong (20th), Dennis Enriquez & Felix Vileacastiin, Rene Canlas Felizardo (4th), Esteban Junior (10th), Glenn Batimana, A. C. Antony, Jose Luis Trevino (3 months), Felicito Guiyab (7th), Minda Sevillano, Gloria Daclan.

Special Intentions: Howard Sarah Smith (Recovery), Maxelorenz Banson (Healing), Honney (Thanksgiving), Gloria Francisco (Sick), Jacob, Bon, Ronan & Robin's Family, Gerald Tan & Family, Pafusi Lo (Hospice), Mala (sickness), Rosalie Leal (recovery), Margarita Basco (recovery).



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 3 DECEMBER 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Kyle Guarin	Rebecca Guarin	Glaine M Geralde	Joshua Araos	Zachary Guevara
			Persia Hunkin	Crisha Cruz	
		Marianne Mudaliar	Chase Dylan Lardizabal	Mary Corboy	
			Maryjane Wong Ling		
8:30AM	Nathan Pereira	Cedric Piggion	Daniel Pereira	J L Lopez	Siosiana Paletua
			Colin Kirkwood	Megan Noronha	
		Penina Schmidt	Guiliana Taruc	Michelle Smith	
			Keilah Terrobias		
10:30AM	Jimuel Mejica	Alexa Lazatin	Anthony Enxiang Xu	Lou Garcia	Devon Hayes
			Alistar Bautista	Thea Garcia	
			Kathrina Bacay	Mel Nepomuceno	
		Joey Lazatin	Brea Baring	Ann Del Rosario	
			Arwyn Batungbakal	Cora Noblejas	
				Melanie Regino	
			Rohan Rodrigues		

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

THANK YOU

Huge thanks to St Luke's Tongan community for organising the monthly Food Stall last weekend!
We raised \$5200 towards the church building fund.
Also thanks to you all for supporting this fundraiser event!
Hope you enjoyed the food and drinks!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES 2023

SAT 23 DEC - 5 PM Vigil

SUN 24 DEC - 9:30 AM

SUN 24 DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE
Carols at 6 PM, followed by 6:30 PM Mass
Carols at 9 PM, followed by 9:30 PM Mass

MONDAY 25 DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY - 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

SAT 30 DEC - 5 PM Vigil

SUNDAY 31 DEC - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5 PM

MONDAY 1 JAN - NEW YEAR - 9 AM

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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



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.

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!

PARISH RITE II RECONCILIATION

In preparation for Christmas, you are invited to come to the parish Reconciliation Rite II on Friday 22 December 2023 at 7PM.

Witnesses of Faith Event

Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm.

Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland.

The Pontifical Foundation, *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. As part of the "Witnesses of Faith Tour" across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers (including the Melkite Catholic Patriarch His Beatitude Joseph Absi from Syria) who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution.

The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who today suffer for their faith. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers.

More info and to register

www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses

or email

info@aidtochurch.org

Taize Prayer for Advent

Friday 8 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel,
56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay.

Advent Retreat Day

Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin, Saturday 9 December 10am – 3pm, \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by December 7th

MBSpirituality@sosj.org.au or 0210710277

Marriage & Family

Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage?

Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course.