

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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

Mark 13:33-37

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

The Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

(Source: Loyola Express)

2ND ADVENT SUNDAY 10.12.2023

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Responsorial Psalm 85:9-14

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

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.

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

26 NOVEMBER 2023

1st Collection:

\$3,465.30

2nd Collection:

\$1,170.40

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.

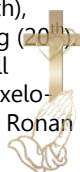
Enquire with the Parish Office

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

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

Anniversaries of Death: Jude Fernandes (8th), Soane Kauhalaniua (2nd), Jose Luis Trevino (4th mnth), Norman Guarin (3rd), Elizabeth Bullo, Anselmo & Concepcion Villadiego, Eileen Abrahams (1st), Chloe, Natividad & Nelson Bulay_og, 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)

Special Intentions: Francis Lim (Birthday), Alpuerto Family (Thanksgiving & for all souls), Eufemia Macoy (Thanksgiving & Good Health), Sarah Smith (Recovery), Maxelorenz Banson (Healing), Honney (Thanksgiving), Gloria Francisco (Sick), Jacob, Bon, Rohan & Robin's Family, Gerald Tan & Family.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 10 DECEMBER 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV
5:00PM	Kyle Guarin	Rebecca Guarin	Glaine M Geralde	Joshua Araos	Zachary Guevara
		Marianne Mudaliar	Persia Hunkin	Crisha Cruz	
			Chase Dylan Lardizabal	Mary Corboy	
			Maryjane Wong Ling		
8:30AM	Nathan Pereira	Cedric Piggan	Daniel Pereira	J L Lopez	Siosiana Paletua
		Penina Schmidt	Colin Kirkwood	Megan Noronha	
			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 - FINAL SALE

Raffle tickets are available in the foyer this weekend and next weekend.

The draw is on **Sunday 17 DEC 2023!**

GRAB SOME LAST TICKETS!!!

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT 23 DEC - 5 PM Vigil
SUN 24 DEC - 9:30 AM

SUN 24 DEC - CHRISMAS 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

FRIDAY 1:30PM MASS TIME UPDATE

The last Friday 1:30PM this year is on **Friday 22 DEC 2023.**

There will be **NO FRIDAY 1:30PM MASS** on
5th, 12th & 19th JAN 2024.

The first Friday 1:30PM Mass is back on **26 JAN 2024.**

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!

DECEMBER FOOD STALL

Come and support our monthly **Food Stall** next weekend **10 DECEMBER 2023** after **8:30AM & 10:30AM Mass**, organised by St Luke's Kiwi and Other Nationals Community.

Please contact the leaders if you would like to give them a hand at this fundraising event.

Michelle camelfamily6@gmail.com
Doreen d.wakefield@wesleyprimary.school.nz

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.**

SUNDAY 5PM MASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please see Fr Craig after Mass or contact the parish office if you would like to become a Minister of the Word or Minister of Holy Communion at **Sunday 5PM Mass.**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God.

Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - **Saturday evenings** to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; **Wednesday mornings** in silent Meditation; **Wednesday evenings** to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that "it is confidence that must lead to love". We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless. Register with

diannaf@cda.org.nz

The latest NZ Catholic

Some headlines:

- *NZ representatives at Vatican synod reflect on experience.
- * Changes to sanctuary at Dunedin cathedral.
- * Young people debate topic of married priests.
- * Transitional deacon ordained in Wellington.

