

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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

### EXPLORING THE WORD

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

*(Source: Loyola Express)*

### 3RD ADVENT SUNDAY 17.12.2023

**First Reading** Isaiah 61:1-2A,10-11

**Responsorial Psalm** Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel** John 1:6-8, 19-28

### 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

**\$1,735,503.00**

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

### COLLECTIONS 03 DECEMBER 2023

*1st Collection:*

\$2,956.50

*2nd Collection:*

\$1,082.60

### 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](mailto:marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz)

Gerry M:021 0224 7442 / [gerrys@cda.org.nz](mailto: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:** Nineva Vaitupu (Samoa), Marc Oliver, Joan, Kalameli Lesa (Samoa), Laurie Richardson, Clement, Carolina Mondelo Claraball (Philippines), Tevita Leger (Tonga), Ineen Reynolds (Paeroa), Elicia Enriquez, Peter Kim, Fa'atua'i Imeleta Penn (Sydney), Lesa Tominiko (Samoa), Tarcisio Leonila, Margaret Warham, Bonifacia Leechin Ortega (Philippines), Joan (South Africa), Joseph Peter Pereira.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Bernardo Pacol (16th), Nelson & Natividad Bulay\_Og, Noel S. Macabasco Junior (40days), Norma Stewart (1st), Alberto Laurena (1st), 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),

**Special Intentions:** Francis Lim (Birthday), Sarah Smith (Recovery),

Maxelorenz Banson (Healing).

**Thanksgiving:** Nena Bulay\_Og & Family, Alpuerto Family, Eufemia Macoy.



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 17 DECEMBER 2023

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	
5:00PM	Ninoshca Remedios	Janet Wigmore	Zach Nguyen	Louis Magallanes	Joseph George	Thank you to all our ministry Volunteers for your service to our Parish!  Please contact Thomas for any roster queries:    <i>coordinator</i> <a href="mailto:@flatbushcatholic.org.nz">@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</a>
			Asher Nguyen	Jacob Mukkada		
		Vernon Velayo	Sydney Santos	Fiat Siasoco		
			Gabbie Dungog			
8:30AM	Genevieve Fernandes	Niel Kulkarni	Ariana Hall	Sue Kubala	Nathan Pereira	
			Jas Lopez	Sage Fernandes		
		Sharon Naidoo	Makayla Morris	Ane Kauhalaniua		
			Henri Morris			
10:30AM	Patricia Nepomuceno	Angenith Roche	Samuel Dsouza	Felipe Elecanal	Andre Bautista	
			Kurt Factor	Gennie Rudd		
			Andrei Johan Isiro	Doris Shennan		
		Jimel Mejica	Edzel Lazatin	George Dio		
			Josh Lazatin	Don Velasco		
				Allison Serdenia		
			Faapine Pupualii			

## 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

## PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please park your vehicles in the school carpark at Sancta Maria College for Christmas Mass times.

## 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**.



## 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.

## DECEMBER FOOD STALL

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

A big thank you to the St Luke's Kiwi and Other Nationals Community for organising the monthly Food Stall this weekend! Also thanks to all of you for supporting this fundraiser event that goes towards the benefit of the church building fund.

## 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**.

## WORKING BEE

Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help clean and those who supported us in other ways and from afar.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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



## BAPTISM DATES

The next baptism date is the **10th February 2024**.  
Please contact the parish office for more information.  
**09 359 4750**

***There are no baptisms during Lent  
from the 14th Feb to 23rd March 2024***

## PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from **Friday 22nd December 2023** and will reopen on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**.

## Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal

Donations doubled! Give an impactful gift this Christmas! Give a gift that changes lives! Every donation to the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. The Caring Foundation partners with over 60 local agencies to provide the right help at the right time for families and people in poverty and hardship. To find out how to donate, pick up our Christmas post-card today, or check out our website:

[www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)