

SUNDAY READINGS

4TH ADVENT SUNDAY 24.12.2023

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY 31.12.2023

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

01.01.2024

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67:1-7

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 07.01.2024

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14.01.2024

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel

John 1:35-42

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21.01.2024

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25: 4-9

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel

Mark 1: 14-20

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Balicao, Arturo Chan Mow, Arlene Pereira.

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

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 Trevino, Bong De Vera, Allan S, Judith V, Manu Latu, Fr Craig.

ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS

Filipino Community: Cora Noblejas, Erna Balbas, Harold Balicao, Nieda Chiu, Joval Moredo, Cherrie La Paz.

Samoa Community: Allan Stowers, Tuala Ben Silva, Leanne Brighthouse, Judith Vitolio, Arturo C.M.

Tongan Community: Soana Kauhalanuia, Sioeli Vaiangaina, Alo Puleanga.

Indian Community: Jose Paul, David Singh.

Kiwi & Other Nationals: Michelle Cammell, Doreen Wakefield, Mike Pope.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is

\$1,630,503.00

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

COLLECTIONS 17 DECEMBER 2023

1st Collection:

\$3,090.80

2nd Collection:

\$1,747.50

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: Kevin Sitten, Angel Labrador (Philippines), Dorothy Mackay (South Africa), Ernestina Virtuadazo (Philippines), Nineva Vaitupu (Dunedin), Marc Oliver, Joan, Kalameli Lesa (Samoa), Laurie Richardson, Clement, Carolina Mondelo Claraball (Philippines), Tevita Leger (Tonga), Ineen Reynolds (Paeroa), Elicia Enriquez, Peter Kim, Fa'atuai Imeleta Penn (Sydney), Lesa Tominiko (Samoa), Tarcisio Leonila, Margaret Warham.

Anniversaries of Death: Canuto Garcia Jnr (2nd), Yvonne Gunther (3rd), Teresa Dias (1st), Elsa Watkinson (1st), Teresita Piramide (17th), Natividad Oporto Monsanto, Darius Hunkin (11yrs), Jose Moralejo (2nd), Myrtle-Ann Victor (3rd), Ah Kau Ng Kun, Ainoama Ah Kau, Mifau Cecilia Ah Jay, Talaileva Ah Ling, Cecilia D'Lima (7th), Gloria C. Diwa (1st), Jude Fernandes (8th), Bernardo Pacol (16th), Nelson & Natividad Bulay_Og.

Special Intentions: Factor Family (Thanksgiving), Jacinta (Thanksgiving), Gracia & Ivy Tiong (sick).

Birthdays: Christina Lim, David Lim, Tony Ng, Fred Hunkin, Fehoko K, Paul & Christopher Lim.



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

***There will be no rosters
published in the newsletter.
If you are attending Mass
during the holiday period and
are available to minister,
please see the
Mass coordinator in the foyer.***



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

on 27th December

&

22ND ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

on 26th January

to Fr Craig!

*Wishing you
wonderful celebration!
Thank you for all you do for
the parish. Praying 2024 will
treat you well!*



Christmas Message from Fr Craig

Over the past year the parish has continued to grow and is showing no signs of slowing down, in November we added a new Sunday Mass at 5pm to accommodate the growing numbers attending Masses at St Luke's, with now over 2,000 people who regularly attend one of the Sunday Masses and call St Luke's home. On the 1st of May, the feast of St Joseph the worker we celebrated our second anniversary in the new church.

As we draw to the end of 2023 and get ready to welcome in the new year, the parish office will have a couple of staff changes. After two and a half years, we farewell Joseph who has assisted in the parish office in many ways and managed our social media. Joseph goes on next year to pursue a career in teaching as he begins an internship at Rosmini College on the North Shore. We are extremely grateful for his many contributions to St Luke's and wish him all the best as he begins this new chapter in his life. We also welcome new to the staff Sr Lyra RSM as Pastoral Coordinator and Lima Moefana as Parish Assistant, who will both be starting in the new year. I am also pleased to announce that Bishop Steve has appointed Fr Larry Rustia to be Assistant Priest here at St Luke's, please join me in welcoming them to the parish team.

As a parish we celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 76 children. At the Easter vigil, we welcomed 19 people into the Church through the RCIA/C (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children) program. There were 70 baptisms and 15 weddings held here over the past year. We have also had some sad occasions with the death of several parishioners, and a number of internments on our memorial garden, which adds to the dignity and sacredness of the church grounds.

My thanks to all who involved on parish council, finance, liturgy, and fundraising committees who assist me in leading our parish and our various cultural groups who continue to be involved in the life of the parish, as they encouraged others to be actively involved in the parish. We have tasted numerous morning teas after Mass and experienced some beautiful liturgical celebrations. Also, to those who volunteer in many and various ways thank you for making St Luke's such a beautiful welcoming community.

My thanks to Celia and Joseph for their tireless assistance throughout the year, and on their behalf and myself, I wish to take the opportunity of thanking you all for your support and love, and wish you and your families a very Happy, Holy and Joyful Christmas Season.

God Bless,

Fr Craig



MASS TIME 2024
JANUARY

Monday 1st JAN 2024 9am

Weekday

Wednesday	9am
Thursday	9am
Friday	9am
Saturday	9am

Sunday Masses

Saturday	5pm Vigil
Sunday	8:30am & 10:30am & 5PM

• Reconciliation Saturday 9:30am

NO 1:30pm Friday Mass on 5th, 12th & 19th JAN 2024
The first 1:30pm Friday Mass is on 26 JAN 2024

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023 WINNERS

1st Prize - Kristine M.

2nd Prize - Lisa M.

3rd Prize - Jason B.

We raised around **\$18,000** towards our building fund. Thank you to all who supported our 2023 fundraising events!!!

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas season!

NEED HELP ?

Times can be difficult especially as Christmas & New Year are approaching. If you need help or know someone who is struggling then please make contact with Fr Craig.

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**.