

**34TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
24.11.2024**

First Reading
Daniel 7:13-14
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 93:1-2, 5
Second Reading
Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel
John 18:33-37

EXPLORING THE WORD

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. We celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In today's reading, Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. In Jesus' responses, he distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Only the chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 01.12.2024

First Reading
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14
Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4.2
Gospel
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig, Celia Hunkin, Harold Ballicao, Arturo Chan Mow, Arlene Pereira, Filipino Motulalo

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Gloria Trevino, Bong De Vera, Allan S, Judith V, Fr Craig, Malu Luteru, Litiana Loabuka

ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS

Filipino Community: Cora Noblejas, Agnes Peralta, Harold Balicao, Niede Chiu, Joval Moredo, Cherrie La Paz.

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

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

Indian & Sri Lankan Community: Jose Paul, Natasha Martis, Gayan Gunawardena, Douglas de Sourza.

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

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is
\$1,270,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

**CASH COLLECTIONS
17 NOVEMBER 2024**

1st Collection:
\$3,777.80
2nd Collection:
\$1,501.30

**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

Baptisms in Dec 2024 & Jan 2025 required course attendance in December 2024.

Enquire with the Parish Office for registration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Hayley May Smuts, Jimmy Munoa (Philippines), Mike Flores (Philippines), Mary Jacob (India), Ruperta Pascua Rasalam

Anniversaries of Death: Meagan (3rd), Luis Lopez, Mary Lee Sin Foong, Klein Factor Maximo Rojas (15th), Julieta Rojas(8th), Katreen Samantha Eustaquio (3rd), Patrick McBride, Rene Felizardo (5th), Erlinda & Juanito Mencias, Maria Terrado, A C Antony (11th), Julius, Julve, Felix, Hidalgo Family (Terencio, Cleotilde, Francisco), Ading Bellosillo, Lagria Family (Eutiquiano, Cresencia, Quirino), Rufino Laganson, Joel Cabatino, Santander Family(Mely, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Rosa Filipino, Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Ponifasio Smith (Recovery), Emily Goh (Healing), Lemo Tovio (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick)

Birthdays: Sonia Kumari, Eduardo Laxamana



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 01 DECEMBER 2024

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Ninoshca Remedios	Ton Quiballo	Trisha Faye De Jesus	Beatrice Basilio	Zachary Guevara	Sunil Serrao
			Alejandro Hernandez	Joshua Araos		Omar Tamayo
		Zoe Martis	Eden Feagaiga Sydney Santos	Mikyla Magayanes		Joseph Cruz
8.30AM	Siosiana Paletua	Penina Schmidt	Phillip Ah Kau	Mabel Dsouza	Semisi Paletua	Manny Magallanes
			Annmarie Ah Kau	Sue Kubala		Steven Henkin
			Calvin Chong	Lentine Fidow		Luka Toki
		Diego Carrillo	Ariana Hall	Joaquin Fallar		Lyll Tavener
10.30AM	Timothy Reyes	Jimuel Mejica	Arwyn Batungbakal	Fa'apine Pupuali'i	Devon Hayes and Alistair Bautista	Mike Pope
			Sean Serdenia	Donna Afano		Raden Chavez
		Kara Schmidt	Allyson Cahill	Virginia Lesa-Toala		Dan Lapaz
			Brea Baring	Tess Elepano		Jarius Factor
		Leila Sila	Rian De Los Reyes	Clara Gray		Queenie Paras
5PM	Liam Aumareva	Johannes Klaessens	Chloe Park	Daphne Melville	Averill Realon	Kenneth Pascua
			Simi Tekiteki	Carolyn Massey		Noel Realon
		Melvin Mathew	Arkhan Mercadero	Joanne Hareb		Christopher D. Bubba Reuyan

Thank you to all our ministry volunteers for your service to our Parish!
Please contact coordinator@flatbushcatholic.org.nz for any roster queries.

KIWI & OTHER NATIONALS FOOD STALL

A big thanks to everyone especially our St Luke's Kiwi & Other Nationals Community for organising the monthly Food Stall last weekend! Special thanks to Bakers Delight Botany & AA Battery Service for your contributions. The money raised was \$3,510.00

INDIAN AND SRI LANKAN FOODSTALL

Our upcoming food stall will be hosted by our vibrant Indian and Sri Lankan Community! Come and enjoy a variety of delicious, flavourful dishes that showcase the rich culinary traditions of India and Sri Lanka.

Next Sunday, December 1st after the 8.30am and 10.30am Mass.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our Advent Reconciliation Liturgy will take place on:

Thursday, December 12th at 7pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ during this holy season.

Please join us for this special time of reflection and grace.

We look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

We warmly invite you to join us, to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth and the start of a new year.

Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec 24):

6pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass

9pm Carols, 9.30pm Mass

Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec 25):

8.30am and 10.30am Mass

New Years Day (Wednesday, Jan 01, 2025):

9.00am Mass

HOLY COMMUNION

As we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, we want to remind you of a few important guidelines:

Say Amen - When you receive Holy Communion, please respond with a heartfelt "Amen" after the priest or Minister presents the Body of Christ.

Receiving in Front of the Minister - It is important that you receive Holy Communion directly in front of the minister, not taking it back to your seat. This ensures that the sacred moment is properly observed and helps maintain the reverence of the liturgy.

Accompanying Children - We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult during this time to ensure their proper guidance and understanding of the sacrament.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

FEED A FAMILY APPEAL

As we approach the Christmas season, the need for support in the wider community continues to grow. The Vinnies Feed a Family appeal, seek to assist families across South Auckland with daily necessities with additional Christmas food, gifts and amenities. If you would like to donate and help a family in need, there are payment options:

Society of St Vincent de Paul AK
ASB Bank 12-3017-0500224-00

Ref: Feed A Family. Ref: Fullname

Or visit Givealittle <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/vinniesaukland> or scan the QR Code. Phone 09 815 6122 or email feedafamily@stvinnies.co.nz for receipts.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2024

Raffle tickets are available in the foyer this weekend.

We have some wonderful prizes up for grabs, so don't miss your chance to win!

We appreciate your generosity and hope to see you all there for the big drawing, on Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at the 10.30am Mass! Let's make this Christmas extra special for our parish community!

The Kiwi & Other Nationals Community
of St. Luke's Parish, Flat Bush Sponsors a
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2024
For the benefit of the church building fund of St Luke's Parish

1st Prize: 4 night Bach stay - Whitianga Holiday Home (valued over \$1,500)
\$500 Grocery Vouchers *T&C's apply*

2nd Prize: Staedtler Stationery Hamper - valued over \$700
donated by Staedtler (NZ) Ltd
\$300 Grocery Vouchers

No. 3rd Prize: Air Fryer - valued \$400
Ham - valued \$100
Christmas Cake

Raffle draw date
Sunday 8th December 2024

Ticket Price: \$10

WORKING BEE

We are preparing the church for the Christmas season and we need your help! Join us for a Working Bee on Saturday, 30th November from 10am to 12pm to clean and spruce up both the inside and outside of the church.

Please bring any of the following items if you can:

Hedge trimmers, Water blasters, Cleaning Products and cloths, Black Bags.



Afterwards, we'll be firing up the BBQ for a sausage sizzle to thank you for your hard work. Come along and lend a hand and we look forward to seeing you there.

SUGGESTED YOUTUBE CHANNELS FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

We invite you to deepen your faith and enhance your Catholic formation by visiting these Youtube channels.

They offer valuable materials to help you grow in understanding and practice of our faith:

- (1) Fr Mike Schmitz Podcast,
- (2) Sundays with Ascension
- (3) Ascension Presents,
- (4) Bishop Robert Barron

YOUTH FUN DAY

Get ready for an exciting afternoon of fun, sports, and community spirit! The Youth Group presents the 2024 Grand Sports Fest - Youth Fun Day!

On Saturday, 30th November

1:00pm to 5:00pm here at St Luke's Church

Come join them for an action-packed day filled with friendly competitions in netball, touch rugby, volleyball and basketball! Plus there will be a craft station and food to keep you energized. Don't miss out on the fun!

We encourage all youth to participate, build friendships and experience the joy of being together.

Email Carmel at slyflatbush@gmail.com for queries.

FRIDAY 1.30PM MASS

Please note there is no 1.30pm Mass on November 29th.