

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08.12.2024

First Reading
Baruch 5:1-9
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 126:1-6
Second Reading
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Gospel
Luke 3:1-6

EXPLORING THE WORD

Our Gospel reading invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15.12.2024

First Reading
Zephaniah 3:14-18
Responsorial Psalm
Isaiah 12:2-6
Second Reading
Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel
Luke 3:10-18

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

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

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

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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 Kauhalaniua, 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
\$1,265,503.00
Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

CASH COLLECTIONS

01 DECEMBER 2024

1st Collection:
\$3,737.40
2nd Collection:
\$1,121.90

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: Francis Xavier Chen, Lizzi Pilmer,

Ramon Crisostomo Calimbahim, Atjeng Sunandar, Erwin Abrea, Hayley May Smuts

Anniversaries of Death: Alberto Laurena (2nd), Soane Kauhalaniua,

Jose Trevino (16 months), Joan Keals, Vaisioa (9th), Cecilia D'Lima (8th),

Sr Edward (17th), Fortunata, Michael Anthony, Reynaldo Sr, Eileen Abrahams (2nd),

Meagan (3rd), Luis Lopez, Mary Lee Sin Foong, Klein Factor, Pablito Santos

Special Intentions: Sarah (HOD R.E at SMCC), Mr & Mrs Reggie Montes & Family,

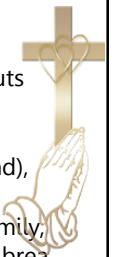
Joseph & Joana Martinez (Wedding Ann.) Mathew, Jacob & Family, Karen Mae Abrea, ,

Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Ponifasio Smith (Recovery), Emily Goh (Healing), Lemo

Tovio (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Kamala Singh, Emily Hayes (14th), Elisiva Mafuahingano (21st),

Joseph Martinez



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 15 DECEMBER 2024

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Shane Fernandes	Zoe Martis	Zach Nguyen	Mary Corboy	Zachary Guevara	Clyde Fernandes
			Asher Nguyen	Joseph George		Owen/Oliver
8:30AM	Sharon Naidoo	Niel Kulkarni	Joshua Nguyen	Lydia Lobo	Siosiana Paletua	Joseph Cruz
			Yuna Jimenez Kim	Louis Magallanes		Dennis Guarin
10:30AM	Patricia Nepomuceno	Alexa Lazatin	Ariana Hall	Lentine Fidow	George Hayes Josie de la Cruz	Manny Magallanes
			Calvin Chong	Allan Ah Kau		Steven Henkin
5PM	Lia Tekiteki	Leilani Sakalia	Renayee Nui	Theresa Gantias	Kimi Realon	Ponifasio McKinney
			Amasa Paletua	Joaquin Fallar		Lyall Tavener
5PM	Lia Tekiteki	Mike Parcon	Andrei Isidro	Junior Wong Ling	George Hayes Josie de la Cruz	Mike Pope
			Adriel Isidro	Mary Wong Ling		Raden Chavez
5PM	Lia Tekiteki	Sonasi Moefana	Elaine Penaflor	Felipe Elecanal	Kimi Realon	Dan Lapaz
			Edzel Lazatin	Gennie Rudd		Jarius Factor
5PM	Lia Tekiteki	Sonasi Moefana	Josh Lazatin	Emilie Abuyan	Kimi Realon	Queenie Paras
			Chloe Park	Cathy Latu		Kenneth Pascua
5PM	Lia Tekiteki	Sonasi Moefana	Arkhan Mercadero	Eva Frederickson	Kimi Realon	Noel Realon
			Ariabelle Odevilas	Miguel Rodrigues		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.

INDIAN & SRI LANKAN FOOD STALL

A big thanks to everyone especially our St Luke's Indian & Sri Lankan Community for organising the monthly Food Stall last weekend! A great effort!
The money raised was \$5,427.50

ANNUAL MASS COUNT UPDATE

The Auckland Diocese requires all parishes to conduct a Mass Count every November, and we are pleased to share the progress and growth observed over the years. This important initiative not only helps us track the growth of our parishes but also provides insights into how we can better equip ourselves to serve the faithful in our communities. We currently have an average of 2,822 attending our Masses at St Luke's across all four Masses. We want to express our warmest thanks and appreciation to all our dedicated Mass Counters for your assistance.

YEAR	WEEKLY AVERAGE AT ST LUKE'S
2017	1,128
2018	1,212
2019	1,493
2020	1,216 (Covid started)
2021	Closed for Covid
2022	1,651
2023	2,080
2024	2,822

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

After our recent Mass Count, it has become clear that our parish has experienced significant growth.

To accommodate this growth and ensure that all of our parishioners have the opportunity to attend Mass on Christmas Eve, we are pleased to announce that we will be introducing a third Christmas Eve Mass which will help ensure a more comfortable and joyful celebration for everyone.

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
11.30pm Mass

Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec 25)

8.30am and 10.30am Mass

New Years Day (Wednesday, Jan 01, 2025)

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/vinniesauckland> or scan the QR Code. Phone 09 815 6122 or email feedafamily@stvinnies.co.nz for receipts.

All donations collected from the appeal will be doubled in amount by a private generous donor.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our Advent Reconciliation Liturgy will take place on:
Thursday, December 12th at 7pm.

The combined Advent Reconciliation for Our Lady Star of the Sea in Howick and St Marks Pakuranga will be held at
St Mark's Church on Wednesday, December 11th 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.

MINI WORKING BEE

We'd love your help at our mini working bee to tackle some weeding and we also need 4x water blasters for the final outdoor cleaning.

Date: December 14th, 10am-12pm

Your help will be a big blessing as we wrap up this final push!

NEW MENS GROUP

Calling all men in our parish to join the newly formed Men's Group where you will come together for fellowship, spiritual growth and mutual support. This is a space for men to connect, strengthen their faith and encourage each other on their journeys.

Formation Date: Thursday, December 13th 2024 at 7pm
Parish Office Meeting Room

Contact Wayne Cammell on 027 566 8888 for details.

CALLING ALL EMPLOYERS!

As the school year has now come to an end, our youth are eager to make the most of their time during the holiday break. Many of them are looking for part-time or temporary work to earn some money for their studies and future goals.

If you or someone you know is in need of help around your home, business, or organisation, we kindly ask you to consider offering job opportunities to our young people. This is a wonderful way to support their growth, build their work experience, and provide them with valuable skills.

Contact the parish office with job offers and details.

FRIDAY 1.30PM MASS

Just a friendly reminder that there will be no Friday 1.30pm Mass during the school holidays. This Mass will recommence from Friday, February 14th 2025 at 1.30pm.

NZ BLOOD DRIVE

EVERY DAY PEOPLE SAVE LIVES, EVERY DAY

There will be a Flat Bush Blood Drive here at:

St Luke's Parish

Thursday, 12th December from 12pm-5pm

Please bring Photo ID.



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