

**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

EXPLORING THE WORD

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22.12.2024

First Reading
Micah 5:2-5
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 80:1-2, 14-15, 17-18
Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel
Luke 1:39-45

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

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

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

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Thomas Pereira, Fr Craig Alzira Rodrigues, Shaad Kirmani, Celia Hunkin, Cherrie Lapaz, Joval Moredo, Patricia Smith, Paulette Devane, Marianne Mudaliar, Janet Wigmore, Lima Moefana, Joey Lazatin

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

**CASH COLLECTIONS
08 DECEMBER 2024**

1st Collection:
\$3,547.30
2nd Collection:
\$1,513.80

**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 **Jan 2025 & Feb 2025**

Attendance at a Preparation Course is necessary for your first baby. Enquire with the Parish Office for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Francis Xavier Chen, Lizzi Pilmer

Anniversaries of Death: Myrtle-Ann Victor (4th), Alberto Laurena (2nd), Soane Kauhalianua, 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: Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Santos/Banson Family (Thanksgiving), Sarah (HOD R.E at SMCC), Mr & Mrs Reggie Montes & Family, Joseph & Joana Martinez (Wedding Ann.), Fatongia Frances Motulalo (Sick), Ponifasio Smith (Recovery), Emily Goh (Healing), Lemo Tovia (Sick), Gustav Santos (Healing), Kapisi Ngan Woo (Sick), Ana Maria McKinney (Sick)

Birthdays: Paul Joseph Ngan Woo (25th)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 22 DECEMBER 2024

TIME	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	AV	COLLECTORS
5:00PM	Ton Quiballo	Julia Dutt	Gianna Prasad-Khan	Oliver Tamayo	Aaron Chan	Butch Bolante
			Bill Tran	Joshua Araos		Boy Banson
		Dominica Carlos	Roger Wong Ling	Bond Tran		Anish Martis
			Boston McFall			Clyde Fernandes
8.30AM	Salome Naeata	Nicola Crestanello	Marialutu Paletua	Janet Kulkarni	Lynn Hunkin	Aldrin Dare
			Keilah Terrobias	Claire Raubenheimer		Chris Motulalo
			Guiliana Taruc	Erin Taruc		Vaea Motulalo
		Madel de Vera	Persia Hunkin	Deon Saunders		Luka Toki
				Marilyn Singh		
10.30AM	Kara Schmidt	Blace Sayas	Devon Mah-kwan	Gennie Rudd	Devon Hayes	Cheene Paras
			Jacen Mejica	Donna Afano		Baldwin Sayas
			Yoshua Quedi	Allison Serdenia		Emmanuel Krakue
		Alexa Lazatin	Mercy Magele-Rees	Lily Tanyag		Ralph Chavez
				Doris Shennan		
			Kurt Factor	Narciso Tanyag		Aaron Rodrigues
5PM	Sonasi Moefana	Callum McLeod	Chloe Park	Chant'e Parker	Averill Realon	Jojo Espinosa
			Simi Tekiteki	Theresa Feagaiga		Earl Odevilas
		Maxie Realon	Matthew Espinosa	Bernadette-Rose Tominiko		Roger Balanay
						TBA

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

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, 9am on Jan 01, 2025)

ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Raffle this year.

Your generosity and enthusiasm, helped successfully raise \$16,643.75 for the Building Fund.

A special thank you to our sponsors, including The Kiwi & Other Nationals Community and Staedtler (NZ) Ltd.

We also want to express our deep gratitude to all the St Luke's Cultural Communities,

Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School, all the volunteers and those working hard behind the scenes.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to all our prize winners!

1st Prize: Rachele

2nd Prize: Tiyana

3rd Prize: Jonathan

SUGGESTED YOUTUBE CHANNELS FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

We invite you to deepen your faith and enhance your Catholic formation by visiting these Youtube channels and websites. They offer valuable materials to help you grow in understanding and practice of our faith.

Bishop Robert Barron:

<https://www.youtube.com/@BishopBarron>

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

Fr Mike Schmitz Channels:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AscensionPresents>

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/>

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.

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



FR CRAIG DUNFORD

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that after eight wonderful years of faithful service as Parish Priest here at St Luke's, Bishop Steve has asked Fr Craig to move to St Patrick's Cathedral as Dean and Parish Priest of Waiheke Island.

Fr Craig has been a steadfast presence in our community, and his dedication, guidance, and care have touched the lives of many. While we are sad to see him go, we are grateful for the years he has spent with us, building a church and a strong and vibrant parish family.

To express our gratitude for Fr Craig's service and leadership, we will hold a

Celebration of Thanksgiving

on the weekend of 25th & 26th of January 2025.

Please join us as we come together to honour his time here and offer our prayers and best wishes for his new ministry.

Let us continue to support Fr Craig in this next chapter of his journey, and may God bless him abundantly as he serves at St Patrick's Cathedral and Waiheke Island.

TRIBUTE TO FR CRAIG

As we cherish the memories of our time with Fr. Craig, we would love to gather photos and videos of you or your families with him. As a tribute to him, if you have any pictures or videos that you'd like to share, please email the following email:

assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Friday 20th December 2024 and will reopen on Tuesday 14th January 2024.

SAMOAN COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to our St Luke's Samoan Community for their internal fundraiser (Po Siva-Dance Night), which brought an amazing contribution of \$5,000.

This generous amount marks the final piece in our fundraising goal for 2024!

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

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.

Thank you for your support!

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.