

## SUNDAY READINGS

### 4TH ADVENT SUNDAY

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

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

#### MARY AND JOSEPH

#### SUNDAY 29.12.2024

#### First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128 :1-5

#### Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

#### Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

#### WEDNESDAY 01.01.2025

#### 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 05.01.2025

#### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

#### Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### SUNDAY 12.01.2025

#### First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29:1-4, 9-11

#### Second Reading

Acts: 10:34-38

#### Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19.01.2025

#### First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1-4 7-10

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

#### Gospel

John 2:1-12

### PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

Wayne Cammell, Thomas Pereira, Celia Hunkin, Harold Ballicao, Arturo Chan Mow, Arlene Pereira, Filipo Motulalo.

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

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

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** Gloria Trevino, Bong De Vera, Judith Vitolio, Malu Luteru, Litiana Loabuka

### ST LUKE'S CULTURAL LEADERS

**Filipino Community:** Agnes Peralta, Harold Balicao, Niedeia Chiu, Joval Moredo, Cherrie La Paz.

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

**Tongan Community:** Soana Kauhalaniau, Sioeli Vaingaina, Alo Puleanga.

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

**Kiwi & Other Nationals:** Yolette Bransby, Doreen Wakefield, Mike Pope.

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

loan balance is

**\$1,165,503.00**

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.

### CASH COLLECTIONS 15 DECEMBER 2024

1st Collection:

**\$3,806.70**

2nd Collection:

**\$1,140.50**

### 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/](http://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:** Gidget (Wellington)

**Anniversaries of Death:** P Sylvester, Natividad Valdez, Joe Moralejo, Gualberto Ilao (1st), Anthony Joseph Brighthouse (8th), Myrtle-Ann Victor (4th), Gloria Diwa (2nd), Alberto Laurena (2nd), Soane Kauhalaniau, Jose Trevino(16 mnths), Joan Keals, Vaisioa (9th), Cecilia D'Lima (8th), Sr Edward (17th), Fortunata, Michael Anthony, Reynaldo Sr, Eileen Abrahams (2nd), Pablito Santos

**Special Intentions:** : Jerry Lee, Edgardo & Maria Lorna Martinez (Wedding Ann.), Marilou & Dewey Yu (50th Wedding Ann.), Remedios Lustre Santiago (Sick), Santos/Banson Family (Thanksgiving), Mr & Mrs Reggie Montes & Family, 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:** Maria Denis, Edgardo Martinez, Darius Hunkin



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

**There will be no rosters published in the newsletter. Please refer to your January Rosters. If you are attending Mass during the holiday period and are available to serve, please see the Mass Coordinator in the foyer.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
on 27th December  
&  
**23RD ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD**  
on 26th January  
to Fr Craig!

Wishing you wonderful celebration!  
Thank you for all you do for the parish. Praying 2025 will treat you well!



## *Christmas Message from Fr Craig*

*Over the past years, our parish numbers grew tremendously with each year bringing higher numbers than the last. The average number of individuals attending Mass have risen from 1,128 in 2017 to 2,822 in 2024. This is a reminder of God's abundant blessing and a testament to the growing faith, strength and vitality of this growing multi-cultural parish community.*

*Filled with deep gratitude and a sense of accomplishment, I am honoured to have had the opportunity to help build this beautiful church. Together we laid a solid foundation. I will always remember how, as part of the church's construction, we placed preloved rosaries and blessed items in the foundation – a tangible sign of our shared faith, prayers and devotion. That foundation is a reflection of the work we've done together, and I trust it will continue to support and sustain the life of this parish for many years to come. In this church I've celebrated numerous Sacraments and Masses and been present with you in countless moments of joy and sorrow.*

*I acknowledge and thank all our parishioners and the many parish groups whose hard work, dedication and contribution have been essential to the growth of this parish, making this parish the vibrant, loving second home it is for many. I am incredibly grateful to staff, past and present, for their constant dedication and hard work throughout the years even when challenges arose.*

*As I leave, I do so with a heavy heart and a sense of pride, knowing that St Luke's is in good hands and continues to flourish thanks to your collective efforts. It has been a true privilege to serve as your Parish Priest, to walk alongside all of you in faith, service, and love and I leave humbled with great memories of all that we've shared and all we've accomplished together. I encourage you to continue building on the foundation we have laid, remaining rooted in the love of Christ and committed to growing as a community of faith, hope and love.*

*As we approach the end of 2024, celebrating my final Christmas, New Years and January Masses with you, it is with sincere and deep gratitude and emotion that I prepare to say farewell. I know that I will be missed by many, just as I will miss all of you. St Luke's Parish will always remain close to me. We have together built a beautiful church, but more importantly a beautiful community. While I will no longer be your Parish Priest, I will always be your family Priest. May God continue to bless each of you as we move into the future.*

*On behalf of Celia, Lima, Sr Lyra and myself, I thank you wholeheartedly for your love and support and wish you all and your families a very Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas Season.*

*With deepest gratitude,*

*Fr Craig*

### **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)**

### **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

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

### **CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING**

**On the weekend of 25th & 26th January 2025.**

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



### **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 them to: [assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz](mailto:assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz)

### **PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Please avoid double parking especially in front of the entrance doors and make use of the carpark at Sancta Maria Catholic Primary to alleviate traffic congestion.

### **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.