

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 23 & 24 DECEMBER 2023

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month

	<u>5.30 Saturday</u>	<u>8.00am Sunday</u>	<u>10.00am Sunday</u>	<u>5.30pm Sunday</u>
<b>LEADER</b>	CARMENCITA BUGASH	EVALISA LOLOHEA	FALENUU MOASILI	NO MASS
<b>READERS</b>	PATRICIA & JIM GRIBBLE SALOTE MANU	TIA RAMSAY & IVONA UTULEI	LEILOA KEPAOA & CLAUDIA VAOTUUUA	NO MASS
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>R YEE</b> R SEKO M ANCLA	<b>S LEVI</b> O FAATUUALA SR MINA	<b>L MANUTOIFO</b> J PADORA I TEKI U POPOALI T WAIRASI	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SACRED VESSELS</b>		S LEVI		
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	SR GEMMA	PARISH CHOIR	SAMOAN CHOIR	NO MASS
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	TBC	TBC	TBC	NO MASS
<b>FIRST AID</b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	NO MASS
<b>WARDENS</b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	NO MASS
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	17 DECEMBER 2023 DON & DIANE SILUUGA		26 DECEMBER AFTER 9AM MASS LISA AMOA & FAMILY + PARISH OFFICE	
<b>FLORISTS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT		CHRISTMAS MAFUTAGA TINA EKALESIA SAMOA	
<b>GROUNDS</b>			<b>DECEMBER – SAMOAN COMMUNITY</b>	

You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the **FOODBANK**. Food is provided for families in our parish who are struggling, and to the wider community as part of our parish commitment to outreach and evangelisation. Particularly helpful are: Spaghetti, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Milo, Flour, Salt, Can of soup, Rice & Pasta, Cans of Tuna, Noodles, Jam/Peanut Butter etc. If you need some food assistance please txt or email your address to Ruth Peterson [ruth.peterson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruth.peterson@xtra.co.nz) or mobile: 0274046818 or contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.

Collection last week. PLEDGES: \$2486.90 LOOSE CASH: \$2479.10 TOTAL : \$4966.00  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY.

If you would like to contribute to the parish on internet banking this is the parish bank account. Holy Cross Papatoetoe – Parish Account 02 – 0108- 0708852 – 00  
**Please note our bank account number changed earlier this year**  
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.

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## 17 December 2023 - Year B – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran**

**ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father James Walsh**

### READINGS THIS SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

**Psalm :** Luke 1:47-54

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28



**Please pray for those who are unwell, recovering from surgery, or in need of our prayers:**

Susana Savelio, Pat Asplin, Joshua Silbery-Martin, Lafaele Silafai, Mele Laban, Lisita Kaufusi  
Fr Pauli Ta'ai,

**Recent deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Sunday Mass intentions:**

**5.30pm: Saturday**

**8.00am: Sunday:**

**10.00am: Sunday:**

**5.30pm: Sunday:**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE :** Saturday Vigil 5.30pm Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am, 5.30pm

**Weekday Mass Timetable:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat: 9.00am Wednesday :12noon

**RECONCILIATION:** (Confession) Wednesday 11.15am – 11.45am Friday 9.45am – 10.15am

Saturday 9.30am – 10.00am (or by appointment with the priests).

**The BAPTISM PREPARATION Course is held on the last Thursday of the month Jan – Nov at 7.00pm in the Church,** and is for Catholic Parent/s wishing to have their children under 7 years of age, baptised into the Catholic Faith. Enrolment forms are available in the Parish Office. **The next baptism preparation course will be on Thursday 25 January at 7pm in the Church.** Baptisms are usually held at 11.00am on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (Feb – Dec)

## PASTOR'S PEN.

Dear Parishioners,

We have come to the third Sunday of Advent. The theme of this Sunday is "rejoice" which is called "Gaudete" Sunday - rejoice in the presence of the Lord. This is a closer time of preparation of our hearts for the arrival of Christ on Christmas Day. Advent can normally feel challenging with the busyness of life and Christmas parties and kids finishing up school, then busy planning and preparing for holidays. It can make the task of preparation for Christ even more challenging.

There are some things we do for people and some things we do with people. A good human being has virtues that are for other people and for God. There are other virtues, though, which are called the theological virtues, which cannot just be exercised for God but must be exercised in the presence of God. These virtues are faith, hope and charity. They do not exist apart from God.

When we have faith, or hope, or love for God and God's creation, then we must be in some way with God, even now while we live on earth. These virtues are gifts of grace, miracles of grace in fact. In these virtues, we are close to God. They are the fulfilment of the meaning of one of the titles given to Jesus Christ: Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us". It is the incarnation that makes these virtues possible. During Advent, we renew our sense of that presence of God in human life, by going back to the time before the Son of God took our humanity to himself.

Now that he has come, we can see our prayer, and our works of faith and love, as a way of living out the redemption that began in Christ, with those special theological virtues that keep us always in the presence of God.

Advent Blessings

Father Anthony Tran

## ► CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve:** (no 5.30pm Sunday Mass) 6.00pm and 11.00pm  
(Carols 10.00pm – 11.00pm)

**Christmas Day:** 8.00am & 10.00am

**New Year's Eve:** (No 5.30pm Sunday Mass) 9.00pm **New Year's Day:** 9.00am

## ROSTERS

	<b><u>Christmas Eve 6pm</u></b>	<b><u>Christmas Eve 11.00pm</u></b>	<b><u>Christmas Day 8am</u></b>	<b><u>Christmas Day 10.00am</u></b>
<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	IVONA UTULEI	SONIA JACKSON	PAEAI FAALOUA	MELEFEPAKI SIKEI
<b><u>READERS</u></b>	PEIVI COLLINS SEPASETIANO MAFI	EDMUND ALDISS & HOLI LOLOHEA	SR NAU ROSETTA JOHANSSON	EMMARIAH SAUMALU & TIA RAMSAY
<b><u>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u></b>	<b><u>J FILIPO</u></b> J PAUL J UASIKE L NUU A SIONE R SEKO P ALI	<b><u>E MOA SILI-MATI</u></b> N MOA SILI SR MALIA U POPOALII S HIFO A WULF S TUALA	<b><u>L ATONIO</u></b> M JONES P PIKEI	<b><u>R DAUREWA</u></b> V WAIRASI V LATU T WULF T RAMSAY
<b><u>SACRED VESSELS</u></b>		K TAUGA		
<b><u>MUSICIANS</u></b>	COMBINED BAND	COMBINED BAND	SR GEMMA	SR GEMMA
<b><u>FIRST AID</u></b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
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Next weekend will be the last newsletter until the end of January 2024,

Rosters for January are on the noticeboard in the Church Porch