

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
28 & 29 September 2024 – 4th Saturday and 5th Sunday of the Month**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	RUTH PETERSON	JOSEPH FILIPO	FALENUU MOA SILI	KITA TAUGA
READERS	FINAU & UIKETAPU VANIKOLO	JORDAN & ISABELLE FILIPO	SR JOAN PERRIS & ELENOA MOA SILI-MATI	LIMA PAILATE FAE TAKAI
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	G MEREDITH R SEKO S SAKISI	O FAATUUALA F PATAU M VIIGA- PAONGO	M – G CORRIN P SEKEI J TUPI HUFANGA A WULF U POPOALII	A BIDESI S STOWERS K STOWERS
MUSICIANS	SR GEMMA OR SR FRANCINE	SR GEMMA OR SR FRANCINE	TBC	SR GEMMA
FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
WARDENS	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	22 SEPTEMBER 2024 JULIE PAUL & PAT DE ZOETE	29 SEPTEMBER 2024 P PETELO & F PATAU		
FLORISTS	21 SEPTEMBER 2024 TONGAN COMMUNITY	28 SEPTEMBER 2024 HOSPITALITY GROUP		

LAWNS JIMS MOWING
GROUNDS: SEPTEMBER Tongan Community

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2610.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2067.50 TOTAL \$4667.50
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: \$595.00 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 INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.

**You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the
FOODBANK.**

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 or mobile: 0274046818 or
contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

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22 September 2024 - Year B - 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name,
And vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;

Give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life:

They do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper;

The Lord is the upholder of my life.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name for it is good.

2ND Reading: James 2:14 – 18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



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

Fa'atauva'a Palea, Tia Titi, Falefia Tia, Isaako Tia Tila, Palatoni Fa'ukafa , Athena Marie Parakoti,
Jason Simmons, Julie Antonio, Janice Williams, Lilieta Soafa, Sailoka Emelio, Christine and Paul
Atkinson, Lafaele Silafai,

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 (before midday Mass) 11.15am – 11.45am Friday
and Saturday after 9.00am morning Mass - (or by appointment with the priests)

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is telling his disciples about the kind of leadership he wants to see in his church. Jesus knows his disciples are caught up in this desire for power, so he challenges them. Leadership in his church must be based on service, so the one who wants to be first must be last. And to drive home the message, he puts a little child in front of them. Jesus tells them they must learn to welcome not just the powerful but also the insignificant.

Our attitudes have not changed all that much. We still look at leadership as the disciples did. And in the second reading St James' diagnosis of the cause of violence in our world is still correct when he asks us, "Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill."

Jesus wants strong leadership for his church. But he wants a leadership that does not dominate and insist on rank. It is a leadership that will have to suffer as it serves the weaker members of the community. In our parishes and homes, welcoming the "little children" will mean giving time for those who are sick, disabled, poor, mentally ill and vulnerable in all sorts of ways. In our competitive and often ruthless society, Christ is more likely to be found at the bottom of the social pile than at the top.

St Patrick's and St Joseph's Cathedral appeal - On this Sunday, as Bishop Steve Lowe is calling, we acknowledge the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, the Mother Church of our Diocese, in its annual appeal. As with any Cathedral, St Patrick's and St. Joseph's is a vital part of the living fabric that connects all the parishes in our diocese. On a broader scale, it plays an integral role in the universal Church. Our Cathedral is, in many ways, the heart of our diocese.

The COVID pandemic hit the Cathedral hard, and this has been compounded by continuing disruption from city rail construction, with fewer visitors, reduced donations and an understandable reluctance for many trying to navigate an ever-changing road network.

Envelopes are displayed in the foyer of the church. I would humbly urge parishioners of Holy Cross to contribute generously to the appeal, noting that all proceeds this year will directly support the Cathedral's needs.

Have a blessed week!

Father Anthony Tran

Do you want to know more about the Catholic church, or would you like to become a Catholic? On Sunday September 29th we will begin the first of a series of sessions for anyone who is 14 or over, to prepare for being received into the Church at Easter. These sessions will take place in the little side chapel in Holy Cross church straight after the 10.00am Mass. (11.00am till 12.00 midday)

Joshua Fellowship

1. **September Meeting** with Guest Speaker Simon O'Connor (of Family First NZ) on Wednesday 25 September (7.15-9pm). The meeting will be at St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield as usual, so join other men for a cuppa to start at 7.15pm.
2. **A One-day Men's Retreat**, directed by Bishop Steve Lowe will be held on Saturday 19 October (8am-4pm). The retreat will be titled "He Emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7) and held at St Thomas More Church. This will be a special day of formation, prayer, worship, fellowship, and will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve. Bring a packed lunch or buy from the local shops. Suggested Koha of \$20 to cover costs. All men are welcome. Contact Greg Sullivan (021)37747.

SCHOLARSHIP for Theological Study - Bishop Stephen Lowe, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for Theological Study. This scholarship will be available ideally for those already teaching in a Catholic school, who intend to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2025. For further information about this scholarship and to receive an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. The closing date for applications is 15 NOVEMBER 2024

The Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship for Medical Students - If you are a fourth- or fifth-year medical student in 2025, are an active Catholic and normally reside within the Auckland Diocese you may be eligible for the Walter Francis Darby Trust Scholarship. Applications close 15 November 2024. For more information, please email scholarships@cda.org.nz

► **Next Thursday 26 September the school will be leading the Mass at 9.00am in Te Reo Māori. Father Bird will be celebrating Miha Māori for our school to recognise Maori Language Week and its theme Ake Ake Ake - A Forever Language.**

The **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** is held on the last Thursday of the month Feb – 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 or can be completed during the course. The next **baptism preparation course** will be **THIS Thursday 26 SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7pm in the Church. Baptisms are usually held at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.**