

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7 DECEMBER & 8 DECEMBER – 1ST Saturday and 2ND Sunday**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	LEGION OF MARY	PAEA'I FAALOUA	LISA AMOA	ARLYN URQUIOLA
READERS	LEGION OF MARY	ANASTASIA WULF EDMUND ALDISS	ANGELA DE JONG NOVISIA KAMA	CHICHI ABADINGO THERESA PIAD
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	SR JOAN FERRIS D MAHONI J FILIPO	V LATU F PATAU O FAATUJUALA	R DAUREWA T WAIRASI I TEKI V FAUEA V WAIRASI	J TUPI HUFANGA S BROWN C ABADINGO
MUSICIANS	LEGION OF MARY	SR GEMMA	VAOTUUA FAMILY	FILIPINO CHOIR
FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
WARDENS	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	1 DECEMBER 2024 DON & DIANE SILUUGA		8 DECEMBER 2024 GORETTI MEREDITH & LISA AMOA	
FLORISTS	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT		NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	
LAWNS	JIMS MOWING			
GROUNDS:	DECEMBER: SAMOAN COMMUNITY			

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2903.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2305.40 TOTAL \$5208.40
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY.

This the parish bank account: . Holy Cross Papatotetoe – 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
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE**

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1 DECEMBER 2024 - Year C - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: 25

Make me know your ways, O Lord,

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

For you are the God of my salvation.

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, And teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his

Covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,

And he makes his covenant known to them.

2ND Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34 - 36



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

Sheryl Willis, Aukusitino Taiao, Fa'atauva'a Palea, , Lilieta Soafa, Sailoka Emelio, Lafaele Silafai,
Fr Pauli Ta'ai

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries: Sylvester Howard

Sunday Mass intentions:

5.30pm: Saturday Sylvester Howard

8.00am: Sunday:

10.00am: Sunday: Sauni Tai, Losalio 'Uhatafe, 'Emelia 'Ana Vaha'i Lavaka

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,

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year - year C - year of Luke's gospel. It is the Church's New Year's Day. We begin the season of Advent and the church reminds us to be prepared for Christ's coming: we are to "Stay awake".

"Advent", a term originally applied to the feast of Christmas itself, became the season of four weeks in preparation for the feast, and the beginning of the church's year, by about the 9th century. The development of the season was marked by an increasing emphasis on the Second Coming. Advent, however, is the preparation, not so much for these Comings viewed as historical events, as the celebration of their present saving reality. It is a season which emphasises the perpetual prayer of the Christian: "Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev.22.20)

The Old Testament teaches us how to prepare. In our work of preparation for Christ's coming we are like the Jews of the Old Testament who, time and time again, were warned to prepare and be ready for the coming of the Messiah and for the great Day of the Lord. That is why the Old Testament is so important and why we read it in the mass. It tells us how to prepare ourselves for Christ.

So, Advent reminds us that we don't have to sleepwalk into the future. We have to remember the story of Jesus again, and that memory of love becomes the ground of our hope. The future holds hope only because we are convinced of God's actions in the past. That's why we retell the story again and again beginning with each Advent. We all need to be reminded of God's love. We need to check the record to assure ourselves. When we do, we see how far-reaching God's love is when we look at his Son, Jesus. Only when we keep looking at him throughout the year, can we keep reason for hoping.

Then we can measure up to the challenge of the first reading: to practice honesty and integrity in the land. And to dwell in confidence.

Have a blessed week.

Father Anthony Tran

ADVENT RITE 2 RECONCILIATION

Otahuhu - 3 December at 6.30pm

Pukekohe - 10 December at 7pm

Manurewa - 11 December at 7pm

Otara - 12 December at 7pm

Papakura - 13 December at 7pm

Papatoetoe - 17 December at 7pm

Mangere - 18 December at 7pm

Clover Park - 19 December at 7pm



GIFTING MASS FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On **Friday 6 December** the school community invites all the senior members of the parish to join them in the hall for morning tea **after 9.00am Mass**. There will be a concert of Carols and Songs by the Year 0 – 4 students, starting at 10.30am. This invitation is **open to all grandparents and seniors in the Parish Community**.

With Christmas just around the corner, we are inviting children from age 4years old - teens to join/help us make our **Family Mass - Christmas Play** possible this year. **At 5:30pm most Mondays and Thursdays starting from Thursday 5 December, we will be having Nativity play practices at church**. Please bring your children/ child on time for practice ”.

For more information contact Rachel de Jong, 0211525477.

It's that time of the year again - let's jingle and mingle and celebrate the season

Join us in celebrating the **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS** on the **14 Dec 2024@7pm** on the front lawn. Inviting all the children of our diverse communities in our parish. Please join us in our celebration. Christmas is a time for getting together and enjoying the season – For more information please contact Anastasia Wulf – 0223221419 or the Parish Office.

- **Practices Friday 6 and 13 Dec at 5pm.**

Holy Cross Parish Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner Saturday 7 December 6pm.

Fr Anthony, Fr Thomas and the Parish Pastoral Council are hosting a dinner for our Senior Citizens (aged 65+) at the **HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL**. Tickets (\$40.00) are available to purchase for those who are not senior citizens. As numbers are limited, please contact the office (ph 278 5058 or email holycrosspapoffice@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

(Please note the change of venue)

GIFTING SUNDAY – WEEKEND OF 7th & 8th of DECEMBER - You're Invited to Share the Joy of Christmas! As we celebrate the true spirit of Christmas, we invite you to bring a gift to Mass for children or parents in need. Your kindness will help bring joy and hope to those struggling financially. (Please label your gift with the age and gender of the intended recipient.)

Carol Service: All groups or families or individuals who would like to contribute to our Christmas Eve Carol Service from 9-10 pm on December 24th, please get in touch with Abel (021875404) or email the parish office