

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2024 – 3rd Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the Month**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	CARMENCITA BUGASH	LILI FAOA	FALENUU MOASILI	KITA TAUGA
READERS	AIDAN ADAMS ZABRINA VILLAMOR	PAEA'I FAALOUA MU VIIGA- PAONGO	ELENOA MOASILI- MATI GORETTI MEREDITH	CHICHI ABADINGO LIMA PAILATE
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	K SKIPPER R YEE R SEKO	S LEVI L ATONIO M VIIGA-PAONGO'	T WULF S VAOTUUA M LAUPOLA L NUU U POPOALII	A BEDESI S STOWERS K STOWERS
MUSICIANS	SR FRANCINE	SR GEMMA'	VAOTUUA FAMILY	JULIE B
FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
WARDENS	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	10 NOVEMBER 2024 P PETELO & F PATAU		17 NOVEMBER 2024 JIM GRIBBLE & RUTH PETERSON	
FLORISTS	9 NOVEMBER 2024 TONGAN COMMUNITY		16 NOVEMBER 2024 HOSPITALITY GROUP	
LAWNS	JIMS MOWING			
GROUNDS:	NOVEMBER: DIVINE MERCY GROUP			
Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2700.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2333.00 TOTAL \$5033.00 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY				
This 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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10 November 2024 - Year B - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

*PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran
ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park*

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16

Psalm 146: 6-10

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever.
Who executes justice for the oppressed;
Who gives food to the hungry
The Lord sets the prisoners free.
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
And lifts up those who are bowed down
The Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers.
The Lord upholds the orphan and widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever, your God O Zion, for all generations.



2ND Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38 - 44

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

Colin & Phillip Muligan, Fa'atauva'a Palea, Tia Titi, Falefia Tia, Isaako Tia Tila,
Athena Marie Parakoti, Jason Simmons, Julie Antonio, Janice Williams, Lilieta Soafa,
Sailoka Emelio, Lafaele Silafai, Fr Pauli Ta'ai

Anniversaries: Thomas Simon Macwan, Savita Joseph Shah, Aukusitino Taiao

Sunday Mass intentions:

5.30pm: Saturday: Thomas Simon Macwan, Savita Joseph Shah

8.00am: Sunday:

10.00am: Sunday: 5th birthday Jaden Dsouza

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 condemns those who "swallow the property of widows". The widow in the society of his time was an outcast. She had no inheritance rights from her husband's property. Her eldest son would inherit and if there was no son she might be married by a brother of her deceased husband. If the brother refused, or if there was none, she would return to her father's house or go begging. Widows, like other women, had no role in public or religious life.

Jesus is sitting opposite the area in the Temple where financial gifts can be donated. Amidst all the ostentatious giving by affluent people he notices a poor widow humbly offering two coins. They are the smallest coins in use, and she seems unaware that her tiny contribution is even noticed. But Jesus' admiration for the widow is coupled with strong reservations about what is happening. Religious legislation was forcing widows to lose their homes, and even the poorest in society were expected to contribute financially to the Temple. This economic injustice was glossed over with long, pretentious prayers.

This is an opportunity for Jesus to draw attention to the lowliest people in his society. But it is a chance to lament the injustice that creates the conditions for this scene. It is a warning about wealth: that wealth and greed blind those who are affluent to the needs of vulnerable people, and that amassing wealth for the elite, and even for the religious establishment, means poverty for widows and those at the margins of society.

The church has an obligation to work for peace and justice in the world, and constantly to review its economic practice to ensure that vulnerable groups are supported. The church is called to have compassion for those on the margins of society with no wealth or influence. And active peacemaking in a world where staggering resources are devoted to waging war is clearly part of the church's mission.

Have a blessed week.

Father Anthony Tran

DURING NOVEMBER WE ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A MASS COUNT OF ALL ATTENDEES AT OUR SUNDAY MASSES – (You may notice people wandering around the Church during Mass counting the number of people in the congregation.)

November is a special time to pray for the dead. It is certainly a month for remembering them. Traditionally, in the church, it has been especially set aside as a time of prayer for our loved ones who have gone before us. Let us remember them in our daily prayers. There is a box in the sanctuary for you to place the names of your loved family members and friends who have died, and they will be remembered in prayer at all our Masses in November.



With Christmas just around the corner, we are inviting children from age 4 years old - teens to join/help us make our **Family Mass - Christmas Play** possible this year. We also need adult helpers for props, costumes and just general assistance/organisation around the church with the children. The more helpers and children we get the better. If this sounds like you, contact me. My name is Rachel de Jong, contact 0211525477. There will also be a signup clipboard at the church foyer if you want to leave your details and I'll contact you back.

Invitation:All Music Groups and musicians and all parishioners are invited to learn a new Gloria and other hymns. Wednesday 20 November 7.00pm in the Church.

► THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK AFTER 9AM MASS ON TUESDAY 12TH UNTIL 11.00AM ON WEDNESDAY FOR BORER SPRAYING.

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 **Thursday 28 NOVEMBER 2024 at 7pm in the Church.**(The last course for the year) **Baptisms are usually held at 11.00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.**