

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
30 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER – 5<sup>TH</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday**

	<b><u>SATURDAY</u> 5.30PM</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u> 8.00AM</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u> 10.00AM</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u> 5.30PM</b>
<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	RUTH PETERSON	TIVISE OTUTOA	TUPI FAMILY	KITA TAUGA
<b><u>READERS</u></b>	PATRICIA & JIM GRIBBLE	MALIA AUVA'A ROSETTA JOHANSSON	TUPI FAMILY	EMMARIAH SAUMALU FAE TAKAI
<b><u>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</u></b>	<b><u>S SAKISI</u></b> K SKIPPER D MAHONI	<b><u>L MATAIA</u></b> S MATAIA P SIKEI	<b><u>J PADORA</u></b> M G CORRIN V FAUEA T RAMSAY M LAUPOLA	<b><u>A BIDESI</u></b> S STOWERS K STOWERS
<b><u>MUSICIANS</u></b>	SR FRANCINE	SR GEMMA	TONGAN COMMUNITY	SR FRANCINE OR SR GEMMA
<b><u>FIRST AID</u></b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<b><u>WARDENS</u></b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<b><u>COLLECTION COUNTERS</u></b>	24 NOVEMBER 2024 LILI FAOA & SUI VILI		1 DECEMBER 2024 DON & DIANE SILUUGA	
<b><u>FLORISTS</u></b>	23 NOVEMBER 2024 SOANA & FAMILY		NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	
<b><u>LAWNS</u></b>	<b>JIMS MOWING</b>			
<b><u>GROUND:</u></b>	NOVEMBER: DIVINE MERCY GROUP		DECEMBER: SAMOAN COMMUNITY	
Collection last week. PLEDGES \$3090.00 LOOSE CASH: \$1684.40 TOTAL \$4774.40 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY. This the parish bank account: . Holy Cross Papatotetoe – Parish Account <b>02 – 0108- 0708852 – 00</b> <b>PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PLEDGE NUMBER SO WE CAN ISSUE A RECEIPT.</b>				
You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the <b>FOODBANK.</b> 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.				
<b>PLEDGE ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE</b>				

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**24 November 2024 - Year B - CHRIST THE KING**

*PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran*

*ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park*

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Daniel:7:13-14

**Psalm 93**

The Lord is King, he is robed in majesty:

The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world:

It shall not be moved:

Your throne is established from of old:

You are from everlasting.

Your decrees are very sure: Holiness befits your house,

O Lord, forevermore.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Reading:** Revelation 1:5-8

**Gospel:** John 18:33-37



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

Sheryl Willis, Aukusitino Taiao, 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

**Recent deaths:** Father Peter Gray, Paula Howard

**Anniversaries:**

**Sunday Mass intentions:**

**5.30pm: Saturday:** Paula Howard

**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,

The liturgical year concludes this Sunday. So does the year of Mark. It uses – paradoxically - the feast of Christ the King as the end and climax of both. It is hard to use the title 'King' about Jesus nowadays. It was hard to use it about him in his own day. Celebrating Jesus Christ as King does not comfortably sit with our many other images of him as, say, the suffering servant, the crucified redeemer of the world, and as the advocate of the poor and excluded. There is a reason for this. Our present image of kings is influenced by our democratic experience, especially when royalty is often reduced to a symbolic role with its attendant pomp and ceremony.

The meaning of Christ's kingship is in stark contrast to all this. In today's gospel, we hear Jesus rejecting Pilate's understanding of kingship and kingdom: "My kingdom is not from this world... But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." And later, "You say that I am king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Clearly, Christ's kingship stands in contrast to how the Roman governor in the past or democratic peoples of today think of kings.

In his reply to Pilate, Jesus makes clear that his kingdom is not to be confused with the world's idea of kingdom. It does not pose a direct threat to Pilate's legitimate rule as a Roman official. Jesus' kingdom is free of pomp and ceremony, power and oppression. He does not rule by force. His kingship is focused on truth –the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. His role is witness to this saving and all-embracing truth.

What is the truth? To recognise the truth involves one central action—listening to Jesus' voice, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." So it is in this sense that Jesus is king: he testifies the truth, and he is the source of truth. What is Jesus saying to us? How has he expressed the truth in his life and death? How is he present to us now, as the conqueror of sin and death? Once we seek to answer such questions we begin to engage with the truth.

By hearing this Gospel reading and reflecting on it, we come to a profound knowledge of the meaning of Christ's kingship and the truth that is at its heart. Christian life is not a matter of being spectators of pageantry or, for that matter, being ruled by fear or threatened by force. It means entering into a realm of peace and freedom, in the knowledge that the love of God is stronger than anything that threatens us. Nothing can separate us, in life or in death, in ourselves or in the world at large, from the love of Christ. When he is king, we need nothing more.

Have a blessed week.

Father Anthony Tran



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. 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.

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 Papatoetoe Cosmopolitan Club (53 Rangitoto Road, Papatoetoe). Tickets 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](mailto:holycrosspapoffice@gmail.com)) if you wish to attend.

### **ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

**Columban Calendars:** \$12.00 **Daily Mass Calendar:** \$3.50 **God's Word 2025** \$25.00  
**Complete Mass and Psalm Book:** \$15.00

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.**