

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
21 DECEMBER & 22 DECEMBER – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

	<b>SATURDAY 5.30PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8.00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 10.00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 5.30PM</b>
<b>LEADER</b>	VANIKOLO FAMILY	FILIPO FAMILY	ELENOA MOA SILI-MATI	LIMA PAILATE
<b>READERS</b>	VANIKOLO FAMILY	FILIPO FAMILY	LEILOA KEPAOA MARIA MAUGA	MICHELLE JOSEPH HELEN PIUS
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>K SKIPPER</b> S JACKSON R SEKO	<b>S LEVI</b> L ATONIO M VIIGA-PAONGO	<b>T WULF</b> S VAOTUUA M LAUPOLA L NUU U POPOALII	<b>A BIDESI</b> S STOWERS K STOWERS
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	SR FRANCINE	PARISH CHOIR	SAMOAN CHOIR	SR GEMMA
<b>FIRST AID</b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<b>WARDENS</b>	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	15 DECEMBER 2024 JULIE PAUL & PAT DE ZOETE		22 DECEMBER 2024 P PETELO & F PATAU	
<b>FLORISTS</b>	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT		NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	
<b>LAWNS</b>	<b>JIMS MOWING</b>			
<b>GROUNDS:</b>	<b>DECEMBER: SAMOAN COMMUNITY</b>			

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$3403.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2670.80 TOTAL \$6073.80  
**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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**15 DECEMBER 2024 - Year C - 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran*

*ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park*

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18

**Psalm:** Cantic of Isaiah

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid,  
For the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water  
From the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

Make know his deeds

among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

Let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

**2<sup>ND</sup> Reading:** Philipians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3: 10 - 18



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

Audrey Hauraki, Phillip & Colin Mulligan, Sheryl Willis, Fa'atauva'a Palea, , Lilieta Soafa, Sailoka Emelio, Lafaele Silafai, Fr Pauli Ta'ai

**Recent deaths:** Viginia Dela Cruz Galgana Stephanie Falaniko Saini Sianiu Faalogo

**Anniversaries** Sergio R Sagaoinit

**Sunday Mass intentions:**

**5.30pm: Saturday** Viginia Dela Cruz Galgana **8.00am: Sunday:** Father Don Cowan

**10.00am: Sunday:** Sergio R Sagaoinit **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 is "Gaudete" Sunday - rejoice. As Christmas approaches we think of the joy that marks our lives as Christians. This joy comes from our firm faith that we already share the life of Christ. During this season of Advent we talk about "waiting" for the coming of Christ. We wait in joyful hope. Our waiting is expressed in the prayer we say just after the "Our father" at Mass: "...as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever."

We are like the Jewish people who were told by the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading to rejoice and shout for joy! And the reason for this joy was that the Lord was present in the midst of Israel. It might seem strange that more than six hundred years before Christ was born a prophet should exclaim that the Lord is present. But we have a similar paradox today. We are waiting for the coming of Christ at the end of time. And yet we are joyful because he is present among us already: "The kingdom is yours, now and for ever."

Even John the Baptist is someone who had a joyful message. We tend to think of him as someone rather strict and severe. Certainly, he didn't mince his words: "No intimidation! No extortion!" But his preaching brought the people to the height of expectation. They even thought he might be the Christ. But John announced the "Good News". Our "Good News" is the announcement that has been made to us that the Kingdom of God has been established. It is a kingdom of justice, love and peace. So we try to live lives of justice, love and peace.

### Parish Advent Reconciliation

You are all invited to our parish Advent Reconciliation on Tuesday 17 December at 7pm. It is a time for us to come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together as a parish community. We are to reconcile with God and with one another. And in this communal reconciliation love and peace will prevail.

### Death notices

We commend our parishioners **Stephanie Falaniko** and **Saini Siainiu Faalogo** to God's merciful care. They went home to God's heavenly kingdom last week. May God, whose name is mercy, welcome them home. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Advent blessings,  
Father Anthony Tran

### ADVENT RITE 2 RECONCILIATION

Papakura - 13 December at 7pm

Papatoetoe - 17 December at 7pm

Mangere - 18 December at 7pm

Clover Park - 19 December at 7pm



"Thank you parents for bringing your children to our Nativity practices last week. These are the last few dates for our **Nativity Practices, Monday 16th, Thursday 19th both at 5:30pm in church and the Final Practice/ Dress rehearsal on Monday 23rd at 1pm in church as well.** Please make sure that your children are there for these last few practices, especially the Dress rehearsal day on Monday the 23rd December. If you have any further questions please contact Rachel 0211525477. Looking forward to seeing you all at these practices. Malo 'aupito."

**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**

**All our musicians and all parishioners are invited to a final practice of the new Mass settings, in the church, on Wednesday 18th December from 7-8 pm.**

**To all Parents and Guardians of children who would like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation; Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion in 2025.**

To enrol, please provide the following information:

1. Complete the Children's Sacramental Program Enrolment form
2. Your child's baptismal certificate

Parents meeting will be on the 18th of February 2025 @ 6.30 pm at the church For further information please contact Anasetasia Wulf @ 0223221419 or Pat at the office.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Mass: 6.00pm

Christmas Eve: 9.00pm – 10.00pm Christmas Carols

Christmas Eve: 10.00pm Christmas Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY:

Masses at 8.00am & 10.00am (no 5.30pm Mass)

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Mass 8.00pm:

NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass 9.00am