

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
4 & 5 JANUARY 2025 – 1ST Saturday and 1ST Sunday**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	LEGION OF MARY	LILI FAOA	LISA AMOA	KITA TAUGA
READERS	LEGION OF MARY	SEBASTIAN & CHRISTOPHER ATONIO	MARIA-GRACE CORRIN & ANGELA DE JONG	EMMARIAH SAUMALU FAE TAKAI
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	SR JOAN FERRIS D MAHONI J FILIPO	V LATU J LATU O FAATUUJALA	R DAUREWA T WAIRASI I TEKI V FAUEA V WAIRASI	J TUPI HUFANGA S BROWN C ABADINGO
MUSICIANS	SR FRANCINE LEGION OF MARY	SR GEMMA	SR GEMMA	SR FRANCINE
FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
WARDENS	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	29 DECEMBER 2024 JIM GRIBBLE, RUTH PETERSON + PAT		5 JANUARY 2025 LILI FAOA & SUI VILI	
FLORISTS	28 DECEMBER 2024 KARAMELI & TIA		4 JANUARY 2025 DIVINE MERCY GROUP	

LAWNS JIMS MOWING

GROUND'S: JANUARY – VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$3076.00 LOOSE CASH: 4148.20 TOTAL \$7224.20
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.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED
CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE STRUGGLING –
YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY
ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.**

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29 DECEMBER 2024 - Year C - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24 – 28 (or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

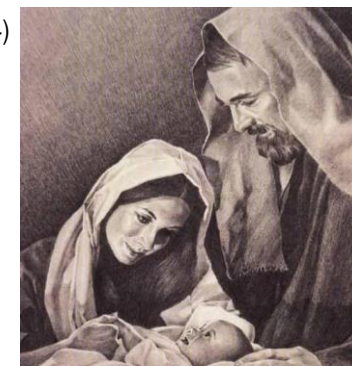
Behold our shield O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

2ND Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 (or Colossians 3:12-21)

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



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:

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) Friday and Saturday after 9.00am morning Mass

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parishioners,

I trust that you have been having great Christmas celebrations wherever you are. We continue to celebrate our Christmas this Sunday by the feast of the Holy Family.

The infant Jesus in the manger, watched over by Mary and Joseph, forms the focal point of every Christmas crib. This is the best-known image of the Holy Family. No matter how uninviting the weather, we can always feel welcome at the crib and experience in a special way the warmth of God's love. But the serenity of the image can have the effect of covering the harsh reality of the Holy Family's circumstances when Jesus was born.

Luke's gospel is often called the Gospel of the Poor, and this is because Luke has a particular concern to show God's love for those who are poor and lowly, for outcasts, such as lepers, and for those who are oppressed or underprivileged. In the infancy narrative from which today's gospel is taken, Jesus is presented by Luke as being one with all who are poor.

Jesus was born in a manger, in a cave used to house a poor family's animals. Shepherds were poor people, often destitute, and they were the first to visit him. At his presentation in the Temple, Mary and Joseph offered a pair of turtledove, the "offering of the poor". Simeon prophesied that a "sword" would pierce Mary's soul.

Suffering and poverty go hand in hand. Those who are poor and suffering can relate to Jesus because he has been sent "to bring the good news to the poor" and "to set the downtrodden free"; and as his followers they share with him the daily sufferings of life. Self-giving love is at the heart of family life. Neither suffering nor death can break the love of a family, for it is a love that has no end.

Happy New Year! This is the final bulletin of the year I am writing to you. On behalf of Fr Thomas I would like to sincerely thank all of you, parishioners of Holy Cross, for your constant love and support throughout the year. You have cared for us wonderfully in so many ways. Thank you to all volunteers, coordinators, parish leadership teams, and community leaders for your excellent contributions in several ministries of the parish. You have shown your leadership wonderfully this year. Your generous service builds up our community beautifully. Please continue to serve God and God's people in harmony and unity. May God bless you all. Happy New Year and enjoy your great holiday!

Father Anthony Tran

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.



NEW YEAR'S EVE – Mass 8.00pm: NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass 9.00am

ROSTERS FOR NEW YEARS EVE/DAY

NEW YEARS EVE: 8.00pm

Leader: Falenuu Moasili **Readers:** Edmund Aldiss & Keiaho Leaheuhila

Ministers of Holy Communion: M Laupola, T Ramsay, J Tupi Hufanga, M_G Corrin, V Fauea, P Sikei, L Atonio

NEW YEARS DAY: 9.00AM

Leader: Chichi Abadingo **Readers:** Sr Joan Ferris & Rosetta Johansson

Ministers of Holy Communion: A Wulf, P Ali, L Mataia

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF 1ST & 2ND February 2025
PLEASE FOLLOW THE ROSTERS ON THE CHURCH NOTICEBOARD DURING JANUARY.

Opening of the Year of Jubilee Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm, 31 December.

The **Diocesan Calendar of Jubilee Events** is displayed on the noticeboard in the Church Porch.

Happy New Year to you all and may 2025 be a year in which we all continue to grow in faith together.