

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
14 DECEMBER & 15 DECEMBER – 2nd Saturday and 3rd Sunday**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	SONIA JACKSON	LILI FAOA	GORETTI MEREDITH	ISABELLE FILIPO
READERS	SR PATRICIA LEAMY SEPASETIANO MAFI	SEBASTIAN & CHRISTOPHER ATONIO	ASHLEY & CLAUDIA VAOTUUA	KEIAHO & ALANI LEAHEUHILA
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	E PENAFOR G PEARSON B CHOI	P ALI A SAVELIO SR M FETULI	E MOA SILI-MATI N MOA SILI T RAMSAY S TUALA M CHADWICK	M ANCLA R MONTECILLO SR JOAN FERRIS
MUSICIANS	SR FRANCINE	ALL SORTS	ALL SORTS	JULIE B
FIRST AID	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
WARDENS	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM	TIA & TEAM
COLLECTION COUNTERS	8 DECEMBER 2024 GORETTI MEREDITH & LISA AMOA		15 DECEMBER 2024 JULIE PAUL & PAT DE ZOETE	
FLORISTS	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT		NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	
LAWNS	JIMS MOWING			
GROUNDS:	DECEMBER: SAMOAN COMMUNITY			

Collection last week. PLEDGES \$2530.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2352.40 TOTAL \$4882.40
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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8 DECEMBER 2024 - Year C - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Thomas Park

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion
We were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them,”

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes O Lord, like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing
the seed for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves

2ND Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6



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

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

Recent deaths: Aukusitino Taiao, Ramon Calimbahin

Anniversaries

Sunday Mass intentions:

5.30pm: Saturday Deceased members of the McEvoy family

8.00am: Sunday:

10.00am: Sunday:

5.30pm Sunday: Ramon Calimbahin

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,

We are in the second week of Advent. In the liturgy this Sunday we hear John the Baptist proclaiming that the Saviour is coming. We prepare creation for the Day of Christ by making all fit for our God: every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill laid low.

The world news invariably seems to be bad news. And, according to St Luke, the situation hasn't changed very much since A.D. 28. His description of the political scene as it was at the time of John's preaching makes gloomy reading. The Emperor was in semi-retirement and Rome was being governed by a vicious tyrant; Palestine was divided by its conquerors, the high priesthood was in the hands of the scheming family of Annas.

At this time, Luke tells us, "the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness". We think of John as a figure, set apart, quite different from anyone else in the Bible. This impression is confirmed by Christ, who told the people: "Of all the children born of women, there is no one greater than John." (Luke 7:28)

John's greatness in history was due to one thing above all else: he introduced people to Christ. At the time he made the introduction, life in Palestine was at a low ebb and the Jews were sadly aware that there had been no prophet for centuries. Yet he gave the people hope; something to live for. Quite literally, he gave them Christ.

The task of every Christian is similar to John's. We are to "introduce" people to Christ, and Christ to people.

Advent blessings,

Father Anthony Tran

ADVENT RITE 2 RECONCILIATION

Otahuhu - 3 December at 6.30pm

Manurewa - 11 December at 7pm

Papakura - 13 December at 7pm

Mangere - 18 December at 7pm

Pukekohe - 10 December at 7pm

Otara - 12 December at 7pm

Papatoetoe - 17 December at 7pm

Clover Park - 19 December at 7pm



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.**

GIFTING SUNDAY – WEEKEND OF 7th & 8th of DECEMBER – Gifts can be delivered to the Parish Office during the week

(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

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.

Theology of the Body - Registration OPEN for 2025 - Human Love in the Divine Plan:

Beginners Course : Sat 15 and Sun 15 February 2025. Mission Bay, Auckland.

Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love -Wed evenings starting 12 February 2025; Hillsborough, Auckland. All adults 20+ are welcome. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

The Catholic Caring Foundation is appealing for support to enable them to provide some Christmas Cheer to families who are struggling. There are gifting cards and copies of the Caring Foundation Newsletter in the Church Porch.