

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 34TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
22 & 23 November 2025 – 4TH Saturday & 4TH Sunday of the month**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	ZABRINA VILLAMOR	ALENA PITOLAU	FALENUU MOASILI	PAILATE FAMILY
READERS	SR PATRICIA LEAMY SEPASETIANO MAFI	MARIA HUNI MOSES HUNI	ASHLEY VAOTUUA LEILOA KEPAOA	PAILATE FAMILY
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	R SEKO A BIDESI C ABADINGO	T RAMSAY S MATAIA L MATAIA	M MANUTOIFO M G CORRIN T WULF V WAIRASI T WAIRASI	E PENAFLO K STOWERS S STOWERS
MUSICIANS	SR FRANCINE/ SR GEMMA	VINCENT	VAOTUUA FAMILY	SR GEMMA
ALTAR SERVERS	PHILLIP/LEATO/FAIM ANIFO/SIERAH	CHARLES/JASON/SE FANAIA/NOKA/MARY	EVAN/MATTHAIAS/C J/NOAH/NATHANIEL	ALDRIN/REUBEN/ ARCHIE/HONOUR
OFFERTORY	SILIATO MAIVA FAMILY	TANUVASA JOSEPH FILIPO FAMILY	SAMOAN COMMUNITY	STOWERS FAMILY
FIRST AID	ISABELLE FILIPO TIA RAMSAY	JULIE PAUL SWEETLYN ROSHNI	ANEMARIE MAUGA GORETTI MEREDITH	SHERWIN STOWER ABEL
COLLECTION COUNTERS	23 NOVEMBER 2025 P PETELO & F PATAU		30 NOVEMBER 2025 ROSETTA JOHANNSON & RUTH PETERSON	
FLORISTS	22 NOVEMBER 2025 KARAMELI & TIA		NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT	
LAWNS GROUNDS	JIMS MOWING NOVEMBER: DIVINE MERCY GROUP			

Collections last weekend:

PLEDGES : \$2949.50 LOOSE CASH: \$2185.70 TOTAL: \$5135.20

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY.

This is 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.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

**You are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to Mass to support the work of the
FOODBANK.**

Particularly helpful are: Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Milo, Flour, Salt,
Cans of soup, Rice & Pasta, Cans of Tuna, Corned beef, 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: 0274 046818 or
contact Pat in the Parish Office - Privacy assured.

YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

**DURING NOVEMBER WE ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A MASS COUNT AT ALL SUNDAY
MASSES – YOU WILL SEE PEOPLE WALKING AROUND COUNTING THE CONGREGATION.**

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PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Jean Paul Abou Naoum

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2

Psalm 98

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

For the Lord is coming, coming to judge the earth. He will judge the World with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

Recent deaths: Aida Reyes, Pat de Zoete

Anniversaries:

Sunday Mass intentions:

SAT: 5.30pm :

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: 9.30am Wednesday :12noon

Confessions: After 9.30am Mass Friday and Saturday & Wednesday 11.15am – 11.45am

PASTOR'S PEN

We are approaching the end of the liturgical year. The gospel very much mentions the end time and prepares us to reflect on our lives throughout the year. In the early church, people expected the second coming of Jesus to be imminent. There were rumours of times and dates. People started to live as though nothing in this world really mattered. They had to be challenged by their leaders to live in the present moment. In this Sunday's gospel we are reminded that the same danger is still present with us. Evangelists and false prophets are still predicting the end of the world as though they have some special insight into the mind of God. The reality is that no one knows when that day will come.

The emphasis is not on a new spectacle, however, it is on the destruction of every evil and malice that could harm God's people. When the Son of Man returns, it will be to establish for ever the fullness of God's kingdom; there will be no more pain or suffering of any kind.

So, today we are faced with a great challenge; the challenge of living in the present moment. At times of difficulty, the temptation for all of us is to opt out, perhaps even to invest everything in the world to come. Jesus puts the situation very clearly before us today. "Your endurance will win you your lives."

Jesus' disciples - in his time and in our time too - may have to face hardship, but it is important that they endure, remain faithful to Jesus' words and live their lives according to this teaching.

Let us today, look into our hearts and see how authentically we face life. Let's look and see if our attempts at escape from reality are valid. Rather, they may be only ways of running away from a real life situation which will eventually catch up with us. The Word became flesh and lived among us. God chose to live as a human being in this world of ours. Let us take up his summons to life, and let us try and live it to the full now, as well as in the world to come.

Death Notice We commend the soul of Pat de Zoete who passed away this week to God's merciful care. Pat was a faithful and committed secretary of our parish for many years. She served in the parish office so well. As a woman of faith she attended mass in our church everyday including Sunday even though she was not a parishioner. She had become an important part of the parish. She served the diocese of Auckland for many years in several roles. She will be greatly missed by all at Holy Cross. She now deserves an abundant reward in God's kingdom. May God, the God of mercy, welcome her home to life everlasting.

Have a blessed week
Father Anthony Tran

Engaged / Planning a wedding? - Catholic Diocese of Auckland – **Approved Marriage Preparation Course.** Book your Marriage Preparation Course early 1 year for NZ and 18months for overseas weddings. Register & Book here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> For more information contact: Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz Mobile: 021 02247442

Jubilee Bursary Semester 1, 2026 For Theology and RE courses. Applications close **Thurs, 27 Nov 2025** please contact: michellej@cda.org.nz

Scholarship for Theological Study Bishop Stephen Lowe, is pleased to call for applications for the Ruth Miller Scholarship for theological study available for those currently teaching or intending to teach in a Catholic school who plan to do one or more theology papers towards a Bachelor of Theology degree in 2026. For more information and an application form, please email: scholarships@cda.org.nz. **Applications close on 21st NOVEMBER 2025.**

Parish Children Christmas Carols Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Our Parish Christmas Carols for the Children 2025 will be held on the Saturday 20th December 2025 on the front lawn of the Holy Cross Papatotoe grounds after the 5.30pm Mass. This year we will be singing multicultural Christmas carols from our multicultural communities - *Oceania Countries - Christmas singing.* We need your help in teaching our children the different Christmas carols. I wish to invite all our multicultural communities to participate and bring your children to learn our different cultures in our church community. Our first practice will be 23rd of November on Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass. Thank you for your help and support.

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE – Saturday, 29 November at 7:00pm



November is a special time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us. Join us for a Candlelight Memorial Service to honour their memory and celebrate the hope we share in Christ. Families will be invited to light a candle in remembrance of their dearly departed.

GOD'S WORD 2026 - has arrived \$25.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026 - \$13.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office.

BULLETIN NOTICE – WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: The bishops of New Zealand have written a pastoral letter to the Catholic community that is being read at all Masses this weekend. The letter coincides with the Church's commemoration of World Day of the Poor. It invites each person to consider how they can listen and respond to those who are in need. It offers some practical ways to live out the Christian imperative of charity, and especially in helping Catholic agencies committed to supported those who are in need. The letter can be accessed at: <https://catholic.org.nz/resources/>