

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 35TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
29 & 30 November 2025 – 5TH Saturday & 5TH Sunday of the month**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	SONIA JACKSON	TIVISE OTUTOA	MULTICULTURAL MASS	CHICHI ABADINGO
READERS	PATRICIA GRIBBLE JIM GRIBBLE	MALIA AUV'A ROSETA JOHANSSON	MULTICULTURAL MASS	DAVID LATU AMELIA LATU
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	B CHOI K SKIPPER C TIUMALU	P ALI J LATU S SAKISI	J TUPI HUFANGA P SIKEI / V FAUEA M LAUPOLA / I TEKI	M G CORRIN S WOOD A BIDESI
MUSICIANS	SR GEMMA	VINCENT	VINCENT	SR GEMMA
ALTAR SERVERS	LEATO/FAIMANIFO/ PHILLIP/SIERAH	JOSELLE/MAAIMOA CHARLES/KHLOE	NOAH/DAVID/SAM MATTHAIAS/ETHAN	DYLAN/ALDRIN ARCHIE/REUBEN
OFFERTORY	SEKO FAMILY	ENELIKO FALANIKO FAMILY	MULTICULTURAL MASS	HURRELL FAMILY
FIRST AID	ISABELLE FILIPO TIA RAMSAY	JULIE PAUL SWEETLYN ROSHNI	ANEMARIE MAUGA GORETTI MEREDITH	SHERWIN STOWERS ABEL
COLLECTION COUNTERS	30 NOVEMBER 2025 ROSETTA JOHANNSON & RUTH PETERSON		07 DECEMBER 2025 LILI FAOA SUI VILI	
FLORISTS	NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT		NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT	
LAWNS GROUNDS	JIMS MOWING NOVEMBER: DIVINE MERCY GROUP			

Collections last weekend:

PLEDGES : \$2938.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2563.80 TOTAL: \$5501.80

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 Abel 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: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me
Let us go to the house of the Lord!
Our feet are standing
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jesusalem-built as a city
That is bound firmly together
To it the tribes go up
The tribes of the Lord

As we decreed for Isarael
To give thanks to the name of the Lord
For there the thrones for judgment were set up
The thrones of the house of David.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

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

Recent deaths: Pat de Zoete

Anniversaries: Sylvester Howard

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 have come to the end of the liturgical year – year of Luke's gospel. On this last Sunday of the year we celebrate Christ the King of the universe – king of love and compassion. Christ asks us, his followers, to be kings and queens like him. That means looking out for others, taking care of the weak and the poor, those without friends or families to care for them properly, those without hope for the future, those without any real sense of their own value. He wants us to be kings and queens to these people, to care for them, even if it costs us, even if it isn't easy, even if it means we get rejected and misunderstood.

To be royal like Christ, we need to be associated with the unattractive and unpopular, the weak and the poor, people who are different or despised. When we do this, we are living up to our baptismal calling to be Christ's body, his presence in the world. We are truly kings and queens when we put flesh and blood on God's love for humanity.

Jesus identified strongly with the role of the good shepherds, who are leading their sheep, placing their own bodies at night across the doorway of the sheepfold to protect them.

All of us are leaders in one way or another. Some of us carry responsibility at work; others exercise voluntary jobs or ministries; many of us have families - and there is no more sacrificial leadership than parenthood. All of us are called to set a Christian example in the local community, and that kind of good citizenship may cost us dearly at times. Whatever strength, authority or wisdom we have, we exercise humbly, as our Lord did, for the sake of others. Jesus Christ, king of the universe, asks nothing less of us.

We thank God for a blessed year as we live our christian life worthily according to the vocation of each one. We thank God for all the blessings received throughout this liturgical year as we walked with Jesus through Luke's gospel. Jesus of Luke is a great healer. May he heal us all our brokenness and our woundedness, and may he always be King in our hearts.

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.**

Holy Cross Parish Nativity Play – Call for Participants We invite all parents of children aged **4-14 years old** to sign up their children for the Nativity Play which will take place during the **Family Mass on Christmas Eve**. Practices Date: **Thu, 27-Nov @6:00pm**. Sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Volunteers Needed! If you're interested in assisting the play, please contact **Rachel** at **0211525477**.

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.

Holy Cross Parish Senior's Christmas Dinner Save the Date! **Sat, 13-Dec-2025 McKean Hall**. Must be **65 years old and older** to join. Please register at the Parish Office to be in the list. **First 100** on the list will get in.

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.

GOD'S WORD 2026 - has arrived \$25.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office
COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026 - \$13.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office.