

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
13 & 14 December 2025 – 2ND Saturday & 2ND Sunday of the month**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	RUTH PETERSON	PAEA'I FAALOUA	SYLVIA PAILATE	CHICHI ABADINGO
READERS	PEIVI COLLINS AGNES MARIA TELSE	CHRISTOPHER ATONIO SEBASTIAN ATONIO	HOLI LOLOHEA MARIA MAUGA	DIMPLE RHO ESPENIDO THERESA PIAD
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	M ANCLA B CHOI G PEARSON	SR M FETULI L ATONIO M VIIGA-PAONGO	E MOA SILI-MATI N MOA SILI S TUALA L NUU G MEREDITH	R MONTECILLO L COLDSTREAM P THOMAS
MUSICIANS	INDIAN COMMUNITY	ALL SORTS (PHIL)	ALL SORTS (PHIL)	HUNI (FILIPINO COMMUNITY)
ALTAR SERVERS	DAVID CHARLES ELISABETH/MARY	JOSELLE/CHARLES MAAIMOA/JASON KHLOE	DAVID ELISABETH CHARLES	DYLAN/REUBEN ALDRIN/ARCHIE MARK
OFFERTORY	INDIAN COMMUNITY	RACHEL&MATTHEW DE JONG FAMILY	ALEX & CATHY	FILIPINO COMMUNITY
FIRST AID	TIA RAMSAY ISABELLE FILIPO	JULIE PAUL MAUREEN GASS	RACHEL DE JONG SULUKOLU VILI	SHERWIN STOWERS ABEL
COLLECTION COUNTERS	14 DECEMBER 2025 DON SILUUGA DIANE SILUUGA		21 DECEMBER 2025 GORETTI MEREDITH LISA AMOA	
FLORISTS	NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT		NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT	
LAWNS GROUNDS	JIMS MOWING DECEMBER: SAMOAN COMMUNITY			

Collections last weekend:

PLEDGES : \$3845.00 LOOSE CASH: \$1911.90 TOTAL: \$5756.90

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.

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PARISH PRIEST : Father Anthony Tran

ASSISTANT PRIEST: Father Jean Paul Abou Naoum

READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he delivers the needy one who calls, the poor and the one who has no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations blessed him, may they pronounce him happy.

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-7

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

Recent deaths: Maria Elisapeta Hopewell

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 have come to the second week of Advent. It is time for us to think about our personal conversion in order to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord as John the Baptist urges us in the gospel this Sunday.

We all need help and encouragement to leave behind familiar ways which have become destructive. We need help in imagining ourselves differently, and imagining the good effect that will have on others. We have to take time to reflect what kind of person God wants us to be, what his plan is for us. We need faith in the future, and see the power of God working in the change.

Perhaps this Advent we could exercise that encouragement in a simple, practical way. That will be a change for the better. In the words of Cardinal Newman: "to be human is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often."

John the Baptist's proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins encourages us to make a change of mind and heart. Our perspective does need to change if we are to love God freely and with happiness. And Christmas, a time of warmth, joy and generosity, can help us, because when we think of Bethlehem we catch a glimpse of the shattering love God has for us. This is the time to ask God to give us the grace to trust; the grace to love him by seeking his will.

Advent blessings,
Father Anthony Tran

Advent Reconciliation dates in the Deanery:

- o Manurewa, Tuesday, 2nd Dec, 7pm
- o Pukekohe, Tuesday, 9th Dec, 7pm
- o Otara, Thursday, 11th Dec, 7pm
- o Mangere East, Wednesday, 17th Dec, 7pm
- o Clover Park, Thursday, 18th Dec, 7pm
- o Papatoetoe, Friday, 19th Dec, 7pm

Notes:

No confession after Friday 19th December
No confession during Christmas Octave

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

Papatoetoe Santa Parade Event is rescheduled on **Wednesday, 10-Dec**, starts **7:00pm**. Our Parish is represented.

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. Please proceed to the Hall right after the evening Mass.

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**. Sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Volunteers Needed! If you're interested in assisting the play, please contact **Rachel** at **0211525477**.

Gifting Sunday – weekend of 13 & 14 December Inviting you to bring a Christmas Gift to Mass for children of their parents, who are struggling financially, so that they have something special for Christmas (please label the gift with the age and gender of the intended recipient) Christmas (non-perishable) treat. Christmas Hampers would also be appreciated along with the usual pantry staples.

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 Papatoetoe 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.

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

DAILY MASS CALENDARS 2026 - \$5.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office