

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 1ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
6 & 7 December 2025 – 1ST Saturday & 1ST Sunday of the month**

	SATURDAY 5.30PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM	SUNDAY 5.30PM
LEADER	LEGION OF MARY	FILIPO FAMILY	TUPI FAMILY	LISA AMOA
READERS	LEGION OF MARY	FILIPO FAMILY	TUPI FAMILY	DIVINYA KARUMAI PRINCYA KARUMALIL
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	C TIUMALU SR JOAN PERRIS J FILIPO	O FAATUUALA F PATAU P ALI	R DAUREWA V FAUEA A PAILATE S PAILATE H LOLOHEA	M ANCLA C ABADINGO S WOOD
MUSICIANS	LEGION OF MARY SR GEMMA/ SR FRANCINE	VINCENT	TONGAN COMMUNITY	SR FRANCINE
ALTAR SERVERS	c/o AMELIA	c/o AMELIA	c/o AMELIA	c/o AMELIA
OFFERTORY	LEGION OF MARY	MARK & TIANA RICHMOND FAMILY	TONGAN COMMUNITY	OTILA & SAM LOAU FAMILY
FIRST AID	AJAY BIDESI SWEETLYN ROSHNI	JULIE PAUL DUANE UNDERWOOD	LUISA NU'U GORETTI MEREDITH	SHERWIN STOWERS ABEL
COLLECTION COUNTERS	07 DECEMBER 2025 LILI FAOA SUI VILI		14 DECEMBER 2025 DON SILUUGA DIANE SILUUGA	
FLORISTS	NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT		NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT	
LAWNS GROUNDS	JIMS MOWING NOVEMBER: DIVINE MERCY GROUP			

Collections last weekend:

PLEDGES : \$2815.00 LOOSE CASH: \$2579.70 TOTAL: \$5394.70

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: Isaiah 2: 1-5

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.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.

For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say, peace be within you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

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

Recent deaths: Alicia Ignacio, Maria Elisapeta Hopewell

Anniversaries:

Sunday Mass intentions:

SAT: 5.30pm :

8.00am Sunday:

10.00am: Sunday: Jaison & Dreema Dsouza

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

A new season and a new liturgical year (year of Matthew) begin today, and immediately our focus is on the coming of Christ - but not in the past, which we celebrate at Christmas; rather, in the present, and in the future.

There is, however, something puzzling about the mixture of ideas in Matthew's gospel this Sunday. It is one thing to stand ready for the future return of the Son of Man, but to stay awake is something we can only do for the present. The two ideas are not contradictory, however. The conclusion we can draw is that it is only by staying sufficiently awake to the presence of the Son of Man among us in the reality of today that we will ever be able to stand ready for his return - whenever that will take place.

We are people who profess the belief that the Lord is truly present in the Eucharist, on the proclamation of God's word, where even as few as two or three are gathered in God's name, and in each of our brothers and sisters who are children of God.

Staying awake is a good way to describe the attitude necessary to be aware of these ways in which the Lord is present. To stay awake is to be alert - to be aware of what is going on and to be the lookout for the Lord among us. By staying awake, we can heighten our ability to seek the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, in his word and in each other.

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

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.

Papatoetoe Santa Parade Sign-up sheet for Christmas Float is at the foyer. Event is on **Wednesday, 03-Dec**, starts **7:00pm**.

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**.

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 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.

GOD'S WORD 2026 - has arrived \$25.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office
COLUMBIAN CALENDARS 2026 - \$13.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office
DAILY MASS CALENDARS 2026 - \$5.00 – Purchase from the Parish Office