



MASS TIMES

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 8:00am and 9.30am

Weekday Eucharist

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am
 Saturday 8:00am
 First Friday (Mass of Healing & Anointing of the sick) 9:15am
 First Friday Adoration followed by Mass 6:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Every Saturday 8:30am to 9:30am
 Baptisms: Every Saturday (by appointment) 11:00am
 (Please see the Church noticeboard and Website as well)



NEXT SUNDAY (31 December 2023)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Scripture Readings)

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.
Psalm 105 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways
Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.
Luke 2:22-40 Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

Rosters: The roster for cleaning the church, various ministries and Altar servers is on the notice board and website as well. Thank you for your generosity with these ministries. If you are not available, please arrange your own replacement. Thank you.



ALTAR SERVERS and OTHER MINISTRY Rosters 30/31 December



Sat 6:00pm Christopher Delgado, Nithin Savio, Sean Joseph, Swinth Rodrigues
Sun 8:00am Javier Soares, Eva Hu, Jessica MacKenzie
Sun 9:30am Alex XinLong Qu, Alice YiLin Qu, Breanna Pinto, Sione Tupu

	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:00am	Sun 9:30am
Hospitality:	Kendall D'Souza	Josh Soares	Goretti Fernandes
1st Reading:	Chrysllyn Pinto	Anne Wilson	Richard O'Malley
2nd Reading:	Bendito Fernandes	Reena Edwin	Nila Malo
Ministers of Communion:	Bradley Pinto	Anne Sia	Kamla Singh
	Jessie Dalgado	Paul Reddy	Brower Jr Pule
	Renee D'Souza	Valyne Koh	Verena Sluiter
Projectionist:	Josh Tham	Josh Soares	Vincent George
Chief Collector:	Joseph Moodal	Paul Reddy	Eddie Sluiter
Co-Ordinator:	Clinton Correa	Valyne Koh	Irae Pule
Music:	John Smit	N/A	Youth

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Vincent George & family (30 Dec 2023)

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROSTER

Goretti Sheppard (30 Dec 2023)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a kingdom that will endure forever.
Psalm 89 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
Romans 16:25-27 Paul praises God for making his revelation known.
Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

24 December 2023



This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation.

In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

~ Loyola Press

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord" Ps 89

Parish News

Dear Parishioners and Visitors—I am delighted to wish you all a very merry Christmas. May the child Jesus be born in everyone's heart and fill you with His **PEACE** and **JOY**. May the New Year 2024, be the year to remember the Lord. May God bless you—Fr Ephrem Tigga OFM Cap

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE: (Sunday 24 December 2023)
6:00pm: Family, seniors and children
9:30pm: Christmas Carols followed by Mass at **10:00pm**.
CHRISTMAS DAY: (Monday 25 December 2023)
9.30am Family Mass, Led by Children's Liturgy and Samoan Community.
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Mass at 9:15am

In the frantic life leading up to Christmas, let us hope we are able to take the time to pause and consider anew, the reason for the season.

The Nativity of our Lord - 25th December 2023



6pm Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:1-5 The Lord delights in his people.
Psalm 89: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
Acts 13:16-17,22-25 God chose the people of Israel, and from them he raised up Jesus, our Saviour.
Matthew 1:1-25 After being visited by an angel in a dream, Joseph takes Mary as his wife.

Midnight Mass (10pm)

Isaiah 9:1-6 To those in darkness, a child will be born who will have dominion over the earth.
Psalm 96 Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord
Titus 2:11-14 God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Luke 2:1-14 Jesus is born in a manger in Bethlehem as the angel appears to the shepherds.

9.30 am Mass Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10 God's salvation is announced to the world.
Psalm 98 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God
Hebrews 1:1-6 God now speaks to us through his Son.
John 1:1-18 John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

	Sunday 24th Dec 6:00pm	Sunday 24th Dec 9:30pm	Monday 25th Dec 9:30am
COMMENTATOR	Sarah Flynn	Natasha Pinto	Children's Liturgy
MINISTER OF WORD - 1ST	John Tham	Kendall D'Souza	Children's Liturgy
MINISTER OF WORD - 2ND	Clinton Correa	Izabel Queen Cyril	Children's Liturgy
MINISTERS of HOLY	Rennie D'Souza	Verena Sluiter	Valyne Koh
	Sunita Fernandes	Paul Reddy	Anne Sia
COMMUNION	Wilma Barboza	Bradley Pinto	Lourdes Trainor
O.H.P. PROJECTIONIST	Vincent George	Sylvester D'Souza	Samoan Community
COLLECTOR IN CHARGE	Josh Tham	Leonard Pinto	Josh Soares
CO-ORDINATOR	Liturgy Team	Liturgy Team	Liturgy Team
MUSIC MINISTRY	Graham S	John S	Samoan Group

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic for sale in the church foyer, price is \$4 per copy. Some headlines for this issue: Joy as fourth Bishop of Hamilton ordained. Don't forget suffering Church. Pope receives new NZ ambassador. South Korea pilgrimage was a real blessing.

PARISH REGISTRATION: please register yourselves and your families directly on our website: <https://blockhousebaycatholic.org.nz/registration/>

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2024: are available for sale at \$15 each, after each Mass. The sale of the calendars is a main source of income for the missionary work of the Columban Fathers.

"REQUESTS FOR MASS" Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Holiday & Renovation Period Masses (Tue. 2nd January 2024 – Sat 2nd March 2024): All Masses will be celebrated in the School Hall. All Weekend Masses will be at usual timings.

- Weekday Masses **2nd to 28th January at 9.15am,**
- Weekday Masses **29th January to 2nd March at 7pm;**
- Shrove Tuesday 13th February: Burning of Ashes followed by Mass at 7pm;
- Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024 Mass at 6:00pm and the Ecumenical service at 7:30pm (TBC)

Children's Liturgy Ministers: The parish is looking for volunteers to run and assist with the Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am weekend Masses. All persons who are happy to volunteer for this Ministry are welcome to contact Clinton Mob: 021769135 or contact the parish office.

LEGION OF MARY: The parish Legion of Mary 'Our Lady of Grace' praesidium welcomes new members to join and serve the parish community. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7pm, in the Church foyer or Parish Centre. You are welcome to attend to find out more about this ministry.

CHURCH RENOVATION: will commence from 3rd January 2024 to 2nd March 2024.

PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE & NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOYER

DONATIONS / PLANNED GIVING: To join our Planned Giving scheme please send an email to: stidomspgc@gmail.com or contact the Parish office. For online contributions please use the following details:

Account Name : RC Bishop of Auckland Blockhouse Bay Parish

Account No. : 02-0108-0707980-00

Ref : Your name and planned giving number

Notices from the Diocese

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre: Time Out Days— For those who seek a day retreat- 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch)

The Christmas 2023 Mass Times across Auckland, have been published on the CDA website. Here is the link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2023/>

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Please remember the following in the Eucharist and your personal prayer:

Recently Deceased/Anniversaries: Yvonne Ryan, Shirley Namhauser, Joseph Steuart, Anthony Bakarich, Fr Mario Dorado OFM Cap, Conrad Rasch, Cedric Watt, Sr Mary Mackie op, Margaret Baptista, Bernard Singh, Sr Mary Leonie, Patras Tigga, Margaret Rasch, Sr Dominic op

For the Sick: John and Dolores Webb, Peter Mun, Bozena Bakarich

Please call the parish office if you need to place a name on this list.