

Advent Reconciliation



The Light is On For You

This is a **Rite 1 Reconciliation** offered every Wednesday in the season of Advent from 7-8pm. This Advent Rite 1 is available at Epsom and Three Kings Parishes.

Advent Reconciliation Rite II

Mt. Albert

Wednesday 12 December at 7pm

Balmoral

Friday 14 December at 6pm

Owairaka

Tuesday 18 December at 7pm

Hillsborough

Thursday 20 December at 7pm

Onehunga

Friday 21 December at 6pm

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First Sunday of Advent

2 December 2018

Advent-A Time of Waiting

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

There will be **signs**
in the **sun**, the **moon**,
and the **stars**,
and on earth nations
will be in dismay.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This gospel is dealing with both the medium and long term future for believers in which Jesus recognises that although he has come to bring freedom and peace that does not mean there will be an immediate end to violence and suffering. The language is that of apocalyptic which is a type of writing aimed at encouraging people to believe in God's ultimate victory, the triumph of good over evil. By the time that Luke's gospel was written, people were wondering when would Jesus return and how would they know. Here they are reminded that the key thing is not about the future but to be faithful to the way of Jesus, especially a prayerful way of reflecting on the times we live in.

We might be wondering how these readings are supposed to help us get ready for Christmas. Well, they do this by reminding us that Advent is a time of waiting – a getting ready for the re-turn of Jesus – not just a recalling of the first Christmas but a preparation for the fact that he will come again. So the focus for us at the start of each Advent is the invitation to prayerful taking stock of how ready are we, as individuals and as a church, to re-ceive him however, wherever and whenever he comes to us.

ADVENT IS A TIME TO

**PRIORITISE GOD,
OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE.**

Pope Francis 3/12/17

Usual Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 9am

Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday: 9.00 am

Friday: 10.00 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am, 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30—10.00 am or by appointment

Exposition/Benediction

Thursdays 9.30-10.30am

Feast Days This Week

Monday 3rd St Francis Xavier

Tuesday 4th St John Damascene

Wednesday 6th St Nicholas

Thursday 7th St Ambrose

Saturday 8th The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

In the Parish this Week

Monday 3 December—Mass at 9am for Feast of St Francis Xavier

Wednesday 5 December— Legion of Mary meeting at 7pm

Thursday 6 December— Catholicism Series, 6:30-8:30pm in the meeting room.

Saturday 8 December

- Working Bee at 9:30am
- Altar Servers training at 9:30am
- Pro-Life Rosary Crusade, 3pm

Birthday Blessings

1st Chiqui Garingo, Edwin Saldanha

2nd Elizabeth Palomino, Joel De Zoysa

3rd Pale Pasina, Ryan Pinto,
Adityah Patel

4th Teresa Schischka

5th Ana Regine Francisco,
Michael Feek, Althea Misquitta,
Cameron Jacobs,
Donna de Quastinet

6th Lepetimalo Taliafi

7th Dianca Mitchell, Jemima Rebello,
Desmond Vessaokar,
Audrey D'Souza



Wedding Anniversaries

1st Dominic Vincent & Astrella Fernandes

1st Sam & Kalisi Paulo

4th Christie & Velani Murzello

6th Neville & Karen Coutinho

Happy Anniversary

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards

SVDP Christmas cards for sale. The cards are sold in packs of 5 for \$2.50. Gift cards are available at \$2.50 for a pack of 10.

Parish Foodbank

The Parish Foodbank, run by our Saint Vincent de Paul group, needs donations to make food parcels to deliver to families before Christmas. They would especially like donations of biscuits, sugar, rice, Christmas goodies and corned beef. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Columban Calendars

2019 Columban art calendars are now for sale. The calendars are on sale for \$12 each.

Working Bee

We will be having a working bee next Saturday from 9:30am to have our facilities looking nice for Christmas. There are many varied tasks to be undertaken. All are invited to come and help. BYO garden tools if you have any. BBQ lunch provided.



Mass of Anointing—15 December

There will be a Mass of Anointing on Saturday 15 December followed by a cup of tea. Please bring a plate.

This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28,34-36



Next Sunday's Readings

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Youth and Young Adults

For information about our parish youth group, Christus Rex, please contact christusrexyouthgroup@gmail.com

Hearts Aflame, 4th-13th January 2019
Nga Tawa College, Marton, 10 day retreat of prayer, community, formation, and discernment for Catholics aged 18 to 35. Registration closes 9 December. Register at:

http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz/?fbclid=IwAR2D8YUe4dbUXrwwsojiT6cgHnL_VeVUE5VT5dfouH5Kq097yDxxFLFRgkKo

Goodluck for exams! We hope to see you soon.

Mass Offering Envelopes

Printed envelopes for mass offerings are available from the foyer or the office. Please return these envelopes to Father or the parish office in advance of the Mass request.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the meeting room. The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady is available to our parish families for 2 weeks, please contact Vanessa 0211095442 or Sharmila 0211529603 to make a booking or for more details.

Justice of the Peace

There is a Justice of the Peace available here from 9:30-10:00am on Tuesday mornings.



- **Saturday 8 December**
Parish Working Bee after 9am Mass
Altar Servers Training, 9:30am
Pro-Life Rosary Crusade, 3pm
- **Saturday 15 December**
Mass of Anointing at 9am
Followed by morning tea, Bring a plate.

Planned Giving Scheme

If you would like to join the Parish Planned Giving Scheme please fill in the Parish Registration Form, available from the table in the foyer.

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill:

Phyllis McDermott, Mary Cloonan, Jamielle Burundi, Frank Murphy, Irena Sturch, Trevor Graves, Martha Rush, McLaren Smith, Martin Tiangco, Dean Fallon, Maria Paulo Brown, Erica McBride, James Elliott, Peter Geaney, Roseanna Quiney, Sue Curran, Solinuu Nansen, Ropati Tuliatu, Faa'galo Tuliatu, Anna Maria Coehlo, Lo Tukunia, Yumi Cook, Johan Fernandes, Fatima Rodricks, Beryl Cox, Marie Simpson, Matthew James, Anita Malcon, Delores Gock, Brian Brown, Chris Kelly, Noela Pulotu Faavale, Therese Graham, Trevor Mulligan, Max Joseph Ng Lam, Lusila Kalolo

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joan Sarju, Sharlet Madonna Vaz, Mary Datey Vaz, Charlie Overee, George Butler, Gerald Mendez, Peter Bakker, Grant Dickson, Rhoda McMahon

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord