

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

23 December 2018

Sharing and celebrating faith

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

One of Mary's first recorded journeys was after the announcement to her that she was to be the mother of God. It was a journey of service, a visit to her cousin who needed help. When dealing with such challenges as pregnancy, bereavement, redundancy, a son in prison or a daughter on drugs – we want to talk and we want support. Mary and Elizabeth had something else to share – their faith. The prayers they said have been said ever since. The stage was small but the audience has been millions ever since. They were not shy about their faith in their God.



In a time like ours we need to externalise our faith – to go to Church, send a card with a Christmas greeting, not just a season's wish – not to parade, but to make present our faith. The meaning this week is – Jesus is born, and we celebrate that together, with thanks, music, socialising, prayer and Mass. We need to find God again, and let ourselves be open to him in the deepest areas of life, just like the husbands of both these women, Joseph and Zechariah, as well as their wives, were open to God. Nothing need keep us from God or from the crib at Christmas. All are welcome. The real meaning of Christmas is to meet with God and to help our neighbour.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ARE
often full of sound. it would

BE GOOD FOR US TO
MAKE ROOM

FOR SILENCE TO
hear the voice

OF LOVE.



Pope Francis

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

Wednesday 26th	St Stephen, the First Martyr
Thursday 27th	St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Friday 28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Saturday 29th	St Thomas Becket

In the Parish this Week

Monday 24 December— Masses at 6pm and 12am, preceded by Carol singing

Tuesday 25 December— Mass at 9am

Birthday Blessings

22nd Kalolo Petelo

23rd Aafrun Vaz, Charlotte D'Silva

25th Kayty Mohenoa, Lawrence George

26th Leta Ng Lam

27th Dianne Alamar

28th Innocencio Rodrigues, Ava Crowe

30th Abigail Hyunh, Sabinus D'Souza

31st Nora Fahy, Stacey Blaise Ceniza

Wedding Anniversaries

22nd Ratu & Mel Latunipulu

23rd Michael & Caroline Fa'asolo

26th Alistair & Clovis Ferreira

26th Joseph & Maria Chin

27th Andrea & Adrian Aranha

27th Lawrence & Marie fleur George

28th Innocencio Rocky & Edna Rodrigues

28th Asha & Vijay Patel

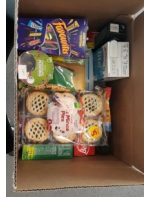
28th Cosmos & Maria Misquitta

29th Gerald & Brenda Alves

30th Errol & Fatima Fonseca

SVDP Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated to our foodbank. We were able to distribute food parcels for Christmas to needy families.



Youth and Young Adults

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

Hi all, Hope you're all doing well. The next practice for the Christmas Carols and Vigil Mass will take place on Monday 24th December at 4:00pm at Christ the King (before the Christmas Carols begin at 5:30pm and Vigil Mass at 6:00pm).



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.

This Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



I express my sincere gratitude to Fr Tony King-Archer, Deacon Jana Nair, parish staff, all the members of various Councils, committees, communities, associations, choirs, Jerome and altar servers, lay ministers, volunteers, benefactors and supporters for their incredible service and generous contributions towards the life and growth of the parish.

Let us continue to build the family in the true spirit of Christ.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.

Fr Benedict Francis

Christ the King

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Christmas & New Year Mass Times

Christmas Eve—Monday 24 December

5.30pm Carol Service followed by

6pm Vigil Mass

11.30pm Carol Service followed by

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Tuesday 25 December

Mass at 9am only

Weekdays and Sunday

Masses as usual

New Year's Eve—Monday 31 December

Mass at 11pm

New Year's Day—Tuesday 1 January 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9am



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

Phyllis McDermott, Mary Cloonan, Jamille 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, Brian Brown, Marie Simpson, Matthew James, Anita Malcon, Delores Gock, Chris Kelly, Noela Pulotu Faavale, Therese Graham, Trevor Mulligan, Max Joseph Ng Lam, Lusila Kalolo

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Greg Mulvey, David Sarju, Ruben Bulacja, Louey Sami, Irene Carvalho, Lawrence Miller, David Fernandes, Kenneth Fernandes, Alan Ryan, Susitina Luamanu Fiava'a, Patrick Sarju

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord