



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



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Second Sunday of Advent

9 December 2018

Repentance: Reform our Lives

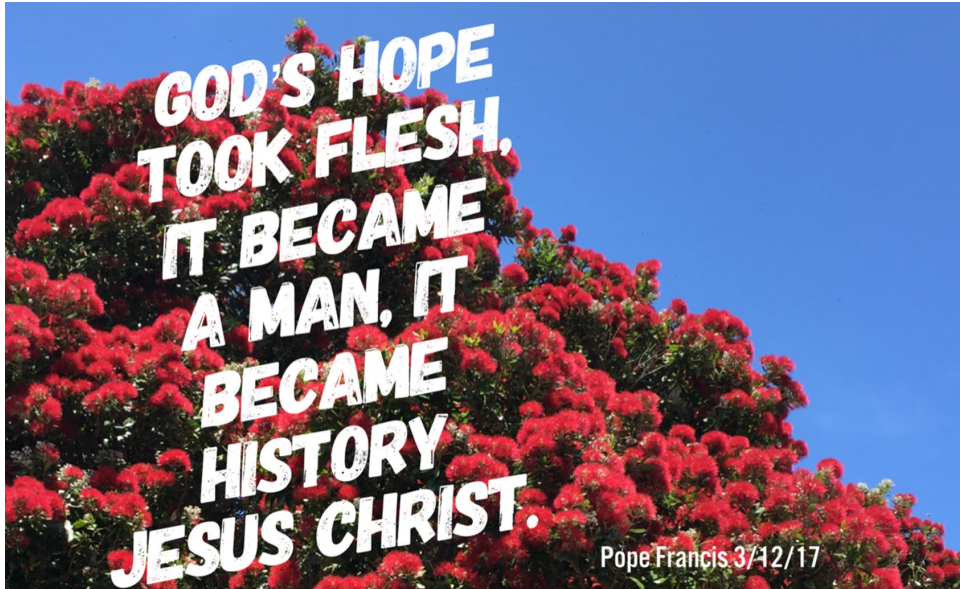


On the second and third Sundays of Advent, the church gives us John the Baptist as a model of someone who knows how to wait. In this first passage we have Luke's summary of the mission of John the Baptist. It is none other than the mission of Jesus himself and of all preachers of the gospel. Luke begins his account of the ministry of Jesus by putting it in its

historical context. He tells us about who was in charge in the worlds of politics and religion and then introduces us to someone who was something of a threat to them both. John the Baptist is presented as inviting the people to repent, to turn again to God and to show their desire to do this by being baptised – a symbolic washing. In so doing John is seen as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah in which there is a call to remove every obstacle that might stand in the way of God showing his salvation to his people.

This gospel reminds us of one of the key themes of Advent: repentance.

Repentance and its associated colour purple remind many people of the season of Lent rather than Advent but it is not difficult to see why it is so central to our preparation for the coming of Jesus. Without it, the season of Christmas can simply slide into an excuse for over-indulgence, an opportunity to party in an effort to get over the darkness of winter. These readings show the true meaning of repentance, for they speak about leaving aside anything that might blind us to what God wants for us, and opening ourselves to something new and wonderful and beyond our wildest dreams. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.



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

Tuesday 11th St Damasus

Wednesday 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday 13th St Lucy

Friday 14th St John of the Cross

In the Parish this Week

Wednesday 12 December— Legion of Mary meeting at 7pm

Birthday Blessings

8th Rebecca Pasina,
Connie Hassan

9th Rachel Martis, Felicia Valladarres

10th Taulua Latunipulu, Chris D'Mello
Audrey Saldanha

11th Riona Saldanha, Maria Brown

12th Naia Tagiilima,
Lupe Mataia-Sue

13th Rhea Patel, Milton D'Souza

14th Mini Shaju, Daniel Vessaokar

Wedding Anniversaries

8th Lester & Sam Gonsalves

9th Edwin & Riona Saldanha

12th Ralph & Melina Hendricks

12th Frederic & Bellanca Almeida

14th Allan & Pamela D'Souza

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards

There are still some SVDP Christmas cards for sale. The cards are sold in packs of 5 for \$2.50. Gift cards are also 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.

Mass of Anointing—21 December

There will be a Mass of Anointing on Friday 21 December followed by a cup of tea.

Parish Hall

The Parish hall was built in 1972 and is therefore 42 years old. At the time of building it met all building and seismic requirements. Auckland Council has now assessed the hall as an earthquake prone building not meeting current seismic standards. An Auckland Council notice is on public display in the entrance to the hall above the main doors. The Parish has 35 years until 21st November 2053 to upgrade the hall to meet seismic standards.



This Sunday's Readings

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6



Next Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

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=IwAR2D8YUe4dbUXrwwsojiT6cgHnLVeVUE5VT5dfouH5Kq097yDxxFLFRgkKo>

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.

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

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:

Rosemary Eggers, Anna Margarida Barneto, Sean Piacun, Viliami Tuipulotu, Daqvid Feki, Walter Fernandes, Kathleen Ryan

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord