

Feast Days in the Third Week of Advent & Christmas Period

- **Mon 21 Dec:** Memorial for **St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church.** Born Spain 1542, became a Carmelite and ordained in 1567. St Teresa of Avila encouraged him to undertake a reform of his Order, but he was opposed and suffered many setbacks. His life of prayer bore fruit in writings that are classics of the mystical life. *The Ascent of Mt Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, The Spiritual Canticle, The Living Flame of Love.*
- **Fri 25 Dec:** **SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS. The Nativity of the Lord.**
- **Sat 26 Dec:** **Feast of St Stephen, martyr.** St Stephen is recognised as being the first of many martyrs for the faith. See Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59.
- **Mon 28 Dec:** **FEAST DAY FOR THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS.** Children under the age of two in Bethlehem were massacred by Herod the Great in an attempt to kill the child Jesus.
- **Fri 1 Jan:** **SOLEMNITY FOR MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD.** Mary, through whom the world would be blessed. We too bless God for Mary, who bore for us the Child she named Jesus, the Saviour. **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.**
- **Sat 2 Jan:** Memorial for **St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church.** They were lifelong friends. **Basil** was born Caesarea about 330. A brilliant student, but for a number of years followed a monastic way of life. Appointed bishop of Caesarea in 370. His monastic rules still followed today by monks of the Eastern Church. Fought against Arian heresy, defended the poor, and did much to help them. Died 379. **Gregory** born near Nazianzus in Cappadocia, also about 330. He, too, followed a monastic way for some years. Became bishop of Constantinople in 379, when the Arian heresy was at its height. Forced to retire to Nazianzus, he died in 389. His learning and powers of oratory were remarkable, and he was called The Theologian.

We pray for those who have died recently or with Anniversaries at this time:

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| Dec 19: Karl Rollin 2003, Gregory Cooper 2004, Msgr Paul Cronin, 2010 | Dec 28: Anne O'Sullivan 1984, Kathleen Bell 1996, Gwen Watson 1996 |
| Dec 20: Rev Frances H Terry 1978 | Dec 29: Mary Kyle 1994 Dec 30: Antonio John Martin 1985, Richard Lee 2010 |
| Dec 21: Most Rev Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier 1871, Peter Bartlett 2019 | Dec 30: Patrick McHugh 2014 |
| Dec 24: Nicol Miller 1999, Joyce Hansen 2019 | Dec 31: Ida Ocleshaw 1983 |
| Dec 25: William Hancock 1978, Alfred Clarke 1980, Pauline Lonie 2014, Rev Fr Paddy Collins 2017 | Jan 1: Alma Simmonds 1914, Laurence Maxwell 1936, Viola Willetts 2014 |
| Dec 27: Elizabeth (Betsy) Knottenbelt 2005, Murray Woodham 2014 | Jan 2: Alice Holland 1977, William Stanley 1978, John McBride 1987 |
| | Jan 3: John Boylan 1924, Horace Jones 1929, Hector McLennon 1962 |

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Parish Office Hours: Mon—9:00am to 12:30pm; Tues to Fri—9:00am to 1:00pm

Parish Newsletter: (**DEADLINE 9am THURS.**)

Sunday Mass Times: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9am

Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

Other Rosters:

Morning Tea

- 27 Dec - Kate Kearins
- 3 Jan—Shelley
- 10 Jan— Norrene

Cleaning

- 2 Jan—Moata'ane Family

Flowers

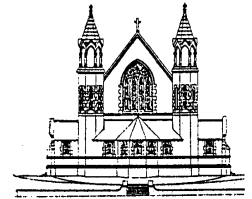
- 1 Jan—Annie
- 8 Jan—Sue

Counters

- 27 Dec—Shyrelle & Brian
- 3 Jan— Karl & Denise
- 10 Jan—Rosalind & Corenna



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 20 DECEMBER 2020



**WISHING YOU ALL A
VERY HAPPY AND HOLY
CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION,
AND A BLESSED AND
FRUITFUL NEW YEAR.**

This is the final bulletin for 2020. The next parish bulletin will be published on Sunday 17^h January 2021.

We are good at waiting...

- for lockdown levels to change
- for hearing the 1pm briefing – at 2
- for the phone to ring
- for the email to arrive
- for a card to come – real one with a stamp
- for a baby to be born
- for the whānau to come home.

In this last week of Advent let us wait well
in faith
in hope
in unity with one another
Together let us wait in joy
for Emmanuel
God with us

Amen



Christmas Mass Times
Christmas Eve
5.10pm Carols—5.30pm
Vigil Mass
11.30pm Carols—12
Midnight—Midnight Mass
Christmas Day
9am Mass

Our spirit of hope has been growing in intensity as the weeks of Advent have passed. We have looked forward by progressively moving back in time. We began with the final day of the Lord, then turned our attention to the mission of John the Baptist, and now focus on the birth of the Messiah.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary, The Ark Of God's Covenant

Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

Ps 89: I will sing for ever of the goodness of the Lord.

Rom 16:25-27 The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.

Luke 1:26-38 Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 27 Dec

Gen 15:1-6;21:1-3 Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.

Ps 104: The Lord is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

Heb 11:18,11-12,17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

Luke 2:22-40 The child grew, filled with wisdom.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 3 Jan

The Revelation Of Christ To The World

Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Ps 71: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 3:12-21 It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10 Jan

Isaiah 55:1-11 Come to the water. Listen and your soul will live.

Responsorial: Is 12:2-6 With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.

1John 5:1-9 The Spirit and water and blood.

Mark 1:7-11 You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.

Lectors:

(20 Dec) Sat S Burke S Erasmuson Sun G Dobbs L Lampen Smith

(27 Dec) Sat C Sinclair L McMaster Sun B Upton F Knottenbelt

(3 Jan) Sat S Erasmuson K Petrie Sun K Kearins Y Braid

(10 Jan) Sat N Witham Blackwell L McMaster Sun M Lyttleton D Wiliamson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(20 Dec) Sat M Burke Sun K Lynch B Turner M Lyttleton

(27 Dec) Sat J Pereira M Dennis Sun F Sapa'u A Steel K Casey

(3 Jan) Sat K Isidro H Dennis K Isidro Sun A Williams M Steel K Lynch

(10 Jan) Sat J Pereira M Burke Sun M Lyttleton I Gillies S Gillies

Volunteers For Christmas Liturgies

Readers, Prayers, Special Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Collectors.

Please indicate your availability for Christmas duties on the forms on table at church door.

We also need people to help serve refreshments.

2021 Columban Calendars

\$12 each

On sale now from church door after Sunday Mass or available from parish office.

Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to offer donations for fresh flowers for our Altar for Christmas. Please place your donation in the box at church door. Thank you.

Church Cleaning Bee

Thank you to all those who volunteered time and effort to church cleaning. Marvelous effort!

Christmas blessings and gratitude from the Caring Foundation

Your support for families and communities in need during 2020 has helped the foundation support over 60 agencies working with the poor and the vulnerable. Thank you for your compassion and care. Please keep the Foundation in your prayers, and if able please support our Christmas Appeal. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Celebration of the First Mass in Aotearoa Sunday 17 January at 8am

Meet at the Poynton's grave, in Bayswater for a prayer, song and blessing before going to 9am Mass at St Francis de Sales & All Souls, followed by morning tea. All Welcome

Baptisms

Baptisms for children of any age will be celebrated on **Saturday 9 January at 11am**. If you would like a child baptised on that date please make contact directly with Father John john@fff.org.nz



13-26 December issue out now. \$4

Some headlines: New pastoral plan for Auckland diocese. New vaccines prompt serious questions. Hospital chaplain called a local hero. Marist ordained to priesthood.

Alterations

Anyone requiring clothing alterations please contact: Flo Sapa'u 0273160347



Christmas Day Mass

Shine TV – Shine will broadcast Christmas Day Mass starting at **1.50pm**. Shine is on Free-to-air Channel 25 and Sky TV Channel

201. Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Or it can be watched from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/> Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Mass.



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Parish news: 17 December

Tima's farewell

It was a moving occasion saying farewell to Tima on Tuesday afternoon. We held a powhiri with Jessie Westcott and Alice Gillies acting as karanga and Morris Pita speaking on behalf of Tima at the welcome. Tima's wife, 5 of his children, his daughter in law and grandson were part of the powhiri which made it very special. We will miss him but wish him all the very best in his new role.

Graduation Mass

On Wednesday we celebrated a beautiful Graduation Mass. Many thanks to Hayley Law who played the guitar for us and to Father John for celebrating the Mass with us. It was a special occasion for our 15 leavers and their families and we wish them all the best for their future as well.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of all the staff at St Leo's, I wish all the Parishioners a very Happy and Holy Christmas. We will be back with news again early February so enjoy the summer break.

God Bless

Maureen Harris

Social Justice Retreat

Social Justice Retreat 9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021 at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM. It will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch. Places are limited so please contact Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz asap if you are interested in attending.

ADVENT RETREAT

An hour of reflection led by Fr. John after 9am Mass, practical encouragement based generally on the theme *"The Wonderful Difference that Faith Makes to Daily Life."* All welcome **Saturday 19 December 9.30am – 10.30am**

For some inspiring alternative reading, **Tui Motu Interislands Magazine** has many articles online: www.tuimotu.org