

Day	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Cleaners
Saturday 19 Dec 2020 5.00 p.m.	Scolastica Filipo Royston D'Lima	Fili Filipo	Marika, Misha Dalia Matthew Aaron	
Sunday 20 Dec 2020 9.30 a.m.	Indian Community	Bro Michael Goh	Anstan Adele Gloria Ana	Indian Community

Rosters for Next Week

Saturday 26 Dec 2020 5.00 p.m.	Frederick Quadros Charmaine Jones	Lydia Quadros	Aaron Dalia	
Sunday 27 Dec 2020 9.30 a.m.	Samoan Community	Bro Michael Goh	Matthew Misha Reilyn	Samoan Community

Are you new to our Parish?

We warmly welcome you. We would like to know more about you and invite you to visit the Parish Office and register yourself by filling in a Parishioner's Census Form. If there is any way we can be of help to you, please let us know

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: It's a Miracle!

Each year on our birthdays my mother would tell my sisters and me the story of our births. My dad, a travelling salesman during those years, was always out of town when my mum would start labour. But then by some miracle, he would get there before or just after each of us was born.

Miracles and childbirth seem to go hand in hand. It is a miracle people are courageous enough to bear children given all that can go wrong. It is a miracle anyone conceives a child given the biological precision required. It is a miracle that the baby survives its time in the womb given all the possible genetic and healthcare threats. It is a miracle that the trauma of childbirth doesn't overwhelm the baby and its parents more than it usually does. It is a miracle that more often than not, even in remote areas, the mother doesn't die from infection. It is a miracle that despite even the most incredible odds, most babies thrive and grow. Conception and childbirth are miracles. Period.

Jesus' conception and birth are no exception. They point to a truth that anyone who watches a child come into the world knows as the truth: that love exists - as a separate, all-powerful being outside ourselves, and we are graced with its presence everyday of our lives. Praise Mary, for her role in bringing this truth to life.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B
20 December 2020

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 05.00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 09.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Thursday: 07.00 a.m.
Friday: 07.00 a.m. & 07.00 p.m.
Saturday: 08.00 a.m.
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 08.00 a.m.

Special Masses:

Anointing: 12.00 noon every 4th Sunday
Fijian: 02.00 p.m. every 1st Sunday
Tamil: 06.30 p.m. every 1st Saturday

The Holy Rosary
is prayed before Mass Daily

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 09.00 – 09.30 a.m.
Every 4th Wednesday: 07.00 – 08.00 p.m.

MISSION MAP

*..and Mary said
I am the Lord's servant
may it be done to me
according to your
word*
LUKE 1:38

**Wherever and however God may speak to us,
may we like Mary, be able to give our yes.**

Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, 20 December 2020

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16
Ps. 89 p.95
Second Reading Romans 16:25-27
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, 27 December 2020

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps. 128 p.139
Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Sunday Offering - 13 December, 2020

NZ\$ 1,318.40
Thank You for your generosity

Prayers for the Sick

Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick:

Johanna, Maiava Mamapo, Penina Ravlich, Jeevan Menezes, Pamela Swanamali deSilva, Annie Lim, Dennis Su'a, Rodney Fernando, Bernadette Jayasuriya, Elizabeth Beckham, Robert Leger, Matthew Harrison, Judaline Dias, Nell Graham, Larissa Salt, Purvashree Pai e Souza, Fr. Albert Williams ofm, Gloria Cruz, Monique Simon, Emily Matthews, Ali Ahmed, Ana Hiliate, Mafi Lelea, Peter McConnel, Siosianna Tuli, Babs Lyons.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Bro Daniel Hannaford, Michael Brady, Neil Almeida, Myrtle Mathias, George Pereira, Canute Carvalho, June Young Pe Ku, Joyce Smyth, Agnelo Rebelo, Denis James Edwards, Bro Peter Dalton ofm, Fr. D. Meuli, Fili Otufangavalu, Virginia Faye Perelini, Gladys Lopez, Bradley. **Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.**

St Therese Parish Notices

Meetings

PPC Meeting - 4th February at 7.30 pm
Finance Committee - 8th March at 7.00 pm
Liturgy Committee - TBA

The Light Is On For You

During ADVENT our church will be open every Wednesday (23rd Dec) from 7-8 pm for quiet prayer and Rite 1 reconciliation. During this time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with candles & light music. Parishioners are invited to come and pray in silence.

Franciscan Friars - Morning Prayer

The Franciscan Friars will be attending mass every Friday morning and will have their morning prayers (7.30 - 7.45 am) in our Parish. Parishioners are welcome to join in.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic adoration during Advent. This will resume next year

Anointing Mass on 27th December 2020

A special Mass is held at 12.00 noon every 4th Sunday of the month for the anointing of the sick and elderly.

St. Therese Church – Food Bank

Our Youth Group is delighted to inform you of the launch of our parish **FOOD BANK**. They are seeking your support through generous & regular contributions of food items & toiletries. There is a marked container in the foyer for you to place your donations of non-perishable food items. Your donations will help us reach out to families in need. Thank you in advance for being a part of this initiative and supporting it.

Columbian Calendars & Daily Mass Calendars

The 2021 Columbian Calendars (\$12/- each) and Daily Mass Calendars (\$4/- each) are now on sale. Kindly pick up your copy either before or after the Sunday morning mass from Vaeani Vaiaoga-Salele or Valelia Ioane at the back of the Church.

Programme for Christmas & New Year

Thursday, 24th December 2020

(there will be no morning mass)
07:30 pm Vigil Mass (Carols followed by Mass) led by the Holy Angels Choir
10:30 pm Christmas Mass (Carols followed by Mass) led by the Tongan Community.

Friday, 25th December 2020

09:30 am Christmas Day Mass led by the Parish Youth

Sunday, 27th December 2020

09:30 am Feast of the Holy Family led by the Samoan Community

Thursday, 31st December 2020

10:30 pm New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Mass led by the Samoan Community

Friday, 1st January 2021

09:30am - New Year's Day Mass led by the Indian Community

From Monday, 28th December 2020 to Friday, 8th January 2021, the daily morning mass during the week will be at 8:00 a.m. Mass timings will revert to normal (i.e. 7:00 am) from the 11th January 2021.



We take this opportunity to wish all our Parishioners a Very Blessed Christmas. May the birth of our dear Baby Jesus bring joy, peace, hope and goodwill to one & all.

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Headlines:

1. New pastoral plan for Auckland diocese.
2. New vaccines prompt serious questions.
3. Hospital chaplain called a local hero.
4. Marist ordained to priesthood.

Auckland Catholic Diocese Notices

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 & St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. The mass can also be watched online at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/>. The next Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family mass will also be broadcasted at 2pm. This will conclude the current provision of broadcasted Masses.

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 do support our Christmas Appeal, details on www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Loving God,

Because your love for us is so great, you call us to be one with you. Because your love for the world is so great, you share your mission with us and send us as instruments of your love. Encourage us as we strive to implement the Mission Map. Walk with us as we accompany one another as missionary disciples. Guide us with your Spirit of wisdom and love. Make us truly welcoming to all, particularly the young. Send us forth to proclaim the joy of the Gospel through faith, service, justice and love of others, most especially the poor. May we, live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all we do. Amen



MISSION MAP
Māori kaupapa Māhara
Diocese of Auckland

- prepare for missionary discipleship
- strengthen spirituality of young people
- care for poor