

Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, 17 December 2023

First Reading : Isaiah 61: 1-2,10-11

Ps.00 p.177

Second Reading : Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel : John 1: 6-8,19-28

Sunday, 24 December 2023

First Reading : Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11,14-16

Ps.89 p.95

Second Reading : Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel : Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday Offering 10 December, 2023

NZ\$ 1623.50

Thank You for your generosity

Prayers for the Sick

Jesus our Healer, we commend to your gentle hands those who are sick: Teleisia Tuitupou, Sitapa Kauvalu, Atonio Ulutaufonua, Kasanita Fotu'aika, Vaka Fatongiatau, Huki Kauvalu, Anauralia Hiliate, Vincent Jacob Ali, Thea Gilich, Lloyd, Paul & Anne Austin, Rosemary Cannon, Maiava Mampo, Annie Lim, Rodney Fernando, Bernadette Jayasuriya, Robert Leger, Matthew Harrison, Judaline Dias, Nell Graham, Larissa Salt, Purvashree Pai e Souza, Gloria Cruz, Emily Matthews, Mafi Lelea, Peter McConnel.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Boniface Lim, Winnie Chang, Oscar Sequeira, Lisa Maria Schaffeld Elizabeth Beckham, Akanese Avv'a, Veronica Cheung, Josie Krippner, Gertrude D'Souza, Fr. Albert Williams ofm, Ana Hiliate, Reinald D'Souza, Alfred Johnson, Dennis Su'a, Luc Marie, Bro Daniel Hannaford, Veronica Fernandes, Babs Lyons, Pamela Swanamali deSilva, Neil Almeida, Myrtle Mathias, George Pereira, Canute Carvalho, June Young Pe Ku, Joyce Smyth, Agnelo Rebello, Denis Edwards, Gladys Lopez. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them**

St Therese Parish Notices

Newsletter

There will be no Newsletter for the Month of January 2024. The Parish Office will be closed.

Re-open on the 2nd of February 2024

Meetings

Parish Council — 1st February at 7.30 pm 2024
Liturgy Committee—8th February - 7.30pm 2024
Finance Committee—13th February -7.30pm 2024

Daily Mass Calendars and Catholic Bible Diaries 2024

Daily Mass Calendars (\$5 each) and the Catholic Bible Diaries 2024 (\$20 each) are now on Sale. Kindly pick up your copy either before or after the Sunday Morning Mass from Annie Lim at the back of the Church



*Love
abounds in
all things,
excels from
the depths
to beyond
the stars, is
lovingly
disposed to
all things.*

*St. Hildegard of Bingen
(1098 – 1179)*

Programme for Christmas & New Year

Sunday, 24th December 2023-

Christmas Eve

07:15 pm – Vigil Mass (Carols followed by Mass) led by the Holy Angels Choir

11:30 pm – Christmas Mass (Carols followed by Mass) led by the Parish Youth

Monday, 25th December 2023

09:30 am– Christmas Day Mass led by the Indian Community

Sunday, 31st December 2023

09:30 am – Feast of the Holy Family led by the Holy Angels.

Sunday, 31st December 2023 -

New Year's Eve

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

Monday, 1st January 2024

09:30 am– New Year's Day Mass led by the Tongan Community

From 26 December 2023 to 5 January 2024, the weekly morning mass will be at 8:00 a.m. Mass timings will revert to normal (i.e., 7:00 am) from the 8th of January 2024.

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.

Auckland Catholic Diocese Notices

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - Saturday evenings to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; Wednesday mornings in silent Meditation; Wednesday evenings to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that 'it is confidence that must lead to love'. We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless. Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE

Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation, and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. All are welcome to participate and learn more of our Catholic heritage. You can experience the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021439407

St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis

Retreat Centre:

For more info/dates and to book visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Wed 21 Feb 2024 | Thu 21 Mar 2024

Homecoming – A Lenten retreat that will reflect on the spiritual implications of Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's book "The Return of the Prodigal Son" | Fri 22 Mar 7pm- Sun 24 Mar 7pm