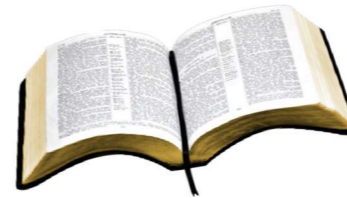


24th Dec 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



Readings This Week

2 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12.14.16.
Ps 88: 2-5. 27.29
Rom 16: 25-27
Lk 1: 26-38

Readings Next Week

Ecc1 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 126: 1-5
Col 3: 12-21
Lk 2: 22-40

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 88: 2-5, 27.29.)

Response: *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

Communion Reflection

Lonely at Christmas

You sometimes hear people say: 'I always find Christmas Day a lonely day'
I think what they are really saying is: "*I always feel lonely on Christmas Day*"

Loneliness is caused chiefly by two things:

Absence and Emptiness.

Let us spare a thought, a prayer, and maybe a visit for someone who will spend Christmas alone.

And if while spending Christmas in the midst of others,

We still feel lonely, let us not be alarmed.

Our hearts are always longing for something more, or rather, for someone else.

In every human heart there is an empty chamber waiting for a guest.

That guest is GOD

HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES. From 3rd & 4th FEB 2018, the following changes to the Holy Cross week end Mass schedule will involve the Saturday Vigil Mass changing from 7pm to 6pm, and the Sunday evening mass from 7pm to 6pm. These changes have been approved by the Western Deanery and the Bishop's Office, effective from Feb.2018

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. Change to the larger VENUE. From 1st FEB 2018, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held weekly in the CHURCH not the Friary Chapel; after the 9am mass until 12 midday.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

NO Reconciliations on Saturdays, and Wednesday.

NO Wednesday evening Mass

NO Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on Wed & Thurs.

NO 20 Decade Rosary on Wednesdays

NO Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Wed)

NO Holy Hour on Wednesday mornings

NO 1st Friday evening mass on 5 January.

NO Mediation Group meetings – on Thursdays

All these liturgies and masses will recommence from February 2018

The Brown Robe - the parish bulletin will next be published for the weekend of 27th – 28th January 2018.

The Catholic Caring Foundation would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their prayers and support of Bishop Pat's Foundation, throughout 2017. Through your support, the Foundation was able to give grants of over \$650,000 to organisations caring and supporting families and communities in need throughout the diocese. We couldn't have done this without your support. Thank you. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe Christmas.

CDC Philosophy Camp. Join Fr Dominique Faure and the CDC students to Search for the Truth, Ask the Big Questions, Go Deeper, Have Fun! Aimed at 16-19 year olds. 26th December, 3pm to 28th December 2pm. Cost \$60. For further information refer to the church noticeboard.

NZ Catholic: The Dec. 24 – Jan. 27 issue is out now. Some headlines are: Parishes to get euthanasia bill letter from bishops. NZ abuse inquiry likely to include churches. 'Our Father' translation not on ICEL agenda yet. Clergy appointments in four NZ dioceses. The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on January 28.

Our Lady of Fatima: The International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima will be held in Holy Cross Church in January 2018. See the notice board for the programme from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st January 2018. Sponsored by the Alliance of the Holy Family International.

St Vincent de Paul Collection for the needy will be taken up on the weekend of 20th & 21st January 2018

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent – Sat Vigil (23rd) 7pm and Sun 24th Dec - Masses will be at 7am, 9am and 10.30am

Christmas Eve

7pm: Vigil Mass for Children & Families of the Parish

10.30 to 11.15: Carol singing

11.15pm - Midnight: Liturgy of Carols

12 Midnight: Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Masses will be at 7am, 9am and 10.30am

(only one collection – a Christmas Offering)

There will be **NO 7pm Mass**

Sunday 31st December 2017 (New Year's Eve)

Mass will be at 7am, 9am, 10.30 & 7pm

Thanksgiving Mass: 10pm

Monday 1st January 2018 (New Year's Day)

Mass will be at 9am

Also see Church Noticeboard for Christmas Day liturgy rosters.
(Any issues contact: Mary: maryturnwald@hotmail.com or 09-837-0497)

Weekend Masses during the Holidays: 7pm Vigil (Sat), 7am, 9am, 10.30am & 7pm Sun

Week day Mass: Monday to Friday: 9am, Saturday: 8am

Message from the Capuchin Friars

*May each and every one of you have a truly happy Christmas and New Year, with family and friends.
Be safe on the roads and beaches these holidays. Thank you for your support and prayers through the year.*

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER 23rd & 24th Dec 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	G Mascarenhas	R Carrucan	A Sue, T Purcell	Indian Community
Sun 7am	E Cala	A Fakasiieiki	K Fakasiieiki, L Fakasiieiki	
Sun 9am	J Brodie	E Seiuli	M Seufatu, C Seiuli, P van Rotterdam F Borsos, E Kennedy, B Oliver, R Ventura	Vaka'uta Family
Sun 10.30am	The Filipino Community			Filipino Community
Sun 7pm	J Wedge	P Finau	M & A McKeown	Christine Bosen & Group

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – CHRISTMAS DAY - 25th Dec 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Midnight	A Swann	P Finau C Mendes	M & S Lesatele, M Veatupu, K Veatupu, N & L Lockington, K & L Fakasiieiki	the Betham Family the Vaka'utu Family
7am	B Barclay	F Ah Ken	W Veikoso, Francis Ah Ken	
9 am	V Coakley	A McGrath	P Coakley, J Thomsen, P Bakker, S Smith, T Malone, L Buckley, B Oliver	the Goldwyn Family
10.30am	The Tongan Community			Tongan

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 30th & 31st December 2017

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M de Hogg	J Soniega	C & A Crasto	DRCNZ
Sun 7am	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	F Ah Ken, W Veikoso	
Sun 9am	M Warren	T Turagbeci	N & L Lockington, F Skinner, T Malone P Tomas, C & S Orguejo	Evelyn Pereira
Sun 10.30am	F Fa'apoi	P Finau	J Martinez, J Fernandes	the Goldwyn Family
Sun 7pm	M Rubeza	S Ivceovich	P Bakker, M Belleza	the Betham Family

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 6th & 7th January 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M Del Rosario	J Soneiga	L & D Cowan	
Sun 7am	D Dominguez	Draymond Dominguez	G Dominguez, M Veatupu	
Sun 9am	M Warren	M Smith	N Suvalko, P Tomas, C & A Crasto, T Malone, F Skinner, B Oliver, C Seiuli	
Sun 10.30am	The Tongan Community			Tongan Community
Sun 7pm	K Tanginoa	S. Ivceovich	P Tanginoa, X Tanginoa	

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 13th & 14th January 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	M de Hogg	R Carrucan	N Nau, J Gawler-Lata	
Sun 7am	J Cama	M Briones	A & K D'Souza	
Sun 9am	R Lesatele	T Tuala	N & L Lockington, C & S Orquejo, E & A Jariel, M & S Lesatele	
Sun 10.30am	T Tevaga	C Ouano	J Martinez, J Pineda	
Sun 7pm	S Rainbow	P Finau	J D'Souza, M Belleza	

LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 20th & 21st January 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry
Sat 7pm	G Mascarenhas	M de Melo	L de Melo, A Sue	
Sun 7am	B Barclay	P Turnwald	M & V Pua	
Sun 9am	V Coakley	I D'Silva	P Coakley, E & E Heynen, J Baptist, S Smith, B Boyd Bell, B Oliver E Kennedy	
Sun 10.30am	F Fa'apoi	J Buen	M Sagat, J Fernandez	
Sun 7pm	Fiji Community		P Bakker, G Dominguez	Fiji Community

