

## 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



### Readings this Week

Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### Readings Next Week

Bar 5:1-9  
Ps 125  
Phil 1:3-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24: 4 – 5, 8 – 9, 10, 14)

Response: *To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

### Communion Reflection

#### Life Is Fleeting

The hill flowers fade,  
but will bloom again next year.  
But we never get back our youth.  
Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly;  
our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun.  
We live in a flash of light; before we know it,  
evening comes and night falls.  
But the very fleetingness of life  
makes it all the more precious.  
Lord, may Your gentle and sure light  
guide us on the unfolding road,  
so that we may walk with confidence  
towards the light that never fades  
and the life that never ends.

*(Flor McCarthy, New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies)*

### NZ Capuchin Seminarians Overseas

The parish is urged to continue praying for an increase in priestly vocations. Any financial support to assist with the current cost of seminary training while they are studying overseas would be appreciated. Please contact Brian Oliver if you can help with a one off or regular contribution. Thank you to all those who have already shown their support.



### ATTENTION TO ALL THE LEADERS, READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Will you be away and NOT going to be available for any of the Masses during the holiday time (such as Christmas and New Year)? Please contact and inform **Mary Turnwald**, the Coordinator for the Liturgy Roster, at [maryturnwald@hotmail.com](mailto:maryturnwald@hotmail.com) or **837-0497**, to ensure that you will not be rostered for the upcoming Masses during holiday, and/or substitutes will be allocated for you if you are rostered for December roster. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Fr. Raymond's collection for the Mission is to be taken up after all Masses THIS weekend

## HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – RESULTS:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Loy Fernandes; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bernice Keenan; 3<sup>rd</sup> Megan Nichol. Congratulations to the winners! Big THANK YOU also to Norah Lane for all the time and effort put into organising the raffle. \$600 was raised and donated to the Church Rebuilding Fund.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.** A kind reminder for the Parish Pastoral Council members, that the upcoming Parish Council meeting will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Friary meeting room.**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the church. Adoration starts at 7pm.

**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** will be held on **Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 11am** followed by senior's Christmas Luncheon.

There will be a **RECITATION OF THE 20 DECADES OF THE HOLY ROSARY** on **Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm** in the church, organised by the Legion of Mary, in conjunction with the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** All are welcome to participate!

**GIFTING SUNDAY:** Remember the elderly and infirmed, in rest homes or house bound. Your gifts can be put in the collection box in the church foyer on the weekend of **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December** in time for Christmas (or left at the Parish Office during the coming week). *Please mark wrapped gifts, as being suitable for male or female.*

**SECULAR FRANCISCANS (WEST AUCKLAND).** The Secular Franciscans are meeting next **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm** in the church meeting room. Visitors always welcome. For more information please contact Lyndon 021-851 713.

The last session of **20 DECADES ROSARY** recitation will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018.** It will restart next year on Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY CROSS HENDERSON** are having a Sausage sizzle for fundraiser on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at Bunnings, New Lynn from 9am - 4pm. Proceeds to go to St Vincent de Paul Christmas fund. Please support the Vinnies in their fundraising!

**NZ CATHOLIC Newspaper 2 – 15 Dec issue is out now.** Some headlines are: *New priest ordained in Dunedin. Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools. World Day of the Poor activities in Wellington. Catholics in Palmerston North anti-weapons protest.* The next issue of *NZ Catholic* will be published on **December 16.**

**2019 DIVINE MERCY CALENDAR** will be available outside the church after all Masses (except Sun 7am) this weekend, **1 & 2 December** by Nenita Natac. \$10 for wall calendar and \$5 for pocket calendar.

**2019 DAILY MASS CALENDAR** – SOLD OUT, until new order arrives. If you missed out & still require one, please see Brian this weekend or contact the Parish Office during the week. Mass calendar - \$3; Full set Mass & Psalm Book - \$15

**ABUNDANT GIFTS PIETY STALL** will be outside the Church after all Masses (except Sun 6pm) next weekend.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (RITE 2) FOR CHRISTMAS:

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 7pm Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Glen Eden  
 Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 7pm Holy Cross Parish, Henderson  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 7pm St Mary's Parish, Avondale

Please refer to the parish noticeboard for more dates and times in other Western Deanery Parishes.

**Children's Liturgy:** As we don't have sufficient adult leaders for the Children's Liturgy, it will be in recess until the New Year, when a training programme will be run by the Diocesan Liturgy Centre staff. If you are interested in volunteering in 2019, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

**Fr. Paul Helsham's Silver Jubilee:** On **17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018**, Fr. Paul completes **25 years** since his ordination to the priesthood. To celebrate this milestone, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.30am** in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Glen Eden; followed by a reception at Holy Cross Henderson Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to the Mass and the reception. If you intend to attend it would be appreciated if you would bring a plate of food to share.

### RETREATS, COURSES & OTHER EVENTS

**Dove West Auckland:** "Christmas Party" on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7:30pm** at St Michael and All Angels Church, 425 Great North Road, Henderson. For more information please call: Jane 0211178977. *Please bring a small plate of finger food to share.*

**St Pius X Parish, Glen Innes Summer Food Fair** It's that time of the year again, and we invite you to come along to our Summer Food Fair **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**, St Pius X Parish grounds. Featuring a variety of cultural foods, entertainment, prizes to be won and much more. Bring your families and friends and we look forward to seeing you there. For more information or if you wish to make a donation please contact [office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@gleninnescatholic.org.nz) for details.

To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **Latin Massy Chaplaincy** together with the Australian Sacred Music Association is holding a one day workshop on Gregorian Chant with a special Marian focus. This workshop will cover a range of Marian Hymns. The workshop will conclude with the Vespers of the Immaculate Conception. **8<sup>th</sup> Dec - St Anne's Chapel, 3 Cole Place, Te Atatu South. 10am - 5:30pm** (After 8am Sung Mass). \$10 per person, \$20 per family.

**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available for both Masses.

**Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand AGM** will be held at 2F 22 Emily Place, Auckland Central, **5.30pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018.** All welcome.

**Family Faith** The Auckland Diocese has a number of ideas and resources concerning advent for families at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/re/family-faith/learn-together/advent/>

### LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
<b>Vigil Sat 6pm</b>	E Cueva	S Lea	D & L Cowan	Christine Bosen	T Sue, S Fernando
<b>Sun 7am</b>	D Wong	P Turnwald	V Gupta, F Ah Ken		
<b>Sun 9am</b>	P Aalbers	S Veatupu	A & C Crasto, B Oliver, C & S Orquejo, A Ridley, P Tomas, M Seufatu	DRCNZ	L & N Smith
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	TONGAN COMMUNITY				B Bing, H De Jesus
<b>Sun 6pm</b>	K Tanginoa	U Taatiti	M & V Pua	Betham Family	Volunteer

### LITURGY & MUSIC ROSTER – 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Mass	Leader	Reader	Communion Ministers	Music Ministry	Altar Servers
<b>Vigil Sat 6pm</b>	M del Rosario	M de Melo	L de Melo, S Patolo	Youth for Christ	S D'Souza, T Sue
<b>Sun 7am</b>	M Turnwald	F Ah Ken	A & K D' Souza		
<b>Sun 9am</b>	V Coakley	A McGrath	L Buckley, C Connolly, P van Rotterdam, J Thomsen, P Bakker, N Early, P Coakley	Goldwyn Family	D Lesatele, M Cama
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	SAMOAN COMMUNITY				
<b>Sun 6pm</b>	A Wedge	S Ivceovich	M Belleza, E Kennedy	Betham Family	Volunteer

**CHURCH CLEANING:** **8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Legion of Mary **15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Samoan Sunday School  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Christmas "Spring Clean" – **calling on all volunteers!** Please come full of spirit and energy!

### Scripture Readings during the week: Psalter Week 1 (Green)

**Monday:** *St Francis Xavier, priest (White)*  
 Isa 2:1-5; Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** *St John Damascene, priest & doctor of the church (White)*  
 Isa 11:1-10; Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Isa 25:6-10; Ps 22; Mt 15:

**Thursday:** *St Nicholas, bishop (White)*  
 Isa 26:1-6; Ps 117:8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** *St Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the church (White)*  
 Isa 29:17-24; Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SOLEMNITY**  
*(White)*  
 Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 97:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**National March for Life NZ 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Gather at 2pm in Civic Square (101 Wakefield St) ready to walk to Parliament grounds. The spirit of the march is one of celebrating the gift of life and helping the vulnerable. Our message to our community is, you are not alone, there is support, there is healing, there is hope! [marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.nz) or phone Michael on 021-825 955.

**NZ Rosary Crusade 8<sup>th</sup> December:** On **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, New Zealanders will join together in prayer from various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) or phone Clare on 022-1912 886 or 03-359 2087.

**Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast** - since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems or downsized their homes. More hosts are urgently required in places all over the country, anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home. The accommodation does not have to be 5-star - just clean, comfortable and welcoming, as well as being able to provide a light breakfast. The aim is to provide Catholic hospitality and make new friends. The hosts charge a fee of \$35 for one person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. More info: contact Marie Anderson 03-359 5541 or [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz).

**Catholic Discipleship College** are hosting a three day Discipleship Retreat for young adults from **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 124 Edinburgh St, Pukekohe. Cost of \$50 includes food and accommodation. Contact Cameron at [cameron@cdc.ac.nz](mailto:cameron@cdc.ac.nz) or 0221092428.

### HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri – 9am  
 Wed - 9am & 7.30pm, Sat - 8am  
 Weekend: Sat Vigil Mass - 6pm  
 Sun Masses: 7am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm

### RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sat: 11.30am - 12.30pm & 5pm – 5.30pm  
 Wed: 6.30pm - 7pm  
 Also by appointment Phone Friary - 838 8663

### ROSARY

Monday to Friday – 8.40am  
 Saturday – 7.40am

### 20 DECADE ROSARY

Wednesday – After 9am Mass

### PROLIFE ROSARY & ADORATION

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month – 2pm

### DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet: Tuesday – 8.25am

Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – 2pm

### NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday – 7.10pm

### FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Rosary – 6.45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month – 11am

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday – 6.30am to 7.30am

Thursday – 9.30am to 12pm in the Church

### SECULAR FRANCISCANS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month – 2.15pm

### MARIAN MOTHERS

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

### HOLY CROSS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month – 7pm

### LEGION OF MARY

SENIOR: Tuesday – 7pm

JUNIOR: Monday – 6.30pm

### Current Henderson Capuchin Friars Community

Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap. – Parish Priest

Fr. Matthew Clerkin OFM Cap. – Asst. Parish Priest

Fr. Daniel Sitangang OFM Cap. – Asst. Priest