

## PARISH NOTICES

Sending oodles & oodles of love & prayers to **Br Kieran** who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday 1st December, thank you Bro Kieran for your love, support and guidance. Your Onehunga Parish Community appreciates you.

Also birthday cheers for **Arlo Francis**, David & Veronica Hagar's first grandchild, who also celebrated his 1st birthday on Tuesday 1st December. God bless you **Arlo Francis**.

Love & prayers for **Su'e Leavasa Tapu Sitagata** who also celebrated her birthday on Wednesday 2nd Dec. Thank you Su'e for your ongoing love and support for our youth.

- 1. Advent, Christmas & New Years** programme is now displayed on our noticeboard and office window for all to see. Please make time to read it if you haven't already.
- 2. OLOTA YOUTHS** are hosting a **Thanksgiving Adoration** before the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday 6th December, 4-6pm. Creating a space which will allow us an intimate moment to give thanks to God for getting us through 2020. ALL are welcome, parents & children & parishioners are invited to come along also. 😊
- 3. Anointing Mass** Friday 11th December 10.00am followed by a shared cuppa tea in the Hall. All welcome.
- 4.** Next Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December during the Vigil & Sunday Masses is a talk by **Lisa-May Gray (Safeguarding Coordinator)** from Pompallier Centre 1 Auckland. Great opportunity to broaden our understanding on **Safeguarding**.
- 5. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work.** YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.

## DIOCESE NOTICES

**1. A refreshed diocesan website** same address <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/> is live. Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site as well as a wealth of information and resources.

**2. Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy: Online Session (Evening): Christmas "Self-Care Nibbles"** with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/christmas-self-care-nibbles/>

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God** with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/> For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

**3. Studying Theology at the University of Otago** The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Church History, Ministry, Biblical Studies, and Pastoral Theology, both on-campus and to many students across Aotearoa New Zealand through its successful distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. New enrolments for 2021 are due by December 10th. For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/> or see the attached poster.

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“PREPARE  
THE WAY  
OF  
THE  
LORD”**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 6TH DECEMBER 2020

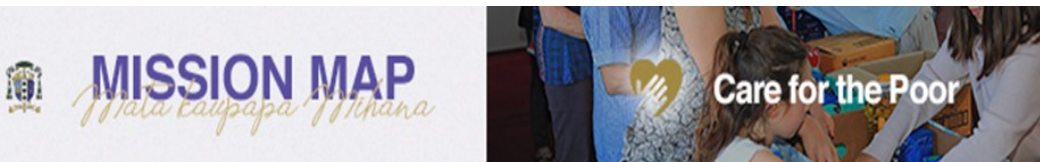
<b>Daily Morning Eucharist:</b>	Monday - Friday 7.30am
<b>Daily Evening Eucharist:</b>	Tuesday - Thursday 6.30pm
<b>First Friday Eucharist:</b>	7.30am and <b>also at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday Eucharist:</b>	8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm
<b>Sunday Eucharist:</b>	8.30am & 10.00am
<b>Public Holidays:</b>	8.00am, <b>no evening Mass</b>
<b>Adoration:</b>	Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm
<b>Tongan Mass:</b>	2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm
<b>Samoan Mass:</b>	3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am
<b>Youth Mass:</b>	4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm
<b>Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings:</b>	Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm
<b>The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:</b>	Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm ( <b>Pavilion</b> )

### REFLECTION

**(Is 40:1-5,9-11).** This was a message of hope and consolation addressed to the exiles in Babylon. Humanly speaking, at that time there was little ground for hope. Yet the prophet assures his people that God is about to come to their aid, and will lead them back to their own land in a new exodus. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the glowing picture painted here, it did point the way to the messianic era. The reading includes a call to repentance. The people are urged to 'make a straight highway' for God. The highway to be made straight was their way of life. This is the link with the gospel.

**(2 Pet 3:8-14).** Here Peter addresses something that is worrying his community, namely, why the Lord is delaying his coming. He reassures them that the Lord **will** come. He will come unexpectedly and bring about a new creation. He points out to them that with God a day can mean a thousand years. Then he tells them that the reason for the Lord's delay is to give everybody an opportunity to repent. While they are waiting their main concern should be to 'live holy and saintly lives'.

**(Mk 1:1-8).** Mark begins his gospel with two Christological titles: Jesus is the Christ and Son of God. Then he introduces us to Jesus' forerunner, John the Baptist. John appears in the desert and announces the coming of one far greater than he who will pour out the gift of the Spirit. He urges the people to prepare themselves for the coming of the Saviour.



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

**Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent Year B 6th December 2020**

**First reading:**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 40:1-5,9-11

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Responsorial Psalm: 85:8ab+9,10-11,12-13(R.7)**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.

**JESUS CARES**



**Second reading:**

A reading from the second letter of St Peter. 3:8-14

**We wait for new heavens and a new earth!**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**



**Gospel:**

A reading from the  
Holy Gospel  
according to Mark.  
1:1-8

**Make straight the paths of the Lord!**

**Readers for next week: Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December 2020**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
6.00pm	Pauline Calvert	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Assumption Ilalio	Lois Armiger Veronica Hagar
08.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe	Glen Hill Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Malia Apikotoa	1. Alison Finekifolau 2. Iutita Sefo	Eseta Oloa Ane Enosi

**Extra-Ordinary Minister for: Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December 2020**

6.00pm	Malia Fuga, Imeleta Kelemete
8.30am	Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata

**Readers for next week: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December 2020**

	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Reserves</b>
6.00pm	Veronica Hagar	1. Therese Ulberg 2. David Hagar	Assumption Ilalio Tatupu Vaalepu
08.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe	Glen Hill Savelina Mahoni
10.00am	Malia Apikotoa	1. Alison Finekifolau 2. Iutita Sefo	Eseta Oloa Ane Enosi

**Extra-Ordinary Minister for: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December 2020**

6.00pm	Colleen Hodges & Lily Ulberg
8.30am	Grace & Hulu Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata

**Anniversaries for the coming week 7th - 13th December 2020**

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8. Michael Karl Tritto (1976), Marcus Fernandes(2016)
9. John Ashcroft Hall (1987), Hetutu Towtaue Sosefina Walker (1987), Mary Meremaihi Collis (1994), Arthur Joseph Murdoch (1998), Imeleta Lisi Fiu Nee Oloa
10. John Goodwin Ball (1993)
11. John Joseph Gill (1980), Edward James Bell (2011)
12. Eugene Joseph Houlihan (2000)
13. Thomas Fitzgerald Kennedy (1976)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00**  
**Last week's collection was \$1760.20**

**Readings for Next Week (13/12/20)**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11  
Psalm: 1  
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians. 5:16-24  
Gospel: John. 1:6-8, 19-28

**Anniversaries of Deaths**

If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

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