

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Despite the year we have had and witnessed with COVID-19 and still is, it is the time of thanksgiving and rejoicing after all. A time when we look to Our Father in heaven with gratitude to say **THANK YOU** for sending His only Son to save us all from sin. If Jesus had not come into this world, there would be no redemptive sacrifice that was paid on the cross for our salvation.

But Jesus did come for us as foretold by the prophets Isaiah and Malachi. In this Advent season, we commemorate His birth - God taking a human form to live amongst us and show us how much He loved us. He was born for a divine purpose- to reconcile us to God; but there was no room for Him at the inn for His birth; there was room for Him only on the cross. Had the innkeeper known he was about to receive the King of the universe, he would have made all the arrangements to make room for the Holy family. That leaves us with the thought that we must make enough room for Jesus to enter into our hearts this Christmas season.

In the gospel of Luke, we read how the angels of heaven heralded the happy news of the Saviour to the shepherds. On receiving the news from the angels, the shepherds hurried to meet the promised Messiah and on meeting their Saviour, they went out to tell people about baby Jesus. And this is the true message of Christmas- to tell the world about our Saviour. Jesus was born with a mission and purpose. This Christmas, let us all be part of that mission and plan. Let Jesus be born again in our hearts and in the lives of our dear and near ones.

As we prepare to celebrate this Christmas together as a parish, We thank God for your generous and endless support, your commitment and participation, and especially your kindness and love. May this Christmas be a time of sharing, peace and joy in our families and among our friends.

Our prayer for all in our Parish this Christmas is that our Lord Jesus will give each one of us the grace and strength we need to continue in our Parish and community. May baby Jesus give us the grace to make peace, rejoice, and love one another and walk forward together into the New Year.

We wish you all a very blessed and Happy Christmas and God's choicest blessings upon you and your families in the New Year.



Yours Sincerely in Christ Jesus  
Fathers Talipole, Vijay & Tino mf



## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**“To us a child is born, to us a Son is given”**

## The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Vigil and Christmas Eve Masses 2020

### Daily Morning Eucharist:

Monday - Friday 7.30am

### Daily Evening Eucharist:

Tuesday - Thursday 7.00pm

### First Friday Eucharist:

7.30am and also at 7.00pm

### Saturday Eucharist:

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

### Sunday Eucharist:

8.30am & 10.00am

### Public Holidays:

8.00am, no evening Mass

### Adoration:

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

### Tongan Mass:

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

### Samoa Mass:

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

### Youth Mass:

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

### Reconciliation:

Every Saturday at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm

### Samoa Divine Mercy prayer meetings:

Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm

### The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:

Every Wednesday from 7.35pm-9.00pm (Pavilion)

## ‘CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD’

Christmas means the coming of God's light into the darkness of our world.

This night is made radiant by the light of Christ.

He is one with us, in times of darkness and hardship, in joy and celebration.



**MISSION MAP**  
*Mata kaupapa Mihinana*  
Diocese of Auckland

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

## Readings for the Nativity of Our Lord 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 2020

### First Reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 62: 1-5  
*The Lord's delight is in Zion.*

Lily Ulberg

### Responsorial Psalm: 89: 3-4, 15-16, 26, 28

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:  
I will establish your descendants forever,  
And build your throne for all generations."

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;  
They exult in your name all day long,  
And extol your righteousness.

He shall cry to me, "You are my Father,  
My God, and the Rock of my salvation!"  
Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,  
And my covenant with him will stand firm.

### **JESUS CARES**



### Second Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 13: 16-17, 22-25  
*Paul spoke of Jesus Christ, the son of David.*

Lois Armiger

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed;  
the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

### Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 1: 1-25  
*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Christ, son of David.*

### Commentator/Prayers of the Faithful:

Pauline Calvert

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers:

Don & Colleen Hodges



## Readings for the Nativity of Our Lord 10.00pm Christmas Eve Mass 2020

### First Reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 9: 2-4, 6-7  
*A child has been born to us; a son given to us!*

Peta Sefo

### Responsorial Psalm: 96: 1-2, 3-4, 11-12, 13

O Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvellous works among all the peoples.  
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Rejoice before the Lord; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

### Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus. 2: 11-14  
*The grace of God has appeared to all!*

Toma Lauaki

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good news and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 2: 1-16  
*To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ!*

### Commentator/Prayers of the Faithful:

Lisa Schaumkel

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Lulita Sefo, Melanie Duarte

### PARISH NOTICES

1. There will be no **Evening Masses** from **Tuesday 29th December 2020**.  
**Evening Masses** will resume on **Tuesday 9th February 2021**, at the usual time of **6.30pm**.
2. There will be no **Adoration** from **Sunday 27th December 2020**.  
**Adoration** will resume on **Sunday 7th February 2021**, at the usual time of **5.00pm**.
3. **Office Hours during the Holidays:** close Christmas Day 25th December 2020, re-open Monday 4th January 2021. For urgent matters please call Presbytery at 09)636-4647 or alternatively Therese's mobile 0210685181.

**THANK YOU, STAY SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS FAITH FAMILY.**

