

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Parish Office** - is closed for the holidays, but Therese can still be reached on **0210685181** or via email at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz if need be. Thank you!
2. **Adorations** will resume on Sunday **9th February 2025, at the usual time of 5pm.**
3. **Evening Masses** will resume 7pm on Wednesday the **5th February 2025.**
4. **Sacramental Programme for 2025** is now open for enrolments from the age of 8 years. Receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will now take place on **Sunday 22nd June 2025** (Corpus Christi) hence the early enrolments. Please contact Parish Office at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz Lisa on **0276252007** and Lonili on **02111375429** for an enrolment form.

All the information you need to know about this wonderful opportunity of a lifetime is mentioned in the poster.

Our very own Fr Iosefo leading this spiritual journey.

Join Fr Iosefo Timu & Maria Matara on this 13-day trip of a lifetime; 15 June - 28 June 2025!

Italian Pilgrimage
15 June - 28 June 2025

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DIOCESAN NOTICES

1. **Year of Jubilee** Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. As well as local initiatives the diocese has a calendar of **Jubilee Events**. At this stage they are presented as date claimers so that you can put them in your diaries so that when notification of registrations been opened your calendars are free. Explore and return regularly to <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/> **Calendar attached** You are also invited to read *Jubilee Jottings* a diocesan newsletter about what is happening that includes ideas of celebrating Jubilee as Church local and domestic <https://cdaportal.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf>
2. **Local Youth Ministers Wanted!** The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated leaders to become paid Local Youth Ministers, working across both a secondary school and parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people! To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/
3. **The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference** is seeking an **experienced journalist** to support its communications efforts in 2025 and beyond. This new position will assist the Church in sharing its stories and in keeping the Catholic and wider community informed about the life, mission and ministry of the Church. A background in religious journalism would be advantageous, as would experience in media monitoring. Please send expressions of interest to communications@nzcbc.org.nz
6. **Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women**, is excited to be launching a new initiative called Dovecotes. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a Dovecote in your parish. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Our leaflet called 'Welcome to Dovecotes', contains all the relevant inform. It's on our website: www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN,
"YOU ARE MY SON,
THE BELOVED,
MY FAVOUR RESTS ON YOU."**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C 12TH JANUARY 2025

Daily Morning Eucharist: Monday - Friday 7.30am

Daily Evening Eucharist: Wednesdays & Thursdays 7.00pm

First Friday Evening: **Lectio Divina** 6.30pm-7.30pm

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

Samoan 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

Samoan Divine Mercy prayer meetings: Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Mondays at 12noon-2.00pm

The Legion of Mary prayer meeting: Every Friday at 7.00pm & Every first Thursday at 7.00pm (Pavilion)

Reflection

THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED. Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God. His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, if the time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

(Is 42:1-4,6-7). This passage is from the first of the four Servant Songs of Second Isaiah. Though the identity of the Servant remains a mystery, the early Christians saw the 'servant songs' as being perfectly fulfilled in Jesus. This reading is chosen for today because the words spoken by the heavenly voice at the baptism of Jesus (Gospel reading) are taken almost verbatim from Isaiah 42:1.

(Acts 10:34-38). The conversion of Cornelius (a Gentile) was a significant milestone in the transmission of the Good News and the formation of the people of the Church. In his sermon on that occasion Peter declares that God has no favourites: God would grant salvation to all people in Christ. For today's feast the relevant passage is the description of Jesus' baptism: an anointing with the Holy Spirit and with power.

(Mt 3:13-17). The story of Jesus' baptism is an epiphany story: Jesus is revealed as the Father's beloved Son, and given power for the mission he was about to begin.

This is Matthew's main emphasis. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mk 1:4). The fact that Jesus should undergo such a baptism was a source an example of humility, to show solidarity with sinners, and to inaugurate his mission to sinners.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Praying



Praying Together

The Baptism of the Lord Year C 12th January 2025

First reading:

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 42: 1-4,6-7
Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights!

Responsorial Psalm: 29

The Lord will bless his people with peace!

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
 worship the Lord in holy splendour. **R.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
 the Lord, over mighty waters.
 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R.**

The God of glory thunders,
 and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. **R.**

Second reading:

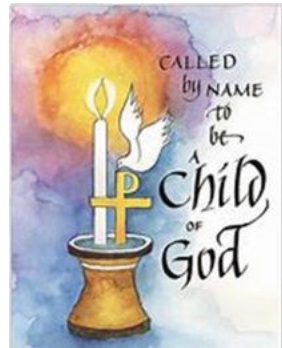
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
 this is my Son, the beloved; listen to him!

Alleluia



Gospel:

A reading from the
 Holy Gospel according to
 Matthew. 3: 13-17

*When Jesus had been baptised,
 he saw the Spirit of God
 coming upon him!*



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the **faith** you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed **hope** for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos,
 in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of hope**,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



Readers for this week Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th January 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Therese Ulberg	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Veronica Hagar	Tatupu Vaalepu Diana-Marie Ulberg
8.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Susitina Tu'inukuafe 2. Fuailalagi Lima	Fiesola Pifeleti Selesitina Taamale
10.00am	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Peta Sefo 2. Su'e Tapu	Iutita Sefo Fusi Mataele

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th January 2025

6.00pm	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges
8.30am	Glen Hill, Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters, Su'a Tagalao, Kalevina Su'a
10.00am	Peter Rawson, Faumuina Lio, Stan & Melanie Duarte, Elaine Williams

Readers for next week Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Assumption Ilalio	1. Lily Ulberg 2. Ane Enosi	Pauline Calvert Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Selesitina Taamale	1. Savelina Mahoni 2. Glen Hill,	Cheryl Peters Fuailalagi Lima
10.00am	Eseta Oloa	1. Su'a Tagalao 2. Malia Apikotoa	Peta Sefo

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January 2025

6.00pm	David Hagar, Don Hodges, Tonga Enosi
8.30am	Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Glen Hill, Johndell Ubido, Amanda Peters, Su'a Tagalao
10.00am	Inoke Kata, Peter Rawson, Faumuina Lio, Stan & Melanie Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 13th to 19th January

13. Anna Glen (1999)
14. John Allen (1978), Robert Butler Hogan (1995), Beatrice Norma Lawrence (1997), Albert John Meier (2008), Fiso Matthew Tanuvasa (2014)
15. Mary Bridgit Hughes (1978)
16. Brien Patrick Fairey (1990), Anaseini Mataele (2013)
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18. Thomas Verdun Greaney (1976), John Paul Grima (1985)
19. John Brown Sr (1957), Hilda Mary McCarten (1988), Robert John Parker (1991), Geraldine Grace Todd (1997), Margaret (Peggy) Baker (2009)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Christmas collection \$3872.10 New Year's collection \$1563.00 Last Sunday collection \$1586.60

Readings for Next Week (19/01/25)
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
 1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm: 96
 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12:4-11
 Gospel: John 2:1-11

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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