

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. Day after New Years** 2nd January 2025, mass will start at 8am.
- 3. Adorations** will resume on Sunday **9th February 2025, at the usual time of 5pm.**
- 4. Evening Masses** will resume 7pm on Wednesday the **5th February 2025.**
- 5. 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.**

Some special January birthdays to remember and pray for this month. **Namoe Moimoi** celebrating her 90th on Saturday the 4th, **Malia Liliola Lauaki** celebrating her 86th on Monday 6th, and dear **John Brown** celebrating his 91st on Wednesday 8th. Long-time faithful parishioners to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. May the Good Lord keep them well and grant them more years to be with loved ones. Much love to you three from all of us your Faith Family.

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>
- 3. Nga Tapuwae.** Registrations are open for Nga Tapuwae **10th to 12th January 2025**. Come and join us in experiencing the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe, and the Poynton's with other pilgrims together sharing our Catholic and Māori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation at \$80.00 per night per person will be shared living, experience and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required. For more information contact Dcn Steve on stephenf@cda.org.nz
- 4. 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/
- 5. 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 information. It's on our website: www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com
- 7. Theology of the Body** - Registration OPEN for 2025 Human Love in the Divine Plan: Beginners Course : **Sat 15 and Sun 15 February 2025**. Mission Bay, Auckland. Book Study on Dr Edward Sri's Men, Women and the Mystery of Love -Wednesday evenings starting **12 February 2025**; Hillsborough, Auckland
All adults 20+ are welcome. To register please visit: theologyofthebody.nz
- 8. January 2025 Retreat** with Dan and Stephanie Burke from **Avila Institute and Divine Intimacy Radio** **Sat 4th Jan**: Setting the Captives Free: Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits, Hillsborough. **Full day retreat.**
Mon 6th Jan: Awakening the Heart to the Presence of God; Meadowbank **6-9pm**
Tues 7th Jan: Deeper Into the Heart of God; Ponsonby **6-9pm**
For more information and to register: <https://spiritualdirection.com/nz>

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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“CHRIST,
THE LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD.”

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C 5TH JANUARY 2025

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Daily Evening Eucharist:

First Friday Evening:

Saturday Eucharist:

Sunday Eucharist:

Public Holidays:

Adoration:

Tongan Mass:

Samoa Mass:

Youth Mass:

Reconciliation:

Samoa Divine Mercy prayer meetings:

The Legion of Mary prayer meeting:

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Wednesdays & Thursdays 7.00pm

Lectio Divina 6.30pm-7.30pm

8.00am and Vigil 6.00pm

8.30am & 10.00am

8.00am, **no evening Mass**

Sunday 5.00pm-5.45pm

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

3rd Sunday of every month at 11.30am

4th Sunday of every month at 10.00am

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

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

Every Friday at 7.00pm & Every first Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

Reflection

(**Isa 60:1-6**). The exiles returned to Jerusalem to find the city in ruins. Here the prophet cheers them with a vision of a restored city that will become a beacon of light for all the nations. The nations will come from afar to pay tribute to and worship the Lord in Jerusalem. Though addressed to Israel as God's chosen people, the prophecy will be fulfilled in Christ and in the new Israel, the Church.

(**Eph 3:2-3,5-6**). This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ. This is the mystery, hidden in the past, now revealed in Christ. It is difficult for us to appreciate the sense of shock that the Jews felt at the fact that the pagans were to be accepted into the Church on equal terms with themselves. This is the aspect that is highlighted in the reading.

(**Mt 2:1-12**). For Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the good news of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection. God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, Matthew shows the Magi receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox; the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come and, with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him. Herod was one of the cruellest despots in history. A treacherous and cunning man, he plays true to form when the Magi call on him. He tries to trick them into revealing the identity and location of the child born to be King of the Jews, on the pretext of wanting to pay his own homage to the baby. He cannot tolerate the thought of a possible rival, and orders the massacre of all the baby boys in and around Bethlehem. There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was merely the means by which a great mystery was revealed - the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of the Gentiles too.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional
Prayer



Family
Prayer



Praying
Together

Epiphany of the Lord Year C 5th January 2025

First reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 60: 1-6
The glory of the Lord shines upon you!

Responsorial Psalm: 72

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you!

Give the king your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to a king's son.
 May he judge your people with righteousness,
 and your poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish
 and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea,
 and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
 may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before,
 all nations give him service. **R.**

For he delivers the needy one who calls,
 the poor and the one who has no helper.
 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
 and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**



Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 3: 2-3, 5-6
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance that they are parts of the same body!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We observed his star at its rising,
 and have come to pay homage to the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
 Matthew. 2: 1-12
We have come from the East to worship the King!

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 4th and Sunday 5th January 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Diana-Marie Ulberg	1. Colleen Hodges 2. Tatupu Vaalepu	Veronica Hagar Therese Ulberg
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Selesitina Taamale 2. Glen Hill	Cheryl Peters Lily Ulberg
10.00am	Fusi Mataele	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Ane Enosi	Malia Apikotoa Eseta Oloa

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th January 2025

6.00pm	Don Hodges, David Hagar, Assumption Ilalio
8.30am	Amanda Peters, Su'a Tagalao, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Faumuina Lio, Stan & Melanie Duarte

Readers for next 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 next 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

Anniversaries for the coming week 6th to 12th January

- 6. Priscilla D'Santos (2023)
- 7. Eileen Annie Littlejohn (1978), Eileen Margaret Stodart (1983), Kapeli Tatafu (1987)
- 8. Salonia Lynn Enid Braithwaite (1992), Lynette Dane (2014)
- 9. Edward Stanley (1983)
- 11. Annie Duncan MacKellar (1997), Ethel Margaret Mellar (2007)
- 12. Hector John Bloor (1982), Gladys Joan Russell (1993)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00

Readings for Next Week (12/01/25)
The Baptism of the Lord Year C
 1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
 Psalm: 29
 2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38
 Gospel: Mark 3:15-16,21-22

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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