

PARISH NOTICES

1. **New Year's Eve** Mass on Wednesday 31st December at 6.30pm.
2. **New Year's Day** Mass on Thursday 1st January 2026 at 9.00am.
3. Day after New Years mass, Friday 2nd January 2026 at 8.00am.
4. **Parish Office** is closed for the Festive Season until Tuesday the 13th January 2026. **Therese** can still be reached via email assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz or by phone **0210685181**.
5. In case of an emergency - please call **Fr Iosefo Timu** on **02102602570**.
6. We will resume baptisms after the 12th January 2026. Contact parish office for more information.
7. The use and hire of the **Parish hall** and **Meeting room** will be closed in the month of **January 2026**.
8. **Sacramental Programme for 2026** is now open for enrolments from the age of 8 years. Receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 7th June 2026. (Corpus Christi) **Please contact Office** at assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz **Lisa** on **0276252007** and **Lonili** on **02111375429** for an enrolment form.



Our Lady of the Assumption
Parish, Onehunga



Christmas And New Year **Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve Masses: 24th December 2025
7pm and 10pm

Christmas Carols: 9:00pm – 9:45pm

Christmas Day Mass: 25th December 2025
9am



Come Let Us Adore Him

New Year's Eve Mass:
6:30pm

New Year's Day Mass: January 2026:
(The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)
9am

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



“Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.”

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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 28TH DECEMBER 2025

Daily Morning Eucharist:

Monday - Friday 7.30am

Daily Evening Eucharist:

Suspended until further notice

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:

Sundays 5.00pm-5.45pm

Tongan Mass:

2nd Sunday of every month at 12.00pm

Samoan Mass:

5th 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 Thursday at 7.00pm (**Pavilion**)

Reflection

FLEE TO EGYPT. The Gospel of Matthew highlights the many difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph before and after the birth of Jesus. But Matthew highlights also the abiding presence of God, who is with them on every step of their journey. We see in these early episodes what Jesus will make explicit at the end of the Gospel: ‘And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

(Sir 3:2-6.12-14). This is a brief commentary on the commandment: Honour your father and your mother. Too often we think of this commandment merely in terms of obedience on the part of younger children. This reading stresses the obligation of grown children to care for their aged parents.

(Col 3:12-21). This beautiful passage describes the atmosphere that should reign in a Christian community and in a Christian household. The virtues mentioned in v.12 are designed to build and foster community. Love is singled out as the most important one of all. The demand that wives be subject to their husbands reflects the outlook of another age and of another culture. The first part of the reading, rather than its close, truly depicts the atmosphere of the Christian family.

(Mt 2:13-15.19-23). The Gospel story is coloured by the story of Moses in Egypt. Just as Moses had to be rescued from Pharaoh, Jesus had to be rescued from Herod. The story also contains echoes of the Exodus. Matthew sees Jesus as reliving the history of his people. Even though the evangelist's intentions are theological, he does cast the Holy Family as displaced persons and homeless refugees.

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together



Readings for The Feast of the Holy Family 28th December 2025

First reading:

A reading from the book of Sirach. 3: 2-6, 12-14
Those who respect the Lord honour their parents!

Responsorial Psalm: 128

R: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
 who walks in his ways.
 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
 you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
 within your house;
 your children will be like olive shoots
 around your table. **R.**

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
 The Lord bless you from Zion.
 May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
 all the days of your life. **R.**



Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians. 3:12-21
Family life in the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
 and the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 2: 13-15, 19-23
Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

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 27th and Sunday 28th December 2025

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Tatupu Vaalepu	1. Angel Taamale 2. Assumption Ilalio	Diana-Marie Ulberg Therese Ulberg
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Dominic Paul 2. Sylvia Paul	Savelina Mahoni Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Theresa Apikotoa	1. Fusi Matele 2. Magnolia Tomasi	Tatupu Vaalepu Uliafu Pifeleti

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th December 2025

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Diana-Marie Ulberg
8.30am	Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Su'a Tagaloa, Loselika Laumea, Selesitina Taamale
10.00am	Iutita Sefo, Inoke Kata, Cory Apikotoa, Soane Ahovel, Michaela Duarte

Readers for next week Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December 2026

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Su'e Tapu	1. Colleen Hodges 2. Diana-Marie Ulberg	Assumption Ilalio Tatupu Vaalepu
8.30am	Chiara Marie	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Susitina Tu/inukuafe	Sylvia Paul Dominic Paul
10.00am	Iutita Sefo	1. Ane Enosi 2. Uliafu Pifeleti	Malia Apikotoa Eseta Oloa

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December 2026

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Robert Lemana
8.30am	Su'a Tagaloa, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Glen Hill, Loselika Laumea
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Cory Apikotoa, Soane Ahovel, Michaela Duarte

Anniversaries for the coming week 29th December to 4th January

- 29. **Bradley Earl Haora (1975), Maureen Lawrence (1993), Edward Angelo (2018)**
- 30. **Georgina O'Neill (1995), Seine Vakaola Matautuliki Finekifolau (2001), Agnes Fidow (2006), Richard (Dick) Robertson (2023)**
- 31. **Agnes Veronica Begbie (1977), Apolima Luitoa (1979)**

JANUARY

- 1. **Natty Lobo (1986)**
- 2. **Frank Warren Gumbley (2003), Peggy McFarlane**
- 3. **Tony Tuhega (1997), Samuel Henry Tilton (1984), Mary Bridget Disson (1990), Francis Laloli (1991), Julio Tauu-Ote-Rangi Williams (1998)**
- 4. **Alfred William Kemp (1976), William Craig (1988), Kevin Anthony O'Connor (1988), Clifton Charles Morrow (1995)**

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

Readings for Next Week (04/01/26)

Epiphany of the Lord
 1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm: 72
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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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