

## PARISH NOTICES

1. Multicultural Mass this Sunday 30th November at 10am. All welcome.
2. Ecumenical Combined Service this Sunday for the First Sunday of Advent 30th November 2025 - 5pm at St Peter's Anglican Church. There will be no Adoration.
3. Parish Pastoral Council end of the year meeting Tuesday 2nd December 6.30pm in the Hall.
4. Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick - Monday 8th December during Parish Retreat.
5. Special invitation to all our communities, groups and committees to join our Parish Retreat as advertised. A wonderful opportunity to start the Advent season.
6. Parish Christmas Party & Children's Gifting Ceremony on Sunday 14th December straight after the 10am Mass. Please bring a plate for our shared lunch.
7. Our dried goods are running low and humbly asking our Faith Family to support our **Food Collection Drive** so that the Caring and Services Committee could prepare food parcels for families in need to be distributed in the hall on the **21st December 2025** after the Sunday Masses leading up to Christmas. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods. **YES** we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.
8. **Our Parish Retreat Program for Advent as follows:**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, PARISH RETREAT ONEHUNGA**  
 Theme: *Encountering the Lord's Healing Mercy*

THROUGH UPLIFTING MUSIC, INSPIRING TALKS, AND PRAYER MINISTRY OVER THE COURSE OF THREE EVENINGS, COME AND BE RESTORED IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR GOD—WHO IS LOVE AND WHOSE MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING.  
 (Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick is available)

Fr Alliston Fernandes, a covenanted member of the Institute for World Evangelization- ICPE Mission. His passion to lead people to an encounter with the God of Love.

DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM - 6:30PM.  
 DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM - 8PM

### Praise and Worship With Fr Alliston



## DIOCESE NOTICES

1. **At Family Life Catholic Gifts**, we have many lovely Christmas gifts as we begin the Advent Season and move closer to the birth of our Saviour. We have a good variety of Nativities and other Christmas gifts. In addition, we have a great new selection of Bibles and Books for both Children and Adults. All proceeds from sales, support our life-saving work defending Life, Faith and Family. Last day of work for the year is 24<sup>th</sup> December, (9a-2pm).

2. **Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal** Give a gift to help families and people in need. Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have double the impact! "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Take home our newsletter, and donation card, or visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or call (09) 360 3012
3. **Advent** – a season to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Take time to ponder His Word; to love him in the quiet of your heart. Gospels 7pm Saturdays and Meditation daily 6.15am through Advent, on Zoom. Contact Dianna Fouhy, [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

# OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



**“Hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.”**

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30TH NOVEMBER 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

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year, that is, a new journey of the People of God with Jesus, our Shepherd, who guides us through history toward the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. Thus, this day has a special appeal. Through it we experience a profound sense of the meaning of history. We rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey: our parish community, families and our children. But where is this journey headed? Is there a common goal? And what is this goal? The Lord answers us through the prophet Isaiah and says: "At the end of days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths'". This is what Isaiah says about where we are going. It is a universal pilgrimage toward a common goal, which in the Old Testament is Jerusalem, where the Lord's temple stands, because from there, from Jerusalem, comes the revelation of the face of God and his law. Revelation found its fulfilment in Jesus Christ, and he himself is the "Lord's temple," the Word made flesh: he is both the leader and the goal of our pilgrimage, of the pilgrimage of the whole People of God; and in its light other peoples too can journey toward the Kingdom of justice, toward the Kingdom of peace. The prophet says further: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again" " But when will this happen? What a beautiful day it will be when weapons are destroyed to be transformed into tools for work! What a beautiful day that will be! Let us bet on hope, on the hope of peace, and it will be possible!



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together



**Readings for The First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2019**

**First reading:**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 2: 1-5  
*The Lord gathers all the nations into the everlasting peace of the Kingdom of God!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 122: 1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. (R. see 1)

**R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I was glad when they said to me,  
 “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”  
 Our feet are standing  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
 as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
 the thrones of the house of David. **R.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
 “May they prosper who love you.  
 Peace be within your walls,  
 and security within your towers.” **R.**

For the sake of my relatives and friends  
 I will say, “Peace be within you.”  
 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
 I will seek your good. **R.**



**Second reading:**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans. 13: 11-14  
*Salvation is nearer to us now!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
 Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 24: 37-44  
*Keep awake, you must be ready!*

**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 29th and Sunday 30th November 2025**

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Vincent George	1. Pauline Calvert 2. Diana-Marie Ulberg	Therese Ulberg Veronica Hagar
8.30am	Glen Hill	1. Cheryl Peters 2. Lily Ulberg	Chiara Marie Selesitina Taamale
10.00am		1. <b>Multicultural</b> 2. <b>Mass</b>	

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for this week  
 Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November 2025**

6.00pm	David & Veronica Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Therese Ulberg
8.30am	Assumption Ilalio, Robert Lemana, Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Iutita Sefo, Fusi Mataele, Inoke Kata, Tonga Enosi, Faumuina Lio

**Readers for next week Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2025**

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Selesitina Taamale	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Colleen Hodges	Pauline Calvert Vincent George
8.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Chiara Marie 2. Susitina Tu'inukuafe	Sylvia Paul Dominic Paul
10.00am	Toma Lauaki	1. Iutita Sefo 2. Ana Lauaki	Malia Apikotoa Fusi Mataele

**Extra–Ordinary Ministers for next week  
 Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2025**

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

**Anniversaries for the coming week 1st to the 7th December**

1. Laena Ann Healey (Baby) (1976)
2. Maurice Charles Hatton (1990), Eunice Patricia Barratt (1993)
3. Elspeth Minnie Kenny (1975), Jane Leger (1987), Norman Henry McCarten (1990)
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- 5.
6. Alice Mary Pike (1976)
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**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
 Last Sunday's collection \$2402.00**

**Readings for Next Week (07/12/25)**

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Psalm: 72  
 2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

**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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