

## PARISH NOTICES

- Adoration** - Last Sunday of Advent, 21st December 2025. **Theme:** *Emmanuel — God with Us.*  
**Reflection:** “God’s love and His presence in our hearts”  
As we enter the final week of Advent, all are invited to spend quiet, personal time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be **no designated leader** — simply a sacred space to rest in His presence, reflect, and allow His love to fill our hearts.
- There will be distributing of Food Parcels for families in need, in the hall this **Sunday 21st December 2025** after the 8.30am and 10am Masses. 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.
- Parish Office** will be closed for the Festive Season from Thursday the 25th December to Tuesday the 13th January 2026. **Therese** can still be reached via email [assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz](mailto:assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz) or by phone **0210685181**.
- In case of an emergency - please call **Fr Iosefo Timu** on **02102602570**.
- The use and hire of the Parish hall and Meeting room will be closed in the month of **January 2026**.



Our Lady of the Assumption  
Parish, Onehunga



## Christmas And New Year Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Masses: 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**7pm and 10pm**

**Christmas Carols: 9:00pm – 9:45pm**

**Christmas Day Mass: 25<sup>th</sup> 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



“Repent, for  
the Kingdom  
of heaven  
has come  
near.”

### Parish Priests:

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21ST 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

**A MAN OF HONOUR.** Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God’s plan for salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hearing God’s word to him. He is an example for us all.

**(Is 7:10-14).** Here the prophet is counselling King Ahaz at a moment when the dynasty of David was in jeopardy. The king refuses a sign from God. He has no confidence in the help of Yahweh, and has already made up his mind to seek the help of Assyria. But he will have a sign whether he wills it or not. The queen is, at this moment of crisis, pregnant with the one who will continue the threatened line.

**(Rom 1:1-7).** In these opening lines of his Letter to the Romans, Paul designates himself ‘servant’ and ‘apostle’, called by God to preach the Good News that God’s ancient promises have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He stresses the twofold identity of Jesus. Through human origin Jesus is son of David; through his resurrection from the dead he is Son of God.

**(Mt 1:18-25).** Matthew seized on Isaiah’s prophecy and refers it to Jesus. Born of a virgin, he will embody God’s promise to be with us, and continue David’s line for ever. The Gospel stresses the twofold identity of Jesus. He is the son the David because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David. But he is more than that. He is also the Son of God. All three readings deal with the identity of ‘the One who was to come’. The identity of the child was vaguely glimpsed in the Old Testament. The New Testament reveals the true identity of this special child (Jesus).

*Flor McCarthy SDB*



Traditional  
Prayer



Family  
Prayer



Praying  
Together



## Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent 21st December 2025

### First reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 7: 10-14  
*Look, the virgin is with child!*

### Responsorial Psalm: 24

**R: May the Lord come in; he is king of glory.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
 the world, and those who live in it;  
 for he has founded it on the seas,  
 and established it on the rivers. **R**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
 And who shall stand in his holy place?  
 Someone who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
 who does not lift up their soul to what is false. **R**

That person will receive a blessing from the Lord,  
 and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
 who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**



### Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 1: 1-7  
*Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God!*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The virgin shall be with child and bear a son;  
 and they shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 1: 18-24  
*Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.*

### 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 20th and Sunday 21st December 2025

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Therese Ulberg	1. Veronica Hagar 2. Diana-Marie Ulberg	Pauline Calvert Lily Ulberg
<b>8.30am</b>	Selesitina Taamale	1. Savelina Mahoni 2. Su'a Tagaloa	Fiesola Pifeleto Glen Hill
<b>10.00am</b>	Iutita Sefo	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Uliafu Pifeleti	Leonie Rawson Eseta Oloa

### Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st December 2025

<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Lily Ulberg, Therese Ulberg
<b>8.30am</b>	Johndell Ubido, Selesitina Taamale, Robert Lemana, Glen Hill, Kalevina Su'a
<b>10.00am</b>	Eseta Oloa, Assumption Ilalio, Inoke Kata, Faumuina Lio, Su'e Tapu

## Readers for next week Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th December 2025

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

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<b>6.00pm</b>	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Lily Ulberg, Therese Ulberg
<b>8.30am</b>	Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Su'a Tagaloa, Loselika Laumea, Selesitina Taamale
<b>10.00am</b>	Iutita Sefo, Inoke Kata, Cory Apikotoa, Soane Ahovalo, Michaela Duarte

## Anniversaries for the coming week 22nd to the 28th December

- 22. Monica Mary Roughton (1991), James Hugh Cockburn (1993), Dynah Mines (2013)
- 23. Patelisio Vainikolo (1975), Cecelia Britto (1994), Franz Josef Muller (1968)
- 24. Hubert Lobo (1984)
- 25. George Leslie Murdoch (2008)
- 26. Patsy D'cruz (2014)
- 27. Doreen Maugaretta Godden (2006)
- 28. Phyllis Maud Norton (1984), Christina Slattery (1988)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00**  
**Last Sunday's collection \$2291.90**

### Readings for Next Week (28/12/25)

**The Holy Family**  
 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Psalm: 128  
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**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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