

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather once again to celebrate the joyful feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Andrew and I extend to each of you and your families our heartfelt Christmas greetings. We are deeply grateful for the faith, generosity, and dedication of our parish community. Your prayers, service, and kindness make our parish a living witness to the Gospel in this year of the Jubilee of Hope and especially during this sacred season. May we continue to reach out to one another, remembering the poor, the lonely, and those who carry heavy burdens in this Christmas and throughout the Holidays.

May the peace of Christ, proclaimed by the angels on that first Christmas night, dwell richly in your homes and hearts. May His love strengthen our families, renew our faith, and inspire us to be instruments of His mercy and compassion in the world.

We pray for your safety during these days, those who are travelling may have a safe journey to your destinations, and those of you who are going to places in the country and to the beaches may you also be protected and kept safe from harm and may you all have a wonderful time with your family and friends, with every blessing for a holy and joyful Christmas, and with prayers for a New Year filled with God's grace,

*Merry Christmas Everyone
With Love & Prayers always*

*Joseph, Andrew & Iosefo
Your Parish Priests*



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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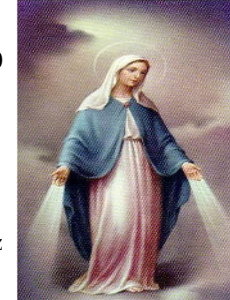
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**“THE
NATIVITY
OF
OUR LORD”**

**The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Vigil 7pm and
Christmas Eve 10pm Mass 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**)

‘CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD’

**Christmas
means the coming of God’s
light into the darkness
of our world.**

**This night is made
radiant by the light of Christ.**

**He is one with us,
in times of darkness and
hardship, in joy and
celebration.**



Readings for the Nativity of Our Lord 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

First Reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 62: 1-5
The Lord delight in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm: 89

R: Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations." **R.**

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance; they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness. **R.**

He shall cry to me, "you are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!" Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm. **R.**

Second Reading:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 13: 16-17, 22-25
Paul spoke of Jesus Christ, the descendant of David.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 1: 1-25
An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Christ, son of David.

Commentator/Prayers of the Faithful:

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Don Hodges, Tatupu Vaalepu, Robert Lemana,
Diana-Marie Ulberg, Selesitina Taamale

***"Merry Christmas!
For it is in giving that we receive."***



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

COLLEEN HODGES



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ASSUMPTION ILALIO

Readings for the Nativity of Our Lord 10.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

First Reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 9: 1-7
A child has been born for us; a son given to us.

Responsorial Psalm: 96

R: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **R.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. **R.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. **R.**

Rejoice before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth. **R.**

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus. 2: 11-14
God's grace has been revealed to all people!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good news and great joy to all the world; Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 2: 1-16
To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ!

Commentator/Prayers of the Faithful:

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: Inoke Kata, Fusi Mataele, Peter Rawson,
Su'e Tapu, Faumuina Lio

IUTITA SEFO



MALIA APIKOTOA

LEONIE RAWSON

PARISH NOTICES

1. Christmas Day Mass - tomorrow 25th December (Thursday) at 9.00am.
2. Boxing Day morning Mass Friday 26th December at 8.00am.
3. Parish Office closed until the 13th January 2026, but you can still reach Therese on **021-0685181** or via email - assumptiononehunga@xtra.co.nz
4. In case of an emergency please call Fr Iosefo on **021-02602570**
5. New Year's Eve Mass on Wednesday 31st December at 6.30pm.
6. New Year's Day Mass on Thursday 1st January 2026 at 9.00am.
7. Day after New Years mass, Friday 2nd January 2026 at 8.00am.
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.**