

**PARISH NOTICES**

1. **Parish Retreat** starts this Sunday the 7th December at 5pm. "Encountering the Lords healing mercy"
2. **Our Parish Confessions will be during the Parish Retreat on Monday 8th December 6.30pm.** We encourage our parishioners to take this opportunity to examine your conscience and restore your relationship with God and the Church.
3. **Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick** - Monday 8th December during Parish Retreat.
4. **Parish Christmas Party & Children's Gifting Ceremony on Sunday 14th December straight after the 10am Mass. If you are attending, please bring a plate for our shared lunch.**
5. 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.

**Ordinary saints celebrated at Jubilee Volunteer awards**



**6. Our Parish Retreat Program for Advent as follows:**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, PARISH RETREAT ONEHUNGA**  
 Theme: *Encountering the Lords 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**



**DIOCESANE 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).

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**



**“Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7TH 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**

(Is 11:1-10). The reign of David was the high point in the history of Israel. But his successors failed wretchedly. Still, the hope remained that a future king would succeed where his predecessors failed. Here Isaiah foretells that even though the family tree of Jesse (David's father) has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless from that stump a new shoot (a new king) will spring. He goes on to sketch a portrait of the true king. He will be filled with the Spirit of Yahweh and endowed with all the virtues of his ancestors: the wisdom and understanding of Solomon, the prudence and might of David, the knowledge and fear of the Lord of the patriarchs and prophets. Thus endowed, he will judge fairly and be the champion of the poor. Furthermore, he will restore paradisaal peace. The images used here have become proverbial: prey and predator feeding and sleeping in harmony; a child keeping an adder as a pet.

(Rom 15:4-9). Paul sees Jesus as the one through whom God fulfilled his promises.

He highlights the value of hope. The scriptures show that those who hope refuse to give up. By urging us to treat others in the same friendly way Christ has treated us, the reading continues the theme of peace and harmony of the First Reading.

(Mt 3:1-12). Matthew portrays Jesus as the one who fulfils the Old Testament promises. Here he introduces us to John the Baptist and his mission. He has John preaching in the wilderness as Isaiah had foretold, and baptising with water in anticipation of the one who would baptise with the Holy Spirit. He tells us that John wore a garment made of camel hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Why these details about his clothes and diet? Because this is how Elijah was clothed (2 Kgs 1:8).

Thus Matthew is telling us that John is that 'Elijah' who was to come. John begins with the urgent call: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.' For John, the Messiah would be an uncompromising judge. He issued a particularly grim warning to the Pharisees and Sadducees, who were to unite in common opposition to Jesus.

*Flor McCarthy SDB*



Traditional Prayer



Family Prayer



Praying Together



**Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2025**

**First reading:**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 11: 1-10

*He judges the poor with justice!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 71

**R: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound forever.**

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.**

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.**

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy. **R.**



**Second reading:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 15: 4-9

*Christ the hope of all people!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. 3: 1-12  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand!*

**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.

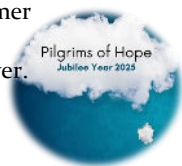
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished your glory will shine eternally.

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 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 this 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

**Readers for next week Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December 2025**

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Lily Ulberg	1. Tatupu Vaalepu 2. Pauline Calvert	Colleen Hodges Selesitina Taamale
8.30am	Fiesola Pifeleti	1. Glen Hill 2. Su'e Tapu	Cheryl Peters Chiara Marie
10.00am	Eseta Oloa	1. Leonie Rawson 2. Angel Taamale	Iutita Sefo Tafaomalalo Leavasa

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for next week  
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December 2025**

6.00pm	David Hagar, Don & Colleen Hodges, Assumption Ilalio, Diana-Marie Ulberg
8.30am	Faumuina Lio, Kalevina Su'a, Johndell Ubido, Susitina Tu'inukuafe, Su'a Tagaloa
10.00am	Robert Lemana, Eseta Oloa, Iutita Sefo, Selesitina Taamale, Peter Rawson

**Anniversaries for the coming week 8th to the 14th December**

8. Michael Karl Tritto (1976), Marcus Fernandes(2016)
9. John Ashcroft Hall (1987), Hetutu Towtaue Sosefina Walker (1987), Mary Meremaihi Collis (1994), Arthur Joseph Murdoch (1998), Imeleta Lisi Fiu Nee Oloa
10. John Goodwin Ball (1993)
11. John Joseph Gill (1980), Edward James Bell (2011)
12. Eugene Joseph Houlihan (2000)
13. Thomas Fitzgerald Kennedy (1976)
14. Thomas Fitzpatrick (1978), Desmond Joseph Henchan (1991)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Last Sunday's collection \$2491.60**

**Readings for Next Week (14/12/25)**

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10  
Psalm: 146  
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

**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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