

## PARISH NOTICES

1. Parish Christmas Party & Children's Gifting Ceremony this Sunday 14th December straight after the 10am Mass. If you are attending, please bring a plate for our shared lunch.
2. 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.
3. Distributing of Food Parcels for families in need, in the hall on Sunday 21st December 2025 after the 8.30am and 10am 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.



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



“Courage!  
The Lord is  
coming to  
save you”

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 35:1-6,10). This contains a message of hope for God's people in exile. The prophet assures them that God himself is coming to their rescue and will lead them back to Zion. He uses the image of the desert, made fertile by rain, to portray the confident hope that God would restore his people, crushed by misfortune. Their most crippling disabilities - blindness, deafness, and lameness - will be relieved when God sends salvation to his people.

(Jam 5:7-10). St James is talking about the second coming of Jesus. He urges the kind of patience and hope farmers show in waiting for the harvest, and which the prophets of old showed as they waited for the promises to be fulfilled.

(Mt 11:2-11). John the Baptist's image of the Messiah was that of a stern judge who would execute a fiery judgment. But Jesus did not fit this image. This may account for John's doubts about him. Jesus dispelled John's doubts by showing that he was doing precisely the kind of things that had been predicted for the messianic times (by prophets such as Isaiah). Once again, Matthew presents Jesus as the one who fulfils the messianic prophecies. Jesus goes on to praise John, declaring him to be a true prophet. He is more than a prophet: he glimpsed the age of fulfilment. As the forerunner of the Messiah, he was in a very privileged position. Yet he himself did not belong to the kingdom. Jesus says that 'the least in the kingdom is greater (more privileged) than he'. Far from diminishing John's role in God's plan of salvation, this increases his heroism in that he prepared the way for a kingdom that he himself would never enter (on earth).

Flor McCarthy SDB



Traditional  
Prayer



Family  
Prayer



Praying  
Together



**Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent  
Year A 14th December 2025**

**First reading:**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 35: 1-6, 10  
*God himself will come and save us!*

**Responsorial Psalm:** 146

**R:** Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind  
and lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous  
and watches over the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

**Second reading:**

A reading from the letter of St James. 5: 7-10  
*Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near!*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:**

A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Matthew. 11: 2-11  
*Are you the one who is to come,  
or are we to wait for another?*

**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.

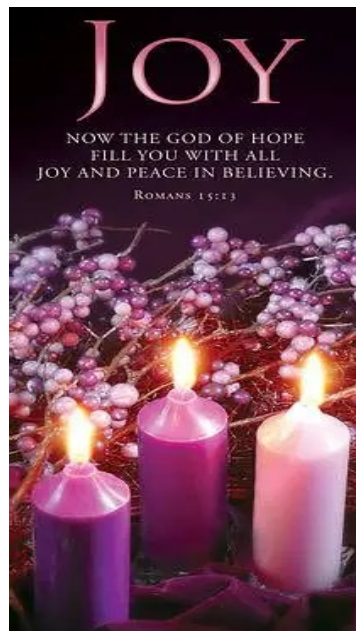
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos,  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished your glory will shine eternally.

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 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 Tafaomalo Leavasa

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this 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 Tagalao
10.00am	Robert Lemana, Eseta Oloa, Iutita Sefo, Selesitina Taamale, Peter Rawson

**Readers for next week Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st December 2025**

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

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Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st December 2025**

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

**Anniversaries for the coming week 15th to the 21st December**

15. Dulcie May Margaret Murdoch (1995) Damien Sean Bell (2001)  
Tevita Ekiakingaholo Aholelei (2022)
16. Laumanu Hafoka (1994), Nora Randall (2014) Agnes Bell (2003)
17. Ellen Mary Keir (2005)
18. Colleen Juanita Adolph (1981), Desmond John Anthony Hayes (1990),  
William John (Dick) Reed (2005)
19. Ivy Peters (2014)
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21. Leslie David Webber (2004)

**Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00  
Last Sunday's collection \$2280.80**

**Readings for Next Week (21/12/25)**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm: 24  
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

**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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