



Holy Family Parish

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 28th November 2021

FIRST READING : Jeremiah 33:14-16;

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14;

℟ *To you O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Lord make me know your ways, Lord teach me your paths make me walk in your truth and teach me for you are God my saviour. r. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray he guides the humble in the right path. He teaches his way to the poor. ℟

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will the Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him, to them he reveals his covenant. ℟

SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL : Luke 21:25-28,34-36;

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light the appropriate Advent Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day – see below
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week – see below
5. say Gospel of the Week – see below
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

1st Week Prayer: Stir up your might we beg You Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Your protection and be saved by Your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

1st Week Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent...”

First Candle and Week 1 of Advent

Monday: “O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth.”

Tuesday: “O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.”

Wednesday: “O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.”

Thursday: “O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.”

Friday: “O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.”

Saturday: “O King whom all the people’s desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay.”

Sunday: “O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God.”

PARISH NOTICE REGARDING NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

Dear Parishioners, it has been a long time for us without access to our Churches & Masses, and we continue to suffer.

We are all looking forward to having access to our Churches again and having some access to Mass together: to worship the Lord, to be present at the Holy sacrifice of the Mass, to receive Holy Communion, and to see one another again.

These things are dear to our hearts as Catholics.

The desire to be with the Lord present in the Tabernacle is a God-given thirst.

*Let us continue to offer these sufferings joyfully to the Lord,
in reparation for the many sins of our time (including our own),
for the endurance, fidelity, and fruitfulness of all Christians,
for the poor and struggling,
for the conversion of our world,
for leadership in the Church,
for a quick move to light GREEN,
and an end to these segregations and this pandemic.*

On December 3, the Traffic Light System comes into effect in Auckland.

25 at RED, 50 at ORANGE, 100 at GREEN

if the My Vaccine Pass System is not employed

<https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework.pdf>

We assume that Auckland will begin at RED.

Given that the Vaccine Certificate System requires monitoring for Mass attendance and discrimination against the unvaccinated, Holy Family will not be segregating Masses.

And we will not be refusing anyone's presence at any Mass on the basis of their vaccination status.

***Your vaccination status is your private medical information,
and we will not be trying to ascertain it for the purposes of Mass attendance.***

***We will not be a pawn for the State in treating you differently based on your bodily condition.
And we will not be asking some parishioners to act as vaccine-policemen towards other parishioners.***

Every Mass is a public liturgy, and any Catholic has the right to attend.

Too many times in history, we have found so-called "good reasons" by which to exclude people on the basis of some natural bodily condition and the so-called "possible danger" that they present to others – skin colour, race, ethnicity, religion, genetics, disability.

All Masses will be "open" Masses at Holy Family parish.

We are all in this together.

Let us not be divided nor allow others to divide us along the lines of a quasi medical-status.

*However, in charity, a special consideration will be offered to the vaccinated to sit in the Crying Room – **if they so choose** – otherwise they can sit with the unvaccinated. This will be administered on trust.*

When we reach lights AMBER and GREEN, we might also use the choir loft for the vaccinated – if needed.

Therefore, whilst not wishing to collaborate in any unjust segregation for Mass attendance, we are trying to be attentive to people's health concerns and genuine vulnerabilities, by having a so-called "safer space" in the Church – the Crying Room and possibly the Choir Loft – whilst also acknowledging that the vaccinated can also be carriers of this disease, and also present a danger to one another, and to others.

Communion will be taken to the "safer space" area first and distributed in the Foyer of the Church.

All others – including other vaccinated parishioners if they choose – will sit in the main body of the Church, separated by a roped-off pew,

*1m spacing, wearing a mask, and using disinfectant,
like we have before.*

*This allows everyone to have equal access to Mass,
without adopting a discrimination practice,
which we believe is socially and spiritually harmful,
especially for the future.*

*We will setup a rostered system for those who register with the Office to come to different Masses.
We will be respecting the number-restrictions of the Traffic Light System.*

***Mass attendance in the Traffic Light System will be allocated via the parish office.
Please email the parish office at hfparish@xtra.co.nz so that we can allocate you a seat at one of the Masses.***

*The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended, therefore, in these strange times, given the limitations, especially at
traffic Light RED, we all have to accept that we may not be able to go to Mass every day,
nor every week, nor every Sunday.*

These are trying times indeed! as we all know well.

There will be 11 Masses throughout the week.

*This will allow up to 300 (approx.) people to come to Mass each week.
This does not include staff (choir, servers, readers).*

***You will need to indicate to the Parish Office which "Mass Set" below you are able to attend.
A or B or BOTH.***

The Office will allocate you a Mass based on your response.

A	B
Monday, 9am	Tuesday 7pm
Tuesday 9am	Thursday 7pm
Wednesday 9am	Saturday 9am
Thursday 9am	Sunday 9am – Latin Mass
Friday 9am	Sunday 10:30am
	Sunday 5pm

*At traffic light RED, entry to the Church for MASS will be through the side-door on the Presbytery side.
The side door will be opened 10mins before Mass, due to the back-wall Confessions occurring before Mass.*

*Confessions will be heard through the back wall of the Church before some Masses.
The Church must be closed whilst the back-wall confessional is used for discretionary purposes.*

CONFESSION TIMES

*Wednesday – Sunday, from 8am until 8:45am (before Mass)
Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:15pm until 6:45pm. (before Mass)
Saturday, 4-5pm.*

*The Church will open (the main doors will be opened) every day for visits and private prayer.
This will happen half an hour after the Mass.*

*For those not allocated a seat in a particular Mass,
Communion will still be given at the side-door after each Mass (except Latin Mass).
This will cease from in lights AMBER and GREEN.*

*Live-streaming of the Masses will continue.
(This does not apply to the Latin Mass 9am on Sunday morning).*

Drive-in Adoration will continue on Sundays from 12pm until 6pm.

Given that Fr Jeremy is still unwell, the exact date for the commencement of this structure will come in due time.

Given that we are in a fluid situation, these details could be adjusted as we go forward.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

29th November to 7th of December

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family, as many of you know, from December the 8th 2020 until December the 8th 2021, Pope Francis instituted the year of Saint Joseph; a year dedicated to him so that we could invoke his powerful intercession and take more time to get to know and love him as the foster-father of Jesus. Earlier this year, during our usual parish Thursday Evening Adult Formation classes we watched 3 wonderful talks on this beautiful saint (if you email the parish office we will send you the link to these wonderful talks). It had been my intention, and it was in my planning, to have a special time during the recent months (Aug-Sept-Oct-Nov) focused on Saint Joseph, culminating with the installation of a statue of St Joseph in the sanctuary of our Church, and an associated parish consecration to his royal heart. Unfortunately, the recent lockdowns and other Covid issues have prevented us from having this time; and dealing with the Covid issues has ended up taking precedence. However, thankfully, through God's providence and the generosity of some of our parishioners, we have been able to obtain a lovely statue of Saint Joseph for our Church; and given that our parish is named after the Holy Family and invokes its protection, it is fitting and right that we locate him in a place of honour in the sanctuary for all to see, love, and venerate. As you know, Our Lady of Fatima has been prominent at the front of the sanctuary for a number of years, and now in a mirrored way, St Joseph (with the child Jesus) joins her in a privileged position also, on the other side of the Altar. Even though we are in lockdown we can still celebrate the installation and blessing of this new statue and consecrate ourselves to St Joseph by praying a Novena together. It is my hope to have a Mass live-streamed (with some parishioners present) at the conclusion of our Novena on the evening of Tuesday, December the 7th, where the statue will be blessed and a consecration prayer will be made. All are invited to join in this consecration, even though only some will be able to be present in the Church. Given that this is Holy Family parish, it is right that we have some statues of the Holy Family in the sanctuary of the Church. Below you will see a couple of photos of the new statue and layout. Following the pictures are the prayers that we will use for our Novena beginning on Monday the 29th of November and continuing through until Tuesday the 7th of December. I invite you all to pray this Novena in the coming days, and to make this consecration to Saint Joseph on the evening of December 7.

God bless you all, and may St Joseph help us traverse these difficult times. Fr Jeremy





Monday - November 29 - Day 1

Foster Father of Jesus

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me, and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore:

(Mention your request)

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Prayer to Saint Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, **Jesus Christ Our Lord**, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me; and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

St. Joseph Most Just, Pray for us!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tuesday – November 30 - Day 2:

Virginal Husband of Mary

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Wednesday – December 1 – Day 3:

Man Chosen by The Blessed Trinity

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Thursday – December 2 – Day 4:

Faithful Servant

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Friday – December 3 – Day 5:

Patron of the Church

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Saturday – December 4 – Day 6:

Patron of Families

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Sunday – December 5 – Day 7:

Patron of Workers

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Monday – December 6 – Day 8:

Friend In Suffering

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Prayer to Saint Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, **Jesus Christ Our Lord**, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage.

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Tuesday – December 7 – Day 9:

Patron of a Happy Death

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Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore:

(Mention your request)

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NEXT SUNDAY:

5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

28 Nov: Bill Ashton, Theresa Palmer, Kata Milina

30 Nov: Alice McCormick

2 Dec: Mary Green, Elizabeth Banfi

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,105.18
Priests	\$ 552.59
Total AP's	\$1,657.77

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Pledge Envelopes: If you are currently on our envelope system – can you please let me know if you still want envelopes or not on hfp parish@xtra.co.nz.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

NZ Catholic:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/313d39d7-5e24-4a5f-b027-31769480dd31>

Advent Prayer and Action / An invitation –

Advent is a Season of Hope. Prayer for ourselves, our communities, the world. Each morning from the first Sunday of Advent 28 November – Christmas Eve at 8.30am on the diocesan Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic>

advent prayer will be offered. We the diocese gathering to pause and pray together. Then at 10.30 am [1-24 December] same place we will upload an Advent Calendar. Please join us.

Sunday 28 November, 7pm – Converge // Youth and Young Adult Leaders Gathering

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87574994154>

Sunday 5 December, 7pm – The Great Diocesan Christmas Quiz

Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>

CALLING ST JOHN'S OLD BOYS FROM 1962-65 St

John's College Hamilton is inviting our very first pupils to a special 60th celebration on 2 February 2022. Please help us connect with those Old Boys that started at our new College from 1962 – 1965. More information is on the College website to register your interest, or please phone us at the Office with your contact details. www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or Phone 07 856 7091

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

December 7

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church!

O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God!

O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate!

In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child.

With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings.

Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.

"If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?"

VENERABLE POPE PIUS XII

Wonderful Book on St Joseph

