



Holy Family Parish

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 19th December 2021



FIRST READING : Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

℟️ *Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O Shepherd of Israel hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne, O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
℟️

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see, visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. ℟️

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength, and we shall never forsake you again, give us life that we may call upon your name. ℟️

SECOND READING : Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: *You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'* Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL : Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'



Dear Parishioners...

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE – NEW CHANGES

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Please note that we are currently in the Traffic Light system at Light RED.

MASSES AT HOLY FAMILY

All Masses – weekdays and Sundays – are operating with a limit of 25 people according to the limits set by the Government in light RED. This allows us to welcome vaccinated and unvaccinated people at every Mass. Please email the parish office hfparrish@xtra.co.nz for an allocated seat at one of our Masses. Please indicate to the Office which Mass set you can attend:

A or B or BOTH.

These are the times:

SET A: Monday - Friday @ 9am.

SET B: Tuesday and Thursday @ 7pm; Saturday @ 9am; Sunday @ 9am, 10:30am, and 5pm.

COMMUNION FOR THOSE NOT AT THE MASS

Holy Communion will still be given at the side-door after each Mass (except Latin Mass). On weekdays, come to the side door 30mins after the start of Mass and wait until it is opened. On Sundays, come to the side door 60mins after the start of Mass and wait until it is opened. Please make sure you prepare spiritually beforehand by: Reading the Readings, or Praying the Rosary, or following the Live-Stream.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES (Seats available at Mass)

FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December

Vigil Masses: 5pm (FULL) and 7pm (FULL)

Midnight Mass 11:00pm (NOT Midnight) (FULL)

Carols from 10:00pm

SATURDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December

8:00am (Latin) – No Confessions before Mass (FULL)

9:30am (English) (FULL)

11:00am (English) (FULL)

SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

26th December

9:00am (Latin) (16 seats available), 10:30am (English) (FULL), and 5pm (English) (17 seats available)

Given that we are operating under very restrictive conditions, parishioners will be allocated 1 Mass out of the 9 Masses during the Christmas weekend: Friday 24th, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th.

With these difficult restrictions, we will have to be flexible and accept that we will not all be able to go to Mass on Christmas day. This is a suffering for us all. Be assured that it pains Fr Jeremy that we can't live Christmas together in the usual way. Given that during the Christmas Octave, all Masses are Solemnities of Christmas, we can treat the Mass that we attend as our Christmas Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, there will be adoration before Mass from 8am until 8:45am for those attending Mass on those days. Access to the Church for Adoration and Mass will be through the side door, from 8am on Mon-Thurs.

On Sundays, Adoration will now shift to inside the Church. It will commence at 12:30pm and conclude at 4pm.

CONFESSION TIME CHANGES

Confessions are being heard through the back wall of the Church as per during the lockdown.

The new Confessions times are:

8am-8:45am Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

6:00-6:45pm Tuesday & Thursday.

4pm-5pm, Saturday.

CRYING ROOM

The Crying Room is reserved for the vaccinated who feel vulnerable. Please respect this allowance. Communion will be taken there first.

ALL OTHERS

If you are sitting in the main body of the Church, please wear a mask, use 1m spacing, disinfect on the way in and out, and use the contact-tracing app. These things might seem like inconveniences, but they are needed and offer a sense security to others.

REMINDER

If you are unwell for any reason or have symptoms which could be Delta in any way, shape, or form, then please stay home, do not come to Mass, and have a Covid test. In charity, think of others.

CHURCH OPENING

The Church will be opened 15mins after Mass each day. If you are making a visit during the day, make sure you contact trace using the QR code, or write your details on the cards provided in the Foyer and put them in the special box.

LIGHT ORANGE

On Dec 30, Auckland moves to light ORANGE. This means that the number allowed at undeclared Masses is 50. This means that weekday Masses can be attended without any Office registration allocation required. However, Sunday Masses will still need to be allocated via the parish office. There will also be changes to Sunday Mass times from the beginning of January. The new Sunday Mass times from January onwards under light ORANGE will be: 8am Latin, 9:30am English, 11am English.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

On New Years Eve, Friday December 31, there will be a Mass at 7pm. And on New Year's Day, Saturday January 1, Mass will be at 9am, and 11am.

God bless, Fr Jeremy

NEXT SUNDAY:

26th December 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

19 Dec: Fonofale Endemann

20 Dec: Peter Somerville

21 Dec: Ronald Gander

22 Dec: Ante Katavich

23 Dec: Michelle Bryan, Michael Atkinson,
Margaret Finn

24 Dec: Freeth Herbert, Margaret Bartocci

25 Dec: Gloria Petica

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$1,126.67

Priests \$ 563.33

Total AP's \$1,690.00

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Columban and Divine Mercy Calendars for sale: If you would like to purchase a Divine Mercy Calendar or Divine Mercy Diary or a Columban. Please contact Dianne on 0274886787

DIOCESAN NOTICES

A Reminder from Bishop Pat A reminder that I formally give you dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. (cc 87 #1, 1247)

Mass is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

The Ruakaka Holy Family Community is celebrating the **30th anniversary** of the dedication of their new church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka, on Sunday 13th February 2022. Mass at 10.30am followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch with a sausage sizzle provided and entertainment for young and old. Ex parishioners' families and friends of the parish warmly welcomed. Please contact either Ray Timmins 02102788867 or Monica Johnson 021382401.

"Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua Holy Mary Mother of God" began a nationwide hikoi wairua (pilgrimage). The art piece will journey through our diocese from 19 December 2021 to 15 February 2022. The itinerary of the hikoi wairua is on the diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/. If you are wanting to view the artwork, please check with the host parish for church opening times and any applicable health and safety guidelines. For information about the art piece visit www.tearaamaria.nz

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.

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.

4th Week Prayer: Stir up your might, we pray You O Lord, and come; rescue us through Your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Your gentle mercy. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

4th Week Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Fourth Candle and Week 4 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 peoples 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."

