

In the celebration of the Eucharist and in your personal prayer, please remember:



Recently deceased

Annamarie Truter, Thomas Fredy Suherman, Rosa Tomich, Peter Wilcox, Erwin Muchlauer

Anniversaries of Death

Hilda D'Costa, Bella Hellesoe, Msgr Lu Teranga, Mary Magdalene, Levi Benjamin, Bernardo, Peping Fermin, Clara Khoo, Grahame McFarland, Perla, Ling Yen, Alberta Sau Wai Yam, Fok Kow Kow, Shiu Chun Cheng, Che Hung Ng, Reymark Mijares, Chisdale Mijares

For the sick

Beverly Handisides, Denis Smith, John Zaia, Dianne Fisiahi, Gil Jaring, Peter Geaney, Jordyn Fisiahi, Janette Ealdama, Paul Dwyer, Lisa Taylor, Patricia Sawers, Benedict Tai, Rowena & Mark MacKenzie, Colin Pillay, Bonica Menzes, Vera Dyson, Gabriel Gomes, Jean Galema, Maria Mascarenhas, Annie Chung, Ruby Chavez, Kathy Monaghan, Anna Rabot, Peter D'Souza, Theresa Amaki, Merle Fenwick, Waverley Granich, Maria Vulelich, Kay Heath, Con Fitzgerald, Kathleen Webb, Sr Philip Lee, Erlinda Mangaser, Scott Tarn, Elisabeth Colby Smith, Colin Laker, Annette Peterson, Lauren Hemingway, Lawrence Jarvis, Treva Hale, Liam Henning Smith, Johan Wahl, Ata Paua, Chan Wai-Oi, Maddison Jones

Holy Souls

Masses are offered for the Holy Souls whose names are given to us and where a Special Mass has been requested.

Altar Servers Roster for 8/9 Dec 2018

5.30pm	8.30am	10.00am	6.30pm
Kyle Damadara Athena Lo	Louisa McGinty Finlay McGinty Lucas McGinty	Enrique Macwan Matthew Calder Harini Pushpakumar Alex Tabaco	Fiona Sheng Jeffrey Gulanes

Projectionists 8/9 Dec 2018

Mazelle Chuardy	Camille Signadice	Timothy Erica	Jo Van Heerden
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Other Rosters

Church Cleaning 8 Dec

Jemima Bulay
Ester & Romeo Perez
Mic Guiang
Reuben & Gemma Reverez

Recording 9 Dec

Kurt Meyer
Duncan Fung
Cannie Lo
Kate Smeath
Philip Lenton

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Your liberation is near at hand.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am
6.30pm

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Liturgy of the Word:
Monday 9.00am
Mass:

Mon 6.30am
Tue 9.00am & 6.30pm
Wed 9.00am & 7.00pm
Thu 9.00am & 7.00pm
Fri 9.00am & 7.00pm
Sat 9.00am

ROSARY

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
at 8.30am
Sat at 8.00am

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
at 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am,
4.30—5.15pm
Wednesday 6.00-6.45pm

EXPOSITION

Wednesday
9.30am—12 noon
1st Friday of month
7.30pm—9.00am Sat

HOLY HOUR

Saturday
8.00am—9.00am

ST MARK'S PARISH



PARISH PRIEST
Fr Oliver Aro

ASSISTANT PRIEST
Fr Austin Fernandes

DEACON
Chris Sullivan

PASTORAL ASSISTANT
Trish Vaughan

PARISH SECRETARY
Mary Zaloum
Julie Hee

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office is closed
Monday

Tuesday to Friday
8.30am — 3.30pm
Except Wednesday
8.30am—1.00pm

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1st Sunday Of Advent

2 December 2018

Reconciliation Rite II

In preparation for Christmas, St Mark's Parish will be celebrating Rite II on Thursday 6 Dec at 7pm. There will be several priests available. All welcome.



URGENT CHRISTMAS HELP

Clip boards are in the foyer for people already on rosters to sign up to help. Please do so this weekend. Thank you.

The Filipino Tradition of Simbang Gabi

Historically, this practice was introduced by the Spanish Friars when Spain colonized the Philippines. The main reason of this activity is the presentation of the Incarnation of Jesus. It is a spiritual preparation for Christmas.

It was called Misa de Gallo (the Mass of roosters), the mass starts at 4.30am so that the farmers, fishermen and the working class can attend the masses before going to their usual errands of the day.

Our parish will have the Simbang Gabi (nine days novena Masses) that commences on the 15th of December and ends on the 23rd of December. Come and join us in this rich tradition to prepare us spiritually for a meaningful Christmas.

Mass starts from 15 December to 23 December at 7pm except on 16 & 23 December which starts at 7.45pm.

All other Masses as per normal.

ST MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

To promote a loving, caring,
Christ-like community which accepts all people
And is inspired to spread The Good News of Jesus Christ.

Altar Servers Roster

Is available in the foyer. Please take your copy home. Thank you.

Singers needed for Carol Service and Midnight Mass

St Mark's Choir is looking for singers to join them for the 11.30pm Carol Service and Midnight Mass. Practices will be held on **Tuesday 4, Tuesday 11, and Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm in the church.** It is important to attend all 3 practices. Contact Liz Bauld: Ph 530-8523 or 021 722 223 or Neil Grant: Ph 570 2713

St Vincent De Paul Society

Is in need of rice, canned tomatoes, coffee and milo. We are planning Christmas items for Christmas hampers and would appreciate donations for Christmas goodies. Thank you once again.

Christmas Cards for sale from the Parish office. \$2.50 a pack of 5.

Furniture donations needed, especially good condition beds, couches, tables, chairs, drawers, fridges and washing machines. Please contact 270 4088.

Projectionists Wanted

Thank you for the Projectionists who have helped many more times than they are rostered! We urgently need more people young and old to help with this ministry. Training will be given. Please contact the office 576 7959.

Found

"Puffer" jacket in Church. Please ring office 5767959 if you have lost your jacket.

**\$\$ Parish Finances \$\$
2nd Collection
Nov 25, 2018 \$4,781.00**

MORNING TEA
In the Parish Centre today after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

Blessings Catholic Store

Blessings has Christmas Nativities on sale as well as other Catholic prayer items, gifts and books this Sunday from 9.00 to 11.30am. If you need gifts for Christmas, baptism, housewarming or children receiving the Sacraments, please visit them at the stall or ring Jean 021383080

Thank You

A big thank you to all the families who participated in bringing joy and music to the residence of Metlifecare at Highland Park especially the Lai family, Anthony family Mary Hou family, Pereira family, Urlich & Petch family. Kia Ora. *Andrea*

NZ Rosary Crusade 8th December

Presently the Law Commission is encouraging the government to liberalise the abortion laws. Our Parliament is also currently considering legalising Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. The time has come for New Zealanders, Catholics and non-Catholics to pray together for our nation. We must act now! On Dec 8th, New Zealanders will join together in prayer from various locations (including at the National March for Life on the lawn of Parliament) to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith. www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or phone Clare on 022 1912 886 or 03 359 2087

Meditatio Seminar

Fr Laurence Freeman will join a range of health professionals in Auckland, at the upcoming Meditatio Seminar, as they explore the links between meditation and health. The seminar will run at Auckland Hospital from Jan 17 - 18 2018. You can view the programme at <https://www.meditatio.org.nz/>

Invitation

You are invited to the 181st anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13 January 1838. Mass on January 13, 2019 at 11am followed by a shared picnic lunch.

National March for Life NZ 8th December


There are dangerous proposals to liberalise the abortion laws in New Zealand to remove all safeguards and to further endanger the lives of the unborn and harm their mothers and families. Parishes, groups, families and all people of goodwill are invited to March for Life Saturday 8th Dec. Gather at 2pm in Civic Square (101 Wakefield St) ready to walk to Parliament grounds. marchforlife.nz or phone Michael on 021 825 955.

Proclaim The Word

AN Inspiring one-day seminar for Readers and Cantors. Sat Feb 16 2019 10am-3pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Church St Onehunga. To register email: tinac@cda.org.nz or liturgycentre@cda.org.nz. See notice board.

Explore your Faith

The New Zealand Bishops' Conference provides many opportunities for people to learn more about their faith. Two important aspects of this outreach are Good Shepherd College and The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand (TCI). Both offer a variety of courses and qualifications.

Sacrament of Baptism

We thank God and we rejoice at the Baptism of:
Jordan, son of Cole & Monique Fitzpatrick
We assure you that you are truly welcome and we will remember you and your families in our prayers.

Good Shepherd College-Te Heparā Pai

Is where the diocesan seminarians go for their theological formation it is an NZQA-registered tertiary provider offering papers towards level 7 awards; the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology.

Details of what is offered in Semester One of 2019 can be found at <http://www.gsc.ac.nz/course-papers/2777-1/>

Christmas Gift

A Christmas gift that will make a difference order from RNDM International Mission Development Office. See notice board.

TCI

The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand offers courses in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, Scripture, Theology and Leadership. Courses are available online or in face-to-face classes. To find out more go to www.tci.ac.nz or email office@tci.ac.nz.

NZ Catholic

The Dec 2 – 15 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New priest ordained in Dunedin. Gender diversity issues guide for Catholic schools. World Day of the Poor activities in Wellington. Catholics in Palmerston North anti-weapons protest.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
On the first Friday of every month. All Night Vigil (after 7pm Mass, Friday 7 Dec to 9am Sat 8 Dec) in the Church. If you wish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the night, please put your name on the board in Parish Foyer.