

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 26 Lewis Loheni (grandson of Flo Sapa'u)
27 Matthew Clarke
28 Xavier Dromgool (husband of Irene Dromgool)
1 Peg Darroch (auntie of Irene Dromgool)
6 Gregory John Dunn (son of Kath & John Dunn)
6 Claire Smith (cousin of Irene Dromgool)
Felicity Hodson 1977 (daughter of Derek & Dorothy)
7 Reva Marie Bravo
9 Patricia Hooper
(cousin of Irene Dromgool)
11 Vera Geraghty

May God Grant them Eternal Rest

Daily Mass Calendar 2024 is available in the foyer for \$3.50 per copy.

This Week in Liturgy, Sunday, cycle A, weekday cycle 1.

Monday, 27th of Nov to Wednesday, 29th of Nov:- 34th week in Ordinary Time.

Thursday, 30th of Nov:-Saint Andrew, apostle

Friday 1st of Dec:- 34th week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 2nd of Dec:- The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

Witnesses of Faith Event – Thursday, 30 November, 7 – 9 pm. Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland. As part of the “Witnesses of Faith Tour” across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers who will share their own personal testimonies of faith in the face of religious persecution. The evening will include a time to raise our hearts in prayer and solidarity with the more than 200,000,000 Christians globally, who today suffer for their faith. A light supper will be served afterwards where you can meet the speakers. **More info and to register :** www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses or email info@aidtochurch.org

Advent Retreat Saturday 2 December 8am-2pm, St Michael’s Parish, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera. Experience the insightful guidance of Dr Robert Loretz understanding the deeper mysteries of the incarnation using the ‘Four Senses of Sacred Scripture’. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha. See our website [Advent Retreat](http://AdventRetreat)

Taize Prayer for Advent, Friday 8 December at 7pm, Mary MacKillop Chapel, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay *graphic attached*

Advent Retreat Day Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre, 56 Selwyn Ave, Mission Bay Led by Sr Jill McLoughlin, **Saturday 9 December 10am – 3pm,** \$30 waged/\$20 unwaged Registrations by December 7th MBSpirituality@sojsj.org.au MOB 0210710277

Welcome to St. Andrew’s Catholic Church

Sunday, 26th November, 2023

34th in Ordinary time year A



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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
Wed & Fri, 11:00 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm or
by appointment

Anointing of the sick:

First Friday, during Mass at
11:00 am

Mass at Pokeno: 19th Nov

(Venue): St Mary on the Hill
Anglican Church, at 5pm,
3rd Sunday every month

**PARISH FEAST DAY
CELEBRATIONS** Pot-
luck Dinner & Entertainment
Night at Tuakau Town Hall
Supper Room. **Saturday, 25
November.**

Introduction:

Jesus Christ, Shepherd and King

As shepherd, Christ looks after his flock, tending each one, separating the sheep from the goats. As king, he brings his flock safely into the glorious kingdom of the God who is his Father and ours.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6

R/- The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading:- Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Acclamation:- John 15: 4.5

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading:-Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of
righteousness for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil.
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love shall
follow me all the days of my life.
And I shall live in the house
of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23



Scripture note :-

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

Youth Ministry Officer – Are you a self-motivated relationship-builder who wants to make a meaningful positive impact in the lives of young people? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time Youth Ministry Officer. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

Parish Assistant Vacancy in St Luke's in Flat Bush wishes to employ a person for 25 hours a week as the parish assistant. This role is to assist the Parish Priest. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for assisting with Sunday Masses. The applicant would assist with office administration, adult faith formation, co-ordinate music ministry and have a good grasp of social media. Applicants should be active Catholics and able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church. Good communication, strong planning and organization skills are essential. Applicants must have the right to work in NZ and have a NZ drivers licence. For more information, please contact the Parish Priest, Fr Craig Dunford by email office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz

Marriage & Family - Are you passionate about the Sacrament of marriage? Would you be interested in training to become Marriage Educators through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland? We are looking for couples who have been married for 5 plus years and have about 2 - 6 hours a week free to guide couples through a Catholic marriage preparation course

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course:

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation course here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/> Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18months (if getting married overseas) in advance of your wedding date. The 3-part course takes about 32 hours to complete and is usually spread over 3 months. For more information email: marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or call Gerry on **M:021 02247442**.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 3rd December, First Sunday of Advent, Cycle B
Commentator and prayers: Von Cassidy
Eucharistic Minister: Phillip Mahe
Theme:- Christ will come again
First Reading:- Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
(Sashini Mahe)

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

R/- Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading:- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
(Nimmi Abraham)

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Acclamation:- Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:-Mark 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

One-Liner

"If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining"

"Today on Twitter, I lost a follower. Now I know how Jesus feels everyday"
- retrieved from onlinefun.com

Please email items for the newsletter or Memorial book to nimmibaksu@gmail.com or text to **0274308557** – Nimmi Abraham

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia, payment per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, e.g. a couple would pay \$80 per. night for bed and continental breakfast. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics . To purchase a book of details of hosts , contact Marie Anderson, 03 3595541 or email me at marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Jesus the Good Shepherd invites you for a family growth camp, "Hearts on Fire".

This is a camp for all ages. **International Speakers** – Ralph Martin and Joe Heschmeyer, live on Zoom, from the US. Mass with Fr Nathaniel Brazil. **Friday 1st Dec 5pm to Sunday 3rd Dec 2pm.** Sonshine Ranch, 223 Creightons Rd, Clevedon Cost (including meals and accommodation): per person \$100; children - 5 to 10yrs \$50; and under 5s free. Teachings, Eucharist, Music, Food, Games, Christmas Carols, Bonfire.

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End-of-year Youth Ministry Celebration Mass 2nd December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. At this mass, we are excited to present the Tu Kahikatea Awards, recognising young people outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it! All are welcome at this celebration! Bring your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith commu-

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp 16-20 January 2024, for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk alongside their young people and get to know them on a deeper level. Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way. We do this through thought provoking keynote sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens. Registrations are closing! So if you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then go to www.lifeteen.nz to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact samuelb@cda.org.nz for queries