

The following deaths and Anniversaries are about this time

- 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
14 Jack Schreurs
Jaqueline Twomey
15 Tony Ryan (brother of Bobby Beal)
Malaki Wacked (grandmother of Edna Peters)
17 Nigel John McGuire

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 B, weekdays of Advent

Monday, 4th of Dec:- Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

Tuesday, 5th of Dec:- 1st week of Advent

Wednesday, 6th of Dec:- Saint Nicholas, bishop

Thursday, 7th of Dec:- Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

Friday 8th of Dec:- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 9th of Dec:- Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

NGA TAPUWAE SELF DIRECTED PILGRIMAGE Registrations are now open for Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024. Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation, and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. All are welcome to participate and learn more of our Catholic heritage. You can experience the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021439407

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@sosj.org.au MOB 0210710277

Welcome to St. Andrew's Catholic Church

Sunday, 3rd Decemeber, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent Cycle B



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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: 17th Dec

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

Introduction:

Christ will come again

Jesus came at Bethlehem long ago. He comes to us during this Mass by the power of the Holy Spirit. Awake and be ready, we await his coming again in glory.

Readings from Sacred Scripture:

First Reading:- Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
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

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.

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Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' and silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home - **Saturday evenings** to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; **Wednesday mornings** in silent Meditation; **Wednesday evenings** to reflect on Pope Francis message for us that "it is confidence that must lead to love". We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless. Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

Scripture note :-

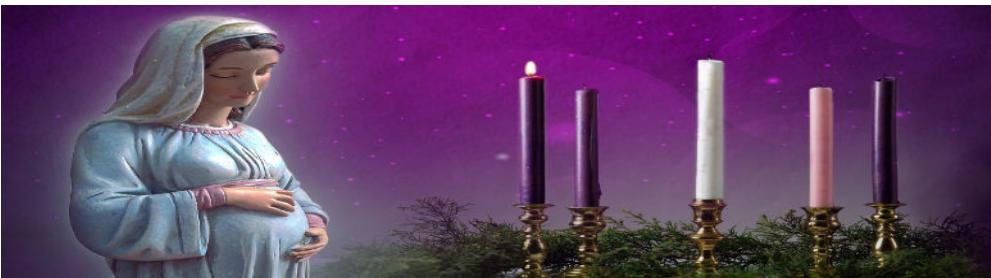
Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.



Catholic Diocese of Auckland positions available:

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday, 10th December, Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B
Commentator and prayers: Regina Camacho
Eucharistic Minister: Ioane Francis
Theme:- Here is the Lord!

First Reading:- Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 (Derek Hodson)
Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 85:9-14
R/- Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading:- 2 Peter 3:8-14 (Von Cassidy)

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Acclamation:- Luke 3:4.6
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:- Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

One-Liner

“What do you call a bear with no teeth?.....A gummy bear!”

What is the best way to remember your wife's birthday?....Forget it once.

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

G.I.F.T. Christmas Mass Sunday 10th December at 4pm in Good Shepherd Church, Balmoral followed by a light meal. All disabled people and their whānau and support workers most **WELCOME!**

Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life the landmark bishops' teaching document is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book, reached from a button on the NZCBC home page: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/> Or from here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/>. *Te Kahu o te Ora* is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. NZCBC President and Bishop of Auckland Bishop Stephen Lowe says the bishops want every Catholic to read *Te Kahu o te Ora*. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>

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