

NOTICES



Year of Jubilee- Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope.

Explore and return regularly to

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/jubilee2025/jubilee-calendar/>

You are also invited to read Jubilee Jottings a diocesan newsletter about what is happening that includes ideas of celebrating Jubilee as Church local and domestic <https://cdaportal.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/JubileeJottingsDec.pdf>

Nga Tapuwae. Registrations are open for Ngā Tapuwae 10th to 12th January 2025. This will be a guided pilgrimage. **Anniversary Mass 2025. Registrations now open for Coach Trip on 12th 2025.** For more info please contact Deacon Steve on stephen@cda.org.nz.

NZ Catholic Faith Formation offers several programmes this Advent on Zoom "Delexit Nos", If you are interested, **please contact di-annaf@cda.org.nz**

Local Youth Ministers Wanted! The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is looking for self-motivated leaders to become paid Local Youth Ministers, working across both a secondary school and parish. To learn more and to apply, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/

On behalf of everyone at Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your parish's incredible generosity in supporting this year's Monte Cecilia Christmas donation drive. We are truly grateful for your ongoing support and the care you show to those in need within our community. Your kindness reflects the true spirit of Christmas. Blessings of Peace and God Bless.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, is excited to be launching a new initiative called Dovecotes. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us by forming a Dovecote in your parish. All it needs is for two or more women, to support each other to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through regular shared prayer. Our leaflet called 'Welcome to Dovecotes', contains all the relevant information. It's on our website: www.dove.org.nz or email Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com

Theology of the Body - For programmes and registration, please visit: theologyofthebody.nz

January 2025 Retreat with Dan and Stephanie Burke from Avila Institute and Divine Intimacy Radio- **Sat 4th Jan:** Setting the Captives Free: Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits, Hillsborough. Full day retreat. **Mon 6th Jan:** Awakening the Heart to the Presence of God; Meadowbank 6-9pm. **Tues 7th Jan:** Deeper Into the Heart of God; Ponsonby 6-9pm. For more information and to register: <https://spiritualdirection.com/nz>



See the Need. Be the Hope! Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have double the impact!. Please feel free to take home our Christmas newsletter and see where your donations are making a difference.

www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012

Young Catholic Family Seeking Rental- We are a young Catholic family looking for a 3-4 bedroom rental in Auckland, ready to move in before the end of January 2025. As responsible, community-minded tenants, we are ideally looking for a longer-term tenancy, within the \$600-\$700pw range. Please contact **Sam at 027 18002238**

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is seeking an experienced journalist to support its communications efforts in 2025 and beyond. This new position will assist the Church in sharing its stories and in keeping the Catholic and wider community informed about the life, mission and ministry of the Church. A background in religious journalism would be advantageous, as would experience in media monitoring. Please send expressions of interest to communications@nzcbc.org.nz no later than January 12. The role could be filled sooner than January 12 for the right candidate, so please contact the Bishops Conference promptly.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy
Christians in Ukraine - Elena Burdk
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/12/17/christians-in-ukraine/>

How to respond to abuse in the Church? - Fr Joe Grayland
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/12/12/how-to-respond-to-abuse-in-the-church/>



Celebration of the First Mass in Aotearoa-Jan12, 2025 @ 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. Join the Bishops of New Zealand at Totara Point, home of the Poynton Family to pray Mass. The site is 1km from the main Kohukohu-Mangamuka road and is sign-posted. Following Mass there is a shared meal. Mass is outside please come prepared with hats, sunscreen and water.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Year C

22nd December 2024

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the parish of Our Lady of Fatima, within the Diocese of Auckland. We strive with the help of the Holy Spirit to build a Eucharistic Community and through our lives proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Fourth Sunday of Advent		Next Sunday readings	
Reading 1	Mi 5:1-4a	Reading 1	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.	Psalm	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.
Reading 2	Heb 10:5-10	Reading 2	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Gospel	Lk 1:39-45	Gospel	Lk 2:41-52



How are you sharing the Joy of Christ this Advent?

Luke 1:39-45

REFLECTION

The Gospel tells us "when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb" How do we experience "leaping for joy" when we recognize God's presence in our life? Do we believe that God is at work in our lives? Do we believe that the Lord, in hidden and often unpredictable ways, acts in history, performs wonders, and is working even in our societies that are marked by worldly secularism? There is a way to discern whether or not we have this trust in the Lord: do we leap for joy. Whoever believes, whoever prays, whoever welcomes the Lord, leaps in the Spirit, and feels that something is moving within, and "dances" with joy. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love, and her obedience. (<https://liturgy.slu.edu>)



Stay Connected- Please visit the parish website to keep up to date www.meadowbankcatholic.org.nz

Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp for Weekly Notices <https://bit.ly/OLOFNotices>

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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND

Sunday Eucharist 9:30am

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

WEEK DAYS

Monday 9am

Tuesday 9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

6:30pm Rosary, Novena & Mass

Wednesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 9am

Saturday 8am Adoration

8:30am Rosary

9am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9:30 – 10am

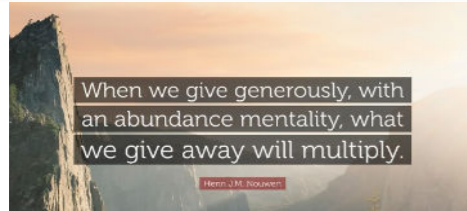
EVERY MONTH

First Friday Encounter

7pm - 8:30pm Come and encounter

our Lord in adoration, worship &

PARISH GIVING



Every gift that you make helps to advance our parish mission of building a Eucharistic Community and maintains the financial health of our parish operations and programmes. To sign up and for more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/olofgiving>

Donation Tap Point—found at the entrance of our church foyer.

Giving Envelopes—these can be placed at in the collections taken up during Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass. Email lofatimaparish@gmail.com

One-Off or Regular Giving—Do a transfer online and set up an auto-payment to support our parish regularly. The bank account details A/C Name: **R C Bishop of Auckland**

Meadowbank Parish 02-0108-0707665-000

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For your tax receipt please email the parish office lofatimaparish@gmail.com

Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support \$ 581.80

Priest Support \$ 337.40

The above amounts exclude automatic payments, direct credits and tap and go.

Our church has a food bank collection and storage facility for food donated by our parishioners. **Any non-perishable goods are always welcome.** Contributions to the foodbank can be placed in the basket found in the church foyer, or call the parish office or email lofatimaparish@gmail.com for any donations. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Legion of Mary



Join us to pray the rosary at church Monday to Saturday at 8.30 am.

We meet every Monday evening at 6.30. For more info on **Legion of Mary**, please contact Nina, or Jo, email lofatimaparish@gmail.com

Health and Safety

"Slip slop slap"... be safe on the beach as also the road. Have a Blessed Christmas with family and friends.

Asha Patel—Health and Safety and Safeguarding Coordinator- email olofcomplaints@gmail.com phone 0212558438.

RCIA—Becoming Catholic

Our sessions are held on **Tuesdays 7:30pm**. For more info check our website, or email olofrcia@gmail.com

OLOF Health & Healing

After some consideration, we've decided to **discontinue Health & Healing** due to limited interest, and instead focus on new parish initiatives. We deeply appreciate your fellowship, prayers, and support throughout this ministry. Thank you.

Counselling & Accompaniment

Counsellor: **Dr John Evangelista**. To book a time please contact the Parish Office 09 521 5244, or email: lofatimaparish@gmail.com.



OLOF Men

2024 has been a fruitful, enriching and fun year for the Men's Fellowship. We've been involved in many parish activities including school bbq, working bees, and church feast days. We had a wonderful retreat, regular faith formation sessions and talks around our theme "Imitating Jesus". We look forward to re-convening on the **3rd Wednesday of February 2025**. We wish you and your family well this Christmas and for the coming year. God bless !

Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Please register your interest at bit.ly/olofalphacourse

Children's Liturgy

Thank you for your continuous support of the Children's Liturgy programme. Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful holiday season. We will resume on **Sunday 2 February 2025**

For activities at home, please click on this link: [Celebrating ADVENT week FOUR LOVE https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Four-LOVE.pdf](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Celebrating-ADVENT-Week-Four-LOVE.pdf)

PARISH PROGRAMMES

Sacramental Programme 2025

Registration is now open. Please go to <https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/sacraments/sacramental-programme/>

Sacrament of Baptism- Baptism Preparation Course every 3rd Saturday of the month. Please register your child on our website <https://meadowbankcatholic.org.nz/sacraments/baptism/>

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady Of Fatima,

My grateful thanks to all of you who helped to provide such generous Christmas hampers for our families this year. I thank you on behalf of our staff and families of Te Waipuna Puawai.

As I drove and delivered these hampers to the homes, I want to pass on to you the thanks, and expressions of deep gratitude from all the Mothers who received their hampers. I know they love the way they are presented with that real Christmas look!!!

May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

May the new year be full of Hope for all of us.

Peace and joy be yours,

Sister Marie Brown.



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas and Holidays Mass Times
Tues 24 Dec 5.30 pm Family Mass.

9.45pm Carols 10.30 pm Christmas Mass.

Wed 25 Dec- 9.30am Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass on Shine TV- this year Christmas Mass from the Archdiocese of Wellington will be broadcast on Shine TV at 3pm.

Please let interested people know especially the housebound. **Christmas Masses throughout the diocese can be accessed from the front page of the website or directly <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/christmas-masses-2024/>**



Thurs 26 Dec- St Stephen- 9 am Mass

Fri 27 Dec- St John Apostle - 9 am Mass

Sat 28 Dec- Holy Innocents- 9 am Mass

Sun 29 Dec- Feast of the Holy Family- Sat Vigil at 5.30pm, Sunday 9.30 am.

Tues 31 Dec- 9 am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Tues 31 Dec - Opening of the Year of Jubilee -Join Bishop Steve in Mass opening the year of Jubilee 2025, Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph, 11pm.

Wed 1st Jan-Mary Mother of God- 9 am Mass

Sun 5th Jan 2025—The Epiphany of the Lord

Sun 12th Jan 2025—The Baptism of the Lord

Please Help Yourself to the **Bible Diary 2025 - \$20 each**. Kindly pay online. **Acc Name : JP SOMU. Acc Number 01-0475-0185774-01. Ref : Bible 121. Or Pay to Mobile 022 5852875**

2025 RETREATS AND REFLECTION DAYS

If you wish to book a private or group retreat at **Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre** please contact Sr Julian Langton. Email: marymackillopcentre@sosj.org.au.

Other Retreats taking place at Mary MacKillop Retreat Centre organised by Ignatian Spirituality NZ. For more information and bookings please contact info@ignatianspirituality.nz

For **2025 Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre** please visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

MT CARMEL SCHOOL



Thank you to all the Mt Carmel families who donated toys to the Auckland City Mission to distribute to families this Christmas.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Christmas and summer break.

30th Jan 2025 Term 1 starts