

NOTICES

Celebration Mass 02 December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the Mass, present the Tu Kahikatea Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. All are welcome at this celebration.

Positions are available at the Diocese:

Youth Ministry Officer- Full-time, you'll be implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland.

Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant- 16 hours per week, with occasional evening and weekend work. To learn more about these positions, please visit:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/.

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust's Christmas Appeal 2023. Christmas approaches quickly and Monte Cecilia is reaching out for our annual appeal, asking for your help in ensuring that children in Monte Cecilia housing have a joyful Christmas, with food on the table and a toy of their own. We are asking for donations of children's toys and non-perishable food, which can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office in Mangere. If you are donating a wrapped present, please let us know the general contents so we can match it with an appropriate child. No gift is too small, as we have over 1,200+ children living within our Transitional & Community houses, so every little bit helps. Please kindly ensure your donations reach us by **Tues 12th Dec**, or alternately, you can make a monetary donation on our website. If you have any questions, please call **0800 624 848**, or email us at info@montececilia.org.nz

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

Young or old, 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. Reg by 20 Nov at bit.ly/jtgsonfire CONTACT@JESUSTHEGOODSHEPHERD.CO.NZ

Parish Assistant Vacancy The Parish of St Luke's in Flat Bush. 25 hours a week. Please contact the Parish Priest, **Fr Craig Dunford** by email office@flatbushcatholic.org.nz.

St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture with Beate Matthias. Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>

Family Life International is hosting a Mass for Life and Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary of the Angels. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on **Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.** Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents

National March for Life in Wellington, Sat 2nd Dec. For more info: <https://marchforlife.nz/>. For more pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course- Please book your 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**.

Witnesses of Faith Event – Thur 30 Nov, 7 – 9 pm. Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auck. The Pontifical Foundation, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites you to a unique and inspirational event in support of the suffering and persecuted Church. As part of the "Witnesses of Faith Tour" across Australia and New Zealand, we will hear from 3 international guest speakers (including the Melkite Catholic Patriarch His Beatitude Joseph Absi from Syria) 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. More info and to register: www.aidtochurch.org/witnesses or email info@aidtochurch.org

Pro Life FREE EVENT -Christian medical professionals may find it particularly hard, now that abortion is often viewed as simply another health service and euthanasia is presented as a choice. If you have ever felt like this, you are not alone. The Auckland Voice for Life Training Day, at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, Trias Road, Sunnynook, on 2 March, 2024. Contact auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz for more information.

NZ Catholic for sale in church foyers again. Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Kiwi Sister of Sion working in Holy Land strife. Mothers who have four kids are tax-free for life in Hungary. Surprise pilgrimage in Scotland and York. Single Catholics and dating from the perspective of men.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Christ The King

26th November 2023

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.

Christ The King		Next Sunday's readings	
Reading 1	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17	Reading 1	IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7
Psalm	Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6	Psalm:	PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Reading 2	1 Cor 15:20-26, 28	Reading 2	1 COR 1:3-9
Gospel	Mt 25:31-46	Gospel	MK 13:33-37

I was hungry and you fed me

Am I giving to the needy as I would the

REFLECTION

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism or profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words. (St Pauls Sunday Missal, 2012, p.496).



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

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MASS TIMES

WEEKEND

Sunday Eucharist 9:30am

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

WEEK DAYS

Monday 9am

Tuesday 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

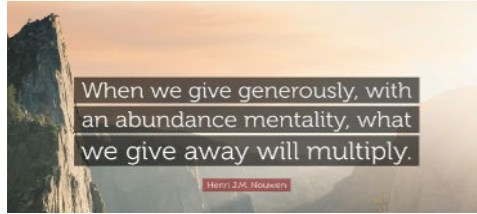
EVERY MONTH

First Friday Encounter

7pm - 8:30pm Come and encounter our Lord in adoration, worship & prayer

First Saturday Anointing of the Sick at 9am Mass

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.

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.

To sign up and for more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/olofgiving>

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

Our new account numbers

Meadowbank Parish 02-0108-0707665-000

Meadowbank House 02-0108-0707665-001

Last Week's Collection:

Parish Support \$ 407.90

Priest Support \$ 236.90

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Legion of Mary



Invitation for the **Annual General Reunion- Nov 26, Sunday 2pm**— at St Francis School, 2 Montrose Street, Pt Chevalier. This is the function of the Legion of Mary that all auxiliaries are invited to come.

To join the OLOF Legion of Mary, please contact Nina, or Jo, we meet every Sunday at 10:45am, or please email us at lofatimaparish@gmail.com

Join us to pray the rosary before weekday Mass, Monday to Friday at 8.30 am.

Health and Safety

Fire Drill

The fire drill did not take place last week because of the rain. **Please note that the fire drill will be on Saturday 25 November before the 5.30pm Mass, and Sunday 26 November before the 9.30 Mass.** Back up dates are 2nd and 3rd December.

Volunteering & Serving at OLOF

Please email oloffaith@gmail.com to explore & find out some of the ways to serve at OLOF.

OLOF Men

Join the men of our parish once a month at 6:30pm for dinner, short content and a discussion. **Parish Working Bee Sat 25 Nov, or 2 Dec.**

Alpha @ Our Lady of Fatima

Check out bit.ly/olofalphacourse for more information and to register. Thursdays 6:30pm—8:30pm.

OLOF Health & Healing

Next session : Dec 2nd. We are back on the Wild Goose series.

Become Catholic (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith or looking into becoming Catholic, Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you. For more info olofrcia@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday 9:30am during the school term.

Sacrament of Baptism

For Infant/Child Baptism, please contact the parish office for inquiries, or register on our website.

Sacrament of Marriage

Are you getting married? Please book your Marriage Preparation Course. Contact gerrys@cda.org.nz

Counselling & Accompaniment

Counsellor: Dr John Evangelista. Contact the Parish Office 09 521 5244 Email: lofatimaparish@gmail.com

PARISH PROGRAMMES

The **2024 Sacramental Programme** registration for Mt Carmel students opens on Mon 30 Oct

Please go to <https://bit.ly/olofsacprog> for more information and to register.

Upcoming Retreats & Events at St Francis Retreat Centre For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) Thu 7 Dec 2023, Wed 21 Feb 2024, Thu 21 Mar 2024. For more info/book, please visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call 09 625 6651

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass on Friday 1st December 7:00pm at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass, followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All Welcome.

Advent Retreat – Saturday, 2nd December from 8.00am to 2.00pm at St Michael's Parish, Remuera. Light lunch provided. Entry by Koha. Information and registration @ St Michael's website.

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

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

Urgently Need

An experienced Cleaning Lady/Housekeeper

3 hours fortnightly on a Friday, Meadowbank Area

Please phone Margaret on 021 288 5088.

The Search, a 7 sessions of video from the Augustine Institute- at St Mark's parish –34 Pakuranga Road, Auckland. Starting on Thursday 9 November from 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Light supper will be served. **Next dates: 30/11, 7/12, 14/12, and 21/12.**

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you, and it is for your teens. Go to www.lifeteen.nz to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary. Contact samuelb@cda.org.nz for queries.

Foundation of Christian Leadership Webinar

All sessions are on **Tuesday 5.30–6.30 pm Zoom**. Register through tekupenga.ac.nz/leadership. The second series of the CTC Leadership webinar starts on Tuesday, 31 October. This series is called the Foundations of Catholic Leadership presented by Dr John Evangelista.

PARISH NOTICES

What's happening in our parish?

Sunday 26 Nov: Happy celebration of the Christ the King who walks with us, mourns with us and leads with compassion and mercy.

Every Tuesday at 9 am, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. The service is taken by Prayer Leaders to enable the Faithful, in the absence of a priest, to offer praise and worship and to be nourished by The Word and Holy Communion. The liturgy does not take the place of the celebration of the Eucharist. The readings of the day as set down in the Lectionary for Mass are used. All welcome.

Tues 6.30pm : Novena Our Lady of Fatima & Rosary online. ID: 843 6371 4845 | Passcode: 953536; Mass 7pm .

Columban Calendar- The 2024 calendar is available for \$12 from the office. Or transfer to account numbers: **01 0171 0149934 83**. And then collect your calendar from the office with your proof of transfer. Thank you for supporting St Columban Mission Society.

Saturday 25th Nov, 9 am Mass, Presentation and Anointing of the Catechumen for Child Baptism. We welcome Bastiaan, Sippora, Jacob, Alice, Chloe, Ellie, Charlie, Joshua, and Aria.

Sat 25 Nov Parish Working Bee. Rainy day 2 Dec.

Congratulations to Akshay Sony and Namita Iyer for the baptism of **Liana Marice Akshay** on 25th November 2023. The community of Our Lady of Fatima welcome your family with joy and blessings.



MT CARMEL SCHOOL

Mt Carmel students in the Senior School have begun learning about the symbols of Advent, and how people can prepare themselves for the celebration of Christmas. The students have been gathering as a group on Friday mornings to focus on each of the Advent candles. Tui Class will be presenting a short liturgy on 'Peace' and have made ornaments to share with the larger group. The ornaments remind us that when we worry about the things written on the hearts, we are reminded to go to Jesus and ask Him for peace.

