



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 15 DECEMBER 2019

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Kia ora and welcome. A special welcome to visitors and newcomers to Good Shepherd Parish

Today is 'Joyful' Sunday – Gaudete Sunday as it was traditionally known.

In Latin, 'gaudete' means rejoice.

Joyful Sunday is a sign-post that we are halfway through our preparation for the coming of the Saviour.

"The time is near at hand"

We light the pink candle on the Advent wreath to signify this halfway mark.

All three readings of today's Mass have comforting words. In the first

reading Isaiah says:

"Courage, do not be afraid".

In the second reading St James

says *"be patient! Do not lose heart"*

and in the Gospel we have the lovely words of Jesus to his cousin, John:

"Happy the person who does not lose faith in me"

John's situation was a grim one.

He was locked up in a dark dungeon with the threat of death hanging over him.

His faith was being severely tested.

He needed reassurance and comforting. These words would have been a source of comfort and strength to John ... as they may well be to us today....

"Courage, do not be afraid".

"be patient! Do not lose heart".

"Happy the person who does not lose faith in me"



At the 9.30am Mass we celebrate the

Rite of Acceptance

into the Order of Catechumens adults who will be preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Congratulations to Alex, Paul and Debbie who have enrolled in the Good Shepherd Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Congratulations also to young Mia who makes her First Holy Communion this morning.

Making a Difference this Christmas
Each Christmas season, the Society of St Vincent de Paul across

Auckland support countless families who are in desperate need. Each family recognise the struggle that comes from times of crisis, and so the Society seeks to provide immediate alleviation through food assistance.

Through the 'Feed a Family' appeal, the journey of service has been deepened by providing greater sources of nutritional food. It has also allowed for service providers to more clearly identify other needs that are not being met. If you are able, you might support this appeal today. Members of SVdP will be available to sell 'family packs' of varying prices.



Today's Scripture Readings

~ Isaiah 35:1-6,10: Here is your God, who will come and save you.

~ Psalm Response: *Lord, come and save us.*

~ James 5:7-10: Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

~ Matthew 11:2-11: Are you the one who is come, or are we to wait for another?

Next Sunday's Readings: 4th Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Christmas Masses

2019

5pm Christmas Eve

~ Children's Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass

~ Carol Service from 11.30pm

9.30am Christmas Day Mass

11.30am Tagalog Mass

~ Auckland Catholic Filipino Community



Sacraments of Initiation for Children 2020

(Sacramental Programme for
children aged 8 and above)

For families who belong to Good Shepherd
Parish or Good Shepherd School,
enrolment forms for First Reconciliation,
Confirmation and First Holy Communion can
be found in the foyer of the church.

Working Bee

9.30 to 10.30 am

Saturday 21 December

Bring yard brooms, dust cloths,
rakes, etc for a one hour spruce-up
inside and outside the church.

Advent Reconciliation

Priests will be available in the church for
the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite I):

Wed 18 Dec 5pm to 6pm

Saturday 21 Dec 9.30am to 10am

Prepare the way of the Lord

Reconciliation at neighbouring parishes
this week include:

Rite II at Christ the King ,
Owairaka: Wednesday 18th, 7pm
Our Lady of the Assumption
Onehunga—Friday 20th, 6pm

The first educators of faith are
parents/whānau.

<https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/> is a
wonderful depository of family-friendly
material for the domestic Church. It comes
from the Bishops' Conference *National
Centre for Religious Studies*.
New materials are continually
being uploaded. Explore!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 Psalm 25 Matthew 21:23-27

TUES Genesis 49:2,8-10 Psalm 72 Matthew 1:1-17

WED Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72 Matthew 1:18-24

THU Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Psalm 71 Luke 1:5-25

FRI Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24 Luke 1:26-38

SAT Songs 2:8-14 Psalm 33 Luke 1:39-45



Haere Mai! Nau Mai!

Heading up north during summer?

~~You are invited to the 182nd anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13th January 1838

January 12th 2020 at 11am

Mass at Totara Point, followed by a shared picnic lunch.

See noticeboard for information and map.

For your diary ~

St Valentine's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral

Celebration of Marriage and Family.

Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm
(Wilson parking \$4.00 validate ticket at Cathedral).

All welcome:

Engaged, Married, Singles, Families, Children.

Email Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz.

Vacancy ~ Catholic Diocese of Auckland - Marriage and Family Life Administration Assistant

We are seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to share the work of marriage preparation. The role involves liaison with Marriage Educator couples and engaged couples, administration, preparation of course material, and some hosting at courses.

Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient computer aptitude and knowledge of social media, Facebook & Instagram are required. This is a part time role of 15 hours per week, www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under the Administration Tab and Staff vacancies.

Please send cover letter, CV and application form to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager

Email: leannek@cda.org.nz.

Applications close on 15 December.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur in December... Eternal rest grant to them...

Joe Moodabe, Olga Wolk, Margaret Doran, Grace Millane, Fay Hudner, Ken Osborne, Angelia Ruth Kwok, Angela Rosser, Charlie & Pat Langdon, Louise Perkins, Nellie Cheyne, Jim Turner, Matt Murphy, Michael Tipene, Michael Shanahan, Nanette Peterson, Jesse Main, Dorothy Calder, Gabrielle Kjellberg, Anauli Muavae, Quintin Montelara, Norma Millares, Verona Edwards, Ana Pome'e, Gavin Michie, Gwendoline Henwood, Thomas Stitt, Gerard Stockman, Margaret Bebbington, Wilhelmina Helmink, Vera Henry, John Murray, Enid Naylor, Joseph Benson, Tui Hayter, Olive Dominikovich, Thomas Hoy, Anthony Parker, Sandra McQuarrie, Ellen Rae, John Brennan, George Pohl, Susan Koroly, Richard Dunwoodie, Edna Walker, Ivan Perich, Michael Aherne, Lois Charlesworth, Justine Murphy, Christina Coxon, Charles Nicholas, Keith Renahan, Clifford Gubb, Margaret Cook, Visko Gilich, Nathaniel Flynn, Fuiava Sagote, Edwin Hay, Dawn Parker, Tony Lunjevich, Dorothy Cotter, John Haylock, Eric Waters, Marie McGann, Julius Dobai, Jessie Rushton.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019

5pm Christmas Eve ~ Children's Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass ~ Carol Service from 11.30pm
9.30am Christmas Day Mass
11.30am Tagalog Mass ~ Auckland Catholic
Filipino Community

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am

11.30am (Filipino Community)

Weekday Liturgies

Monday—Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion 9am

**Tuesday to Saturday (including Public
Holidays):** Mass: 9am

Saturday: Holy Hour & Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament: 8am

Saturday Confession: 9.30am

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Parish Priest: Msgr Bernard Kiely
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Secretary: Frances Macedo
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10.30am to 2.30pm

(reduced during school holidays)

09 629 6510 during office hours

CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS

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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SCHOOL

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Principal: Jane Hahn

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FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Chaplain: Fr Gilbert Ramos

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Enrolment at Good Shepherd School

*Please phone the school office on 620 4962
for further information or download the
forms from the school website
www.goodshepherd.school.nz.*

School visits welcome.

"Parish to Parish for B & B" has been providing Catholic hospitality for 16 years, with catholic hosts opening their homes to fellow catholics for a small charge of \$35 for one person, or \$30 each for 2 or more (includes continental breakfast). To obtain a directory of the hosts throughout New Zealand and Australia contact Marie Anderson, email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 3595 541 Christchurch.

YOUNG ADULTS

Outreach – for people 18-30s - For more information contact Rochelle on 022 309 2022.

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry

www.akyouth.org.nz

www.facebook.com/akcym

Contact Teresa, Rochelle or Joey
youthmin@cda.org.nz or 021 649 012

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A huge 'thank you' from Good Shepherd School to all those who were able to support the fair. Over \$50k was raised!

Parking at Good Shepherd

For health and safety reasons we need to provide access for emergency vehicles to the School, Church, classrooms and the Hall at all times.



Please park considerately
when coming to Mass.
KEEP ACCESS WAYS FREE.
No Double PARKING please!