

Community Notices & Events

2021 Daily Mass Calendars

Available from the Parish Office.

\$5 each. Limited copies available.

2021 Columban Art Calendars

Available to buy from the Parish Office.

\$12 each. These make lovely Christmas gifts. Limited copies available.

Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal

Gift donations needed.

This year Monte Cecilia has 1,410 children in their care who have been exposed to homelessness, living in cars and/or have no place to call home. Monte Cecilia has a tradition of providing a gift for every child so they may experience a little Christmas joy. If you can help, please contact Elaine Lolesio: elaine@montececilia.org.nz, ph 027 777 0632.

Online Session : Christmas 'Self Care Nibbles'

Tuesday 15 December, 7.15pm - 8.45pm, via Zoom.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/christmas-self-care-nibbles/>

New Diocesan Website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz

Bishop Pat invites you to explore it. You will also find a message from him and Bishop Michael regarding the Mission Map on the site as well as a wealth of information and resources.

Parish Wine & Cheese Saturday 5 December, after 5.30pm Mass, in the Parish Centre.

Join us for a drink, some nibbles and a friendly catch up with fellow Parishioners after Mass. This will be our last Wine & Cheese get-together for 2020. All welcome!

St Ignatius & Mother of Perpetual Help

Our Transition Committee asks for feedback.

Suggestions, questions etc. Please reply by Parish email: stignatius_stheliers@xtra.co.nz or Parish phone ph 09 575 5227.

Parish Contact Details

Ph: 575 5227

Email: stignatius_stheliers@xtra.co.nz

Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn

Pastoral Assistant: Maggy Hamilton, ph 021 562 449.

Next Week's Ministers

Saturday 12 December

Greeter: Carlos Ramos

Altar Servers: Russell

Kereru, Colin Davis

Commentator: Lili Tongia

Data Projector: Clare Ryan

Readers: Rita Hoy,

Delphine Lomas

Bread Minister: Cynthia Morris

Cup Ministers: None

Collectors: Doug Osbourne, Keppell Brown

Sunday 13 December

Greeters: Colin & Therese Rennie

Altar Servers: Lili Tongia,

Maealiuaki Tu'ipulotu

Commentator: Helen

Partington

Data Projector: Kelly

Fernandes

Readers: Maealiuaki

Tu'ipulotu, Felise Pailate

Bread Ministers: Afu

Vakatapu, Malia Pailate

Cup Ministers: None

Collectors: Richie Belcher, Christine Meads

Counters: Andrew

Batterton, Bob O'Connor

Morning tea: Helen

Partington, Leanne Breen

Linen: Dorota Bade



St Ignatius Parish

"Keep alert"

Mark 13:33-37

Today's Readings

1st reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

Psalm: 85

2nd reading:

Peter 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel:

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Introduction to the Gospel 2nd Sunday of Advent

During Advent, in each year of the three-year cycle, the theme of the first week looks to the end times – the eschaton – with an emphasis on the second coming of Jesus and the need to be ready. In the early Church there was an expectation that Jesus would return quickly. In their post-Easter faith, believers knew that Jesus had been taken up to heaven at the ascension (a man travelling abroad, as mentioned in this gospel?) and that he was remaining with God

until the time came for him to return in triumph. For Mark, it is now the Church which waits and must remain always ready to greet the master on his return. The 'waiting' theme of Advent is established: we await the birth of the child and we await the fulfilment of human history at the end times when Jesus comes again. What must you do to be fully prepared for the coming of Christ into your life as a Christian? What is your greatest expectation at this point in your life?

Baptism Course

Starting February 2021

If you would like to have your baby or toddler baptised, our next Baptism Course will be starting on Thursday 4 February, 7.30pm - 9pm. For more information or to register, please email Gina: stignatius.sacraments@gmail.com

Hamper Packing & Delivery

Sunday 6 December, after Mass, Parish Centre

Everyone is invited to help pack the Christmas Food Hampers and assist with delivery. Our teenagers will be on the production line. We need lots of volunteers so please consider staying on after mass to help. We also need cars and drivers to deliver the hampers once packed. Please email gina@autosys.co.nz if you and your car can help.

Readings

Monday

Isaiah 35:1-10
Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday

Genesis 3:9-15,20
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 40:25-31
Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday

Isaiah 41:13-20
Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

Friday

Isaiah 49:17-19
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11
Gospel: Matthew 17:10-13

Prayers

Let us pray for all of the **sick & elderly in the Parish**

If you would like anyone remembered in the Mass, or know of anyone who is unwell, please contact the Parish Office.

Anniversaries

December

Judith Goddard
John Free
Frank Galantai
Vicki O'Connor
Patrick Lonergan
Phyllis Agnew
Gregory Lornie

Royal Commission of Inquiry

Into Abuse in Care

Starting in late November and early December, the Royal Commission will focus on cases involving the Catholic Church. While this may be a difficult time for survivors and many in our communities, this is an important process. We pray for survivors for ongoing courage as they share their experience with the Commission. We listen to their experiences and acknowledge failings, support the justice and reconciliation process, and look forward to the future with hope. Our Bishopss and congregational leaders requested that churches and faith-based organisations be included in the Royal Commission process, to acknowledge the past, listen and learn from the experiences of survivors, and participate in seeking justice.

Xmas Hampers: Thank You

We have now reached our \$28,000 goal and the food has been ordered.

A HUGE thank you for your generous donations towards our 270 Christmas Food Hampers for local families in need.

Mass & Sacrament of Anointing Parish Groups

Tuesday 8 December, 2pm, St Ignatius Church

We invite you to come and celebrate the Mass of Mary's Immaculate Conception which will include the Sacrament of anointing at 2pm, Tuesday 8 December. Followed by a cup of tea and a catch up. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 20 December, 7pm, St Ignatius Church

All welcome to join us for this Parish Sacrament of Rite II Reconciliation.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5.30pm
9pm

Family Mass, Sacred Heart College
Christmas Vigil Mass
(Carols from 8.30pm)

Christmas Day

9.30am

Christmas Mass

Clothing Donations Needed

For a Glen Innes School family with two boys.

If you have any boys clothing that you are able to give to help this local Fijian family please drop to Glen Innes School, 40 Eastview Rd, Glen Innes, attention Hurihia Pomare (Social Worker). The boys are size 14-16 and size 6-8 so anything that would fit would be much appreciated.

Weekly Masses & Devotions

Masses

Mon 8.30am
Tues 8.30am
Wed 8.30am
Thu 9am
Fri 8.30am
Sat 5.30pm vigil
Sun 9.30am
Reconciliation by appointment

Devotions

Adoration
Glen Innes, 8am
Wednesday

Exposition

Glendowie
9.30am-6.45pm
Thursday

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer support for any reason at all **Email Glennis on glen.bob01@gmail.com** to be added to the prayer chain.

Glenbrae School

Reading & Conversation Group
One on one pupils in Years 1-4, one hour per week.
Contact Cynthia for more info: morriscm.nz@gmail.com

TweenScene

Meeting regularly for fun get-togethers. Email tweenscene.parish@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

TeenScene

Meeting regularly for fun get-togethers. For more information email: kim.ballinger@icloud.com

Card Group

Meeting every Wednesday at 1pm in the Hall foyer. All welcome to come along for a fun and friendly afternoon of cards, a cup of tea and a chat. For more info call Bob ph 575 7622.