

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/>

Room to Rent

34 year old female looking for room to rent in the Bay area.

Clean, tidy, enjoys cooking and walking and gets on with all different types of people. Please contact Sophie ph 021 1659 688 if you can help.

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.

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 19 December

Greeter: Gisella Lanegra

Altar Servers: Russell

Kereru, Colin Davis

Commentator: Josephine Ellis

Data Projector: Julia Anderson

Readers: Michelle Yates, Alison Davis

Bread Minister: Kate de Graaf

Cup Ministers: None

Collectors: Gisella Lanegra, Leonie Bragg

Sunday 20 December

Greeters: Nicola

Hermansson

Altar Servers: Emily Grant, Sophia Booth

Commentator: Malia Siale

Data Projector: Ruth Lees

Readers: Katrina Belcher, Gilian Craig

Bread Ministers: Clodagh Hoare, Gina Matijasevich

Cup Ministers: None

Collectors: Felise Pailate, Richie Belcher

Counters: Bridget & Aidan Gleeson

Morning tea: Danielle Esplin, Gabrielle Findlay

Linen: Kirstin Friedrich



St Ignatius Parish

"Make straight the way of the Lord"

John 1:6-8,19-28

Introduction to the Gospel 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings

1st reading:

Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Psalm: 46-50. 53-54

2nd reading:

Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel:

John 1:6-8,19-28

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

In contrast to last week's text on John the Baptist, today's one comes from the last of the written gospels. The gospel of John was penned at the very end of the first century. One common characteristic, however, is clear: the Baptist is again presented as the forerunner. John the Baptist rejects all messianic or quasi-messianic titles. He throws human expectation into chaos. He claims for himself only the role of the 'voice' of Isaiah 40, but the evangelist presents him as the

most reliable of witnesses, 'Sent by God... to speak for the light'. The only other person in John's Gospel to come from God is Jesus himself. Before an audience of the leaders of the religion of Israel, John witnesses with an authority and a truthfulness that has its source in God. In what ways can you speak with authority about Jesus? What truths have you come to recognise about Jesus? How do you give witness to Christ?

Christmas Hampers

A great big THANK YOU to all those who shared in our gift of 270 hampers to our wider community last Sunday.

Thank you to all who contributed financially, to our teenagers who decorated the hampers and then packed them all, to younger children who filled so many hampers, to all the supporting team - lifters, drivers, deliverers, recyclers, and all involved. This is St Ignatius Church at our best. We have already received many thank you's from those who received hampers. I would like, on behalf of all of us, to offer a huge THANK YOU to GINA MATIJASEVICH, who, after 10 years of coordinating this project, is stepping down. God bless you, Gina, our Parish, and all who received hampers. **Fr John**

Readings

Monday

Numbers 24:2-7,15-17
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday

Genesis 49:2,8-10
Gospel: Luke 7:19-23

Thursday

Genesis 49:2,8-10
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

Friday

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Saturday

Judges 13:2-7,24-25
Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

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.

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

Heading North this Summer? Parish Groups

Sunday January 10, 11am, Totara Point, North Hokianga.

You are invited to the 183rd anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13 January 1838. A shared picnic will be held after Mass. Hosted by the Pompallier Hokianga Trust.

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

Classroom tour, training session and Meet the Teachers Thurs 4 Feb, 9am at Glenbrae School.

One on one with 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.