

## 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.

### Card Group

Wednesday 16 December was the last card afternoon of 2020.

Cards will resume again on Wednesday 20 January, 2021. Christmas blessings to all.

### Christmas Day Mass Shine TV

1.50pm, Shine free-to-air Channel 25 & Sky TV Channel 201

Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph presided by Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. View online at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/).

### 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](http://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](mailto:stignatius_stheliers@xtra.co.nz) or Parish phone ph 09 575 5227.

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Parish Priest: Fr John Dunn

Pastoral Assistant: Maggy Hamilton, ph 021 562 449.

## Next Week's Ministers

### Saturday 26 December

Greeter: Kate de Graaf

Altar Servers: Russell

Kereru, Colin Davis

Commentator: tba

Data Projector: Maggy Hamilton

Readers: Ann Hay

Bread Minister: Alf Gatt

Cup Ministers: None

Collectors: tba

### Sunday 27 December

Greeters: Mandy Ponsonby, Sylvia Langridge

Altar Servers: Alilia & Maealiuaki Tu'ipulotu

Commentator: Jan

Campbell

Data Projector: Maggy

Hamilton

Readers: Jan Campbell,

Janet Mikkelsen

Bread Ministers: Jan Camp-

bell, Jenny Cussins

Cup Ministers: None

Collectors: Felise Pailate

Counters: Mike Flanagan,

Bob O'Connor

Morning tea: None

Linen: Leonie Sutton

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# St Ignatius Parish

*"I am  
the handmaid  
of the Lord"*

John 1:26-38

## Introduction to the Gospel 4th Sunday of Advent

### Today's Readings

#### 1st reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me.

Psalm: 88(89):2-5, 27, 29

#### 2nd reading:

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages.

#### Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

I am the handmaid of the Lord.

Annunciation stories are an established literary form. There are a number of such stories in the Hebrew Scriptures—for example, the births of Isaac, Samson and Samuel — and, of course, Luke has already recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist. The purpose of the annunciation story is to let the reader know what role the person whose birth is announced will play in salvation history. In this sense, they are a literary device rather than a strictly historical narrative. In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, however,

there are elements that surpass all other annunciation stories. The emphasis is on the creative action of the Holy Spirit and on Mary's cooperation with God's will, and it establishes Jesus' transcendental origins. The role that the child to be born is to play in salvation history is defined in terms of Davidic messiahship, and on this last Sunday of Advent, we stand on the brink of the fulfillment of the promise made to Mary of messianic hope for the world. The tension of the waiting of Advent is almost over.

## Covid-19 Reminder

To ensure that we all continue to stay safe over summer, please remember to:

- Scan the QR code at the door of the Church or fill in the paper register
- Turn on bluetooth on your NZ Covid Tracer app.
- Stay at home if you are sick
- Wash your hands regularly and often
- Use the hand sanitiser in the foyer of the Church
- Adopt a non-contact Sign of Peace

## Social Justice Retreat

**Saturday 6 March 2021, St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough.**

Led by Fr Merv Duffy SM, focus on Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel & Fratelli Tutti. \$20 including lunch. Places limited. Contact Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz)

## 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](mailto: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

## Christmas Treats

**Please stay for a coffee & a Christmas treat this Sunday, provided by our neighbours at A1 Student**

Wishing you all a very merry and blessed Christmas and a relaxing break. We pray 2021 will be a better year for all.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:morriscm.nz@gmail.com)

### TweenScene

Meeting regularly for fun get-togethers. Email [tweenscene.parish@gmail.com](mailto:tweenscene.parish@gmail.com) to join the mailing list.

### TeenScene

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