

Parish Office will be closed

on Friday, 24th of December 2021, and will resume normally on the 24th of January 2022.



St. Vincent de Paul

What a year it has been for us all. During the Covid lockdown we were fortunate to receive support from parishioners by way of monetary donations.

When we moved to the Red Traffic Light setting earlier this month your support with groceries, continued financial contributions to our bank account and donations to the Church boxes has been wonderful and most generous.

We extend our very grateful thanks and wish all Parishioners a Happy Blessed Christmas & all the Best for 2022.

As we celebrate Christmas 2021 may you know in your heart the peace and joy of Christ.

There will be NO 9am Mass on 24 December



Rejoice!



We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during the month of **DECEMBER**: Mary Agnes Heeney, Walter Larsen, John Hughes, Colleen O'Loughlin, Rev. Fr Lewis O'Leary CSsR, Fatahehi Vave, Celine Farrell, Dorothy Cloher, Molly Gillett, Peter Alder, Rhonda Porter, Mary Gillet, Thomas Langham, Susan Hall, Gill Coleman, Elizabeth Portegys, James Martin, Dorita Hannah, Austin Murdoch, Eileen Morganti,

JANUARY: Mary Schnackenberg, Alison Stenhouse, Peter Alder, Paul Eller, Ruby Bay, Mary Stoiles, Tess Murphy, Kathleen Gillam, Eric Little, Margery Cullen, Samuel Dunningham, Win Squirrell, Clare Taylor, Tom Armstrong, Donald Moir, Frank Hall, Lyndsay Culpan, Rhonda Johnstone, Candelaria Calumpong, Ruby Codas, Maurice Kyne, Edward Helmling-Harder, Pio Leafa, Cyril Snedden, Jack Shields, Len Schollum, Francis McTaggart, Darinka Boric, Catrina Moody, Kevin Kelly, Br Michael Vickers C.Ss.R, Mary Burton



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CHRISTMAS DAY 2021

And is it true ...
And is it true,
the most tremendous tale of all,
seen in stained glass window hue:
a baby in an ox's stall,
the Maker of the stars and sea
became a child on earth -
for me?
And is it true?
THAT GOD WAS MAN in Palestine
and lives today in Bread and Wine.

(John Betjeman)



Dear Parishioners,

This is your last newsletter until after the holiday season. These are certainly strange times. While Auckland travel restrictions are eased, so that families may travel, reconnect with loved ones and enjoy a holiday break, the traffic light Red means that our celebration of the real meaning of Christmas this year is a challenge.

With only a 100 people - with pass - allowed in Church, our usual inclusive welcoming of all to our Christmas celebrations is severely limited.

My prayer is that we will nevertheless make Christ, and Christmas, central to our Christmas season. May the wonder of our infinite and infinitely loving God, whose Word become flesh as a Little Child, touch your soul.

I look forward to welcoming you to Mass on Christmas Eve or to any Mass through to Sunday January 2 — namely, the Church's full Christmas season.

To those who have farewelled loved ones during this year, and their families, and to those for whom Christmas will be lonely or hard in any way I offer the love and prayers of our Parishes.

And to all of us, on behalf of all the people of both our Parishes, I wish a blessed, happy and peaceful Christmas.

To those who would like to read Pope Francis' Christmas day message for last year: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/papa-francesco_20201225_urbi-et-orbi-natale.html



Below is the revised timetable for the Christmas season and for the month of January.

Date / Feast	Mother of Perpetual Help Parish	St Ignatius Parish
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve 5.30pm	Christmas Eve 5.30pm
Dec24 Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve 9.00pm	Christmas Eve 9.00pm
Dec 25 Christmas Day		Mass for those without a Vaccine Pass at 8.00am
Dec 25 Christmas Day	Christmas Day 9.00am	Christmas Day 9.30am
Sunday Dec 26	Feast of the Holy Family 10am	Feast of the Holy Family 9.30am
Monday Dec 27 Octave of Christmas Season		9.00am
Tuesday Dec 28 Octave of Christmas Season		9.00am
Wed Dec 29 Octave of Christmas Season		7.00pm - Mass for those with NO Vaccination Pass
Thursday Dec 30 Octave of Christmas Season	9.00am	
Friday Dec 31 Octave of Christmas Season	9.00am	
Saturday January 1	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God at 9am	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God at 9.30am
Sunday January 2	Solemnity of the Epiphany at 10am	Solemnity of the Epiphany at 9.30am

Remainder of the Month of January:

Current weekly schedule for each Parish applies:

Saturday Vigil 5.30 (both Parishes) and Sunday mornings (St Ignatius 9.30; MOPH 10:00am)
 Monday and Tuesday: 9.00am at St Ignatius Parish
 Wednesday for those **without** a Vaccine Pass at 7.00pm at St Ignatius Parish
 Thursday and Friday: 9.00am at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish