

The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

# St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042

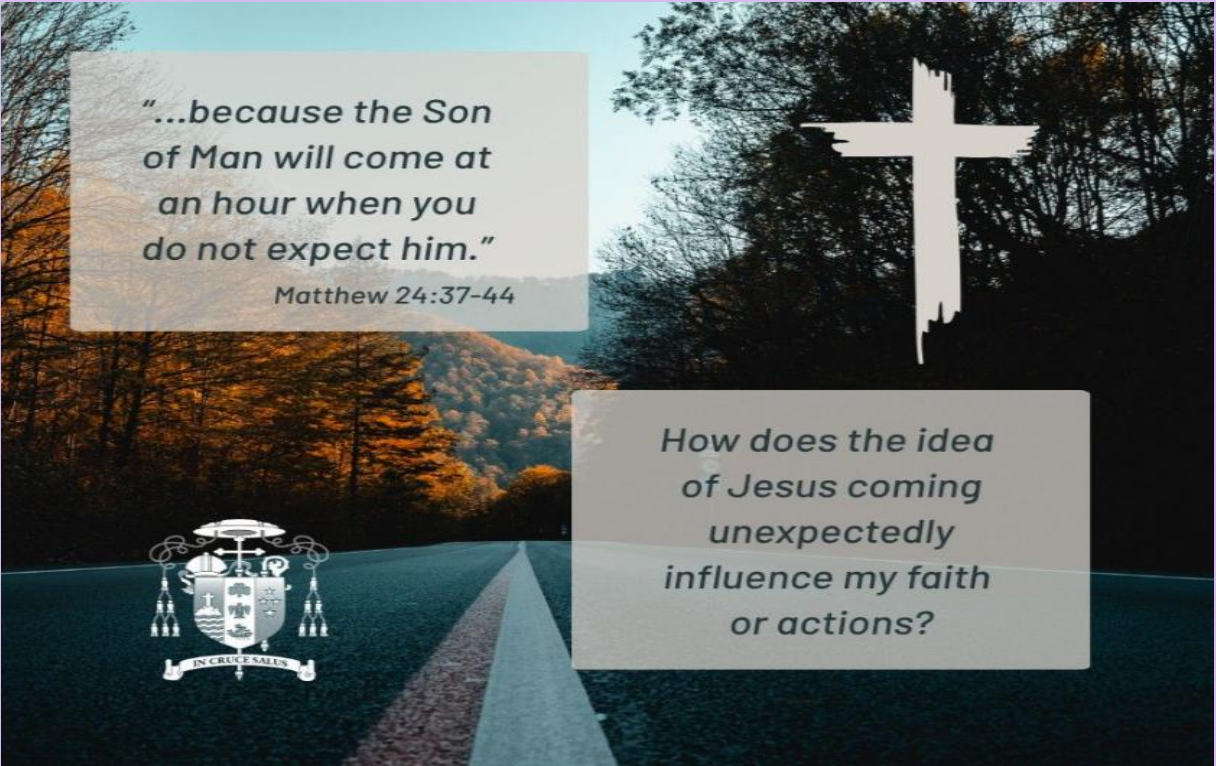
1st Sunday of Advent Year C 2025  
30th | 31st November 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 121: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.  
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’



**REMINDER EMERGENCY GRANTS AND CHRISTMAS GRANTS**

A gentle reminder that we still have emergency grants available for parishioners in need as well as a Christmas grant for families in need at Christmas. Just contact our office on (09) 360 3045 or email [annmariep@caringfoundation.org.nz](mailto:annmariep@caringfoundation.org.nz)

**Nine Days Novena (Prayers & Mass) for the Birth of Jesus (Simbang Gabi): 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm**

**Schedule of Christmas Masses**

|                                      |                     |
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| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December: | 7 pm and 10 pm Mass |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December:  | 9 am                |

**Advent Reconciliation:**

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| Tuesday and Wednesday: | 6 pm to 6:50 pm |
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**New Year’s Eve Mass**

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| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025: | 7 pm. |
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**VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD**

Are you hearing the calling of God to serve Him through Priesthood?

Find out more by contacting  
**Fr. Marchellino Park**  
Director of Vocations  
[aucklandpriests@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandpriests@gmail.com)  
[www.aucklandpriests.co.nz](http://www.aucklandpriests.co.nz)

**Mass Time**

|                                                                                  |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday:                                                                          | 9 am & 5:30 pm |
| Monday:                                                                          | No Mass        |
| Tuesday:                                                                         | 7 pm           |
| Wednesday:                                                                       | 7 pm           |
| <i>(Reconciliation at 6:30 pm – 6:50 pm)</i>                                     |                |
| Thursday:                                                                        | No Mass        |
| Friday:                                                                          | 10 am          |
| Saturday:                                                                        | 9 am & 5:30 pm |
| <i>(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession: 8:00 am to 8:50 am)</i> |                |

Office Hours: Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9 am to 2 pm

**Fr. Samuel Pulanco**  
(Parish Priest)

**Rey Grafia**  
(Office Coordinator)

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Website: [stjohnvianney.org.nz](http://stjohnvianney.org.nz)  
Facebook: St John Vianney, Hillsborough

Office Hours: Tue., Wed & Fri 9 am to 2 pm

**Parish Collection last Weekend**  
22<sup>nd</sup> | 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Parish Collection: \$ 1,310.40

Account Name: **ST JOHN VIANNEY HILLSBOROUGH**  
Account #: **02-0108-0707833-000**  
Code: **Your Name (complete name)**  
Reference: **Offering**  
Particulars: **Donation**

*“No one has ever become poor from giving.”*  
Anne Frank

**Saturday 5:30 pm December:** A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.

| Date  | Readers                                               | Eucharistic Ministers                                       | Altar Servers                   | Choir           | Counter | Flower Roster           |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 06 12 | Maddy & Claudia Cachay, Catherine Rinda               | Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira,  | Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides | Gammy           | Trevor  | John & Tusi Smith       |
| 13 12 | Arca Fernandes, Janice Cruz Julih Tan                 | Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira   | Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides | Trevor          | TBA     |                         |
| 20 12 | Clementine Roidrigues, Lester D'Souza, Trevor Lee Joe | Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira , | Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides | Marina and Paul | TBA     | Veronica and Clementine |
| 27 12 | Volunteer                                             | Volunteer                                                   | Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides | Volunteer       | TBA     |                         |

**Sunday 9 am December:** A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.

| Date  | Hospitality                                             | Readers                                       | Eucharistic Ministers                                     | Choir              | Sacristans             | Altar Servers                             | Counters          |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 07 12 | SJV Filipino Community                                  | SJV Filipino Community                        | William Naufahu, Olivia Pale, Sete Sevele,                | Robyn and Paul     | SJV Filipino Community | SJV Filipino Community                    | Dale and Dimple   |
| 14 12 | Samoan Community                                        | Georgia Cuer Francis Ekeroma Vanessa Togafiti | William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Dimple       | Samoan Community   | Cecilia and Friz       | Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson | Ralph Lautua      |
| 21 12 | Indian & Sri Lankan Community                           | Indian & Sri Lankan Community                 | Maureen Lowe, Anil Mathew, Arlene Baracca, Lucia Saldanha | Pinto Family Choir | Ashley                 | Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson | Sunil and Royston |
| 28 12 | Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc) | Volunteer                                     | Ralph Lautua, Olivia Pale, Sete Sevele Dimple             | Volunteers         | TBA                    | Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson | TBA               |

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|-------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 07 12 | Holy Angels                            | Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine  | Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres | TBA      | Holy Angels        | Tusi & John Smith       |
| 14 12 | Lydia Quadros, Alvita and Anika Suares | Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza, Sarah McAlpine, Marie LangSiu | Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres | TBA      | Cielo's Group      |                         |
| 21 12 | Couples for Christ                     | Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine         | Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres | TBA      | Couples for Christ | Veronica and Clementine |
| 28 12 | Volunteers                             | Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine         | Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres | TBA      | Aaron Fisk         |                         |

We are now accepting enrolments for  
**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026:**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION.**

Please visit our website to complete the registration form, or you may register in person at the parish office.

Kindly refer to our office hours timetable for assistance and **the office is closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

#### **FOOD BANK:**

The Spirit of Generosity and Care for the Poor.

Our parish invites everyone to share in the spirit of generosity by supporting our Food Bank Pantry. As you prepare your weekly grocery list, please consider adding a few items to donate. You may place your contributions in the designated basket at the church.

Each Wednesday, a volunteer will deliver all collected items to our Catholic agencies, who in turn extend your kindness to those most in need.

Thank you for your continued compassion and support for our brothers and sisters who rely on our help.



#### **Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy / Auckland South Correction Facility – Catholic Prison Chaplaincy**

We are seeking to employ two suitably qualified persons to work as members of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Auckland Prison and Auckland South Corrections Facility. The positions are permanent part-time positions of 24 hours per week at Auckland Prison and 20 hours per week at Auckland South – days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.



**Central East Auckland**  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
19 Banff Ave, Epsom

**Saturday 6th December**  
9:30am - 11:30pm

All Welcome "Come and See"



Visit QR code for programme details



**Wings.Ngā Parirau**

**Introduction Catholic Faith Formation Programme**

To register contact  
Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz

**PROJECT AND MUSIC COORDINATOR – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND** Are you looking for a role where you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people? Do you have experience in the areas of music ministry and events? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time Project and Music Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/)



**the Catholic Kiwi Podcast**

Sr Lauren of the Cross OCD

Sharing stories of faith, mission and ministry from the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

Fr James Mallon

Mary Goulding

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ

Tim Wilson

Season 1 is now live on YouTube & Spotify





**Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa Katorika o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

**PODCAST**

**CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST:** Six episodes of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference's new podcast series have now been released, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. Guests in the opening episodes include Carmelite Sister Lauren of the Cross, broadcaster and policy expert Tim Wilson and Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM. More episodes will be released before Christmas to complete season 1, with season 2 set for 2026. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

**Celebration Mass | Sunday 7th December 4:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral:** Celebrate a fantastic year of youth ministry at our end-of-year Celebration Mass! This special event marks the end of our year-long journey with the young leaders of the Diocese of Auckland. We are excited to celebrate the many ways they have served in 2025. At this mass, we are excited to present the Tu Kahikatea Awards. These awards recognize young people who have made an outstanding contribution in the Diocese. Bishop Steve Lowe will celebrate the mass, present the Awards, and give a special blessing to all our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Young leaders, make sure you don't miss it! All are welcome at this celebration! Bring your whānau, your friends, and your wider faith community as we mark the conclusion of an amazing year of ministry.

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP NETWORK



PRESENTS

**PRaise in the PARK**

**FREE EVENT**

**14TH FEBRUARY 2026**  
4PM-6PM

PRaise WORSHIP ADORATION



LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD  
PSALM 150:6

SELWYN DOMAIN  
MISSION BAY, AUCKLAND

[PRAISEINTHEPARK.NZ](http://PRAISEINTHEPARK.NZ)

**SAVE THE DATE – 14 FEBRUARY 2026 | 4 PM – 6 PM | PRAISE IN THE PARK**  
All are welcome to gather with us at Praise in the Park, a two-hour Catholic event at Selwyn Domain, 48-56 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, on Saturday, 14 February 2026. There will be praise and worship, testimonies and gospel teaching followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration, where space for reflection, prayer and encounter with Jesus will be offered. If you can help with administration, sponsorship, prayer ministry, or practical help on the day, we would love to hear from you on [aucklandccr@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandccr@gmail.com)

**CHAMPAGNAT MARIST EDUCATION** - Digital Content Creator & Engagement Associate, part time, Ellerslie, AK  
This exciting new part time position will strengthen education and communities across Aotearoa and beyond through inspiring digital content and social media reflecting Marist and Catholic values and a passion for education. It is ideal for a creative communicator with strong writing, visual, and social media skills, looking for meaningful, part-time work, 20 hours p/week. Early applications are encouraged by 30 November to CMEL's Recruitment Advisor, by email to [secretary@cmel.org.nz](mailto:secretary@cmel.org.nz). A job description is available on request.



## PAUSE AND PONDER ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

SATURDAYS 29TH NOV &  
6TH, 13TH, 20TH DECEMBER  
7PM ON ZOOM

Contact Dianna: [diannaf@cda.org.nz](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz) Faith Formation Team

Double  
YOUR  
IMPACT!

**Catholic Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal** Give a gift to help families and people in need. Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have **DOUBLE THE IMPACT!** "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Take home our newsletter, and donation card, or visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or call (09) 360 3012.

**AT FAMILY LIFE CATHOLIC GIFTS**, we have many lovely Christmas gifts as we begin the Advent Season and move closer to the birth of our Saviour.

We have a good variety of Nativities and other Christmas gifts. In addition, we have a great new selection of Bibles and Books for both Children and Adults.

All proceeds from sales, support our life-saving work defending Life, Faith and Family.

Our last day of business for the year is 24th December, (9am-2pm).



Open your phone camera, hold over the QR Code, click the link to register

## Advent Retreat



**The Book of Revelation**  
Dr Robert Loretz

9:00am - 10:30am 10:45am - 12:15pm



**Prayer & Reflection for Advent**

Maria Pais

12:45pm - 2:15pm



**St Michael's Parish Remuera**  
**Saturday 29 November**

8:00am Mass

8:30am Confession

2:30pm Adoration

To register & for more information visit  
[remueracatholic.org.nz](http://remueracatholic.org.nz)

**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 2025:** This one-day retreat offers us the opportunity to enrich our journey through Advent; deepening our understanding and exploring the mysteries of this sacred season with an emphasis on the themes of hope & faith, peace, joy & love. When: Saturday 29 November 9:00am – 2:15pm. Where: St Mary MacKillop Hall (St Michael's School Hall) Morning tea and a light lunch is provided. Koha appreciated. To register go to <https://www.remueracatholic.org.nz/advent-retreat-25>

## Parish Roll & Planned Giving Programme

**W**elcome to our visitors and new parishioners. If you would like to be part of the Planned Giving Programme, please feel free to complete this form and place it in the collection basket or leave it at the parish office.

Any questions or comments please contact the office.

### Please indicate:

- ☐ I wish to be listed on the parish roll.
- ☐ I wish to contribute to the parish on a one-off donation (please contact the office for the parish account).
- ☐ I wish to make a bequest to St John Vianney Parish, Hillsborough
- ☐ I wish to use the automatic payment system.
- ☐ I wish to use the envelope system.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_