

*There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.*



# St John Vianney

**317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042**

## Second Sunday of Advent 2023 Year B

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1- 5; 9 - 11  
Psalm 84: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
2nd Reading: 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of St Peter 3: 8-14  
Gospel: Mark 1: 1 - 8

### A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



**PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD.** Engulfed by many chores in the lead-up to Christmas, we can fail to hear a voice that cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord. Let us resolve to include some time to pray, to reflect on the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth, and to seek reconciliation with God and others, in our Christmas preparations.

St Pauls Sunday Missal, pg.536

**Sacramental Programme (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation).** We are now accepting enrolment for the 2024 sacramental program. Please visit our website, click sacraments, click sacramental programs, fill up sacramental Form 2024, then submit.



### Mass Time

Sunday: 9 am & 5:30 pm  
Monday: No Mass  
Tuesday: 7 pm  
Wednesday: 7 pm  
*(Reconciliation at 6:30 pm - 6:50 pm)*  
Thursday: 7 pm  
Friday: 10 am  
Saturday: 9 am & 5:30 pm  
*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession: 8:00 am to 8:50 am)*

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App: St John Catholic Church

(Church App)

### Parish Collection

### last Weekend

2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Parish Collection: \$1,047.00

Name: Hillsborough Parish  
Account #: 02-0108-0707833-000  
Code: **Your Name (complete name)**  
Reference: **Offering**  
Particulars: **Donation**  
**God Bless YOU!**



Day/Date	Coordinator	Musicians	Hospitality	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Welcome Welcome /POF	Projectionist	Sacristans
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 5:30 pm Vigil Mass	Tina Soares	Trevor		Jenifa D'Souza Chantel D'Souza Sangeeta Sequeira Hilda Leung	Beverley & Gavin Mehrotha	Tina Soares	Volunteer	Claire and Anthony
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 9 am	Cecilia Smith	Samoan	Samoan Community	William Naufahu Tusi Smith John Togafiti Rosita Ekeroma	Georgia Cuer Grace Poloai	Cecilia Smith	Volunteer	Ashley
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 5:30 pm	Diana / Ivan	Cielo		Zach Pinto Ken D'Souza Melissa D'Souza Sarah McAlpine	Diana / Ivan Neil Rondez	Diana / Ivan	Volunteer	Diana / Ivan
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 Vigil Mass 5:30 pm	Clementine Rodrigues	Spotify / Volunteer		Jenifa D'Souza Chantel D'Souza Sangeeta Sequeira Hilda Leung	Claire Barry Palmira Fonseca	Clementine Rodrigues	Volunteer	Claire and Anthony
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 9 am	Simone	Marina / Paul	Indian / Sri Lankan community	Maureen Lowe Lukeanne Lowe Anil Mathew Lucia Saldanha	Harry Lowe/ Shaila Pinto	Simone	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 5:30 pm	Youth Mass	Youth		Zach Pinto Ken D'Souza Melissa D'Souza Shannon D'Souza	Youth	Youth	Volunteer	Diana/Ivan

**Cleaner Roster**

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Asian Communities
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Smith Family (Samoan Community)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Indian/Sri Lankan Communities
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Tongan Community/Pacific Islanders

**Flower Roster**

1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Asian Community
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Smith Family
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Indian/Sri Lankan Community
4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Regina and William



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**175 CAMPAIGN** – reflecting on our past by supporting those in need! As we reflect on the diocese's 175th Anniversary, please join Bishop Steve's 175 campaign through the Caring Foundation. By donating \$175 as a parish, a family, a group of friends, or individually, you will support families and people in need throughout our diocese. To donate, please pick up a donation card from your parish foyer or visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) to donate online or to find out other ways to donate.

**UPCOMING RETREATS & EVENTS AT ST FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE:**  
For more info/dates and to book visit [www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz](http://www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz) or call 09 625 6651.  
Franciscan Spirituality Series - Learn about what St Francis had to say about death and what his approach to it was. Time Out Days – For those who seek a day retreat - 9:30am – 2:30pm (\$30 includes lunch) | Thu 7 Dec | Wed 21 Feb 2024 | Thu 21 Mar 2024



**Baptism of Baby Elias.** May God bless and protect you Elias, as you begin your Christian Spiritual journey with your family.

**ST JOHN VIANNEY YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROL AND FUNDRAISING.** Let us support our youth on their fundraising. Last Sunday they visited several homes to serenade Christmas carols to the families. Then they proceed to the church for the 5:30 pm Mass to sing to our parishioners on their way home. Thank you SJV YOUTH.





**HOME ENTHRONEMENT OF THE TWIN HEART OF JESUS AND MARY.** - Fr Sam will be blessing the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary picture every first Friday after Communion. Two members of the Legion of Mary will be present to pray the consecration and enthronement prayers. Please contact Savio at 021 830693 for more information.

**NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY**

Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/>  
 YouTube Recordings  
 YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>  
 Our next Zoom sessions will be in February/March on the theme of Miracles.  
 For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)  
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The **SJV YOUTH** will be organising the annual Christmas Raffle this year. We will be selling tickets from 2nd Dec onwards at all the weekend masses.

Ticket prices:  
 1 ticket = \$3  
 2 tickets = \$5  
 5 tickets = \$10

Please bring cash along and come and say hi!!!

**MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

Christmas approaches quickly and Monte Cecilia is reaching out for our annual appeal, asking for your help in ensuring that children in Monte Cecilia housing have a joyful Christmas, with food on the table and a toy of their own.



We are asking for donations of children's toys and non-perishable food, which can be dropped off at our 30 Windrush Close office in Mangere. If you are donating a wrapped present, please let us know the general contents so we can match it with an appropriate child. No gift is too small, as we have over 1,200+ children living within our Transitional & Community houses, so every little bit helps.

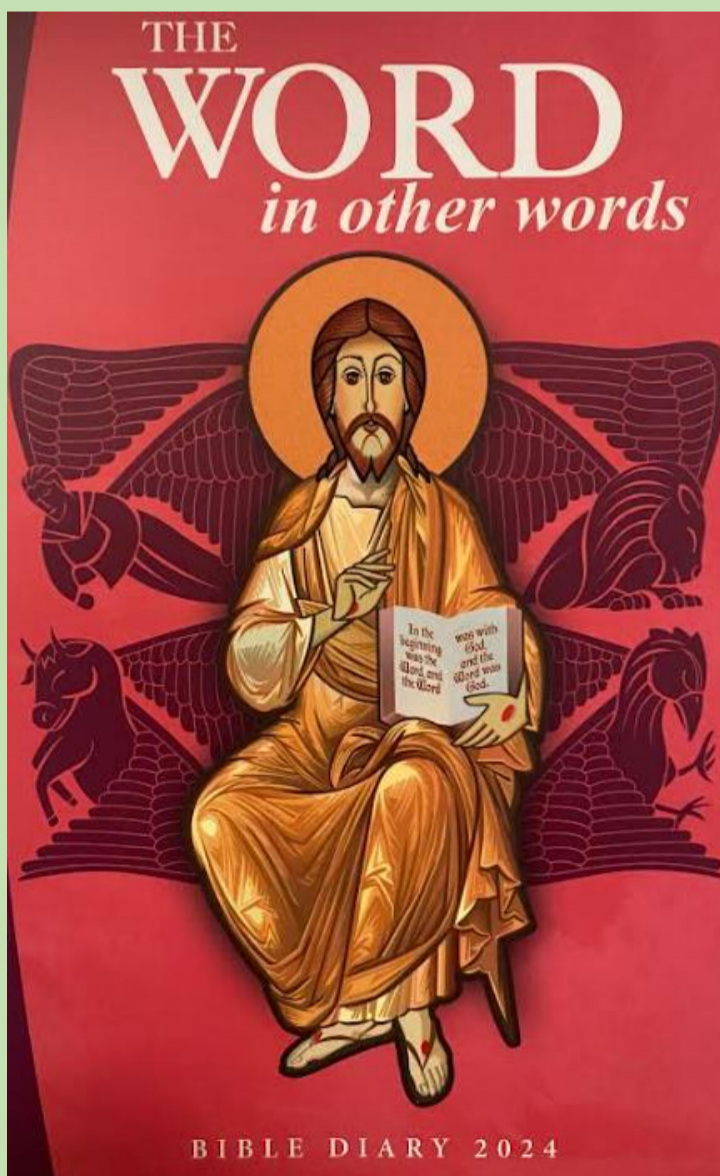
Please kindly ensure your donations reach us by Tuesday 12th December, or alternately, you can make a monetary donation on our website. If you have any questions, please call 0800 624 848, or email us at [info@montececilia.org.nz](mailto:info@montececilia.org.nz)

Thank you for your ongoing support to the **VINNIES OP SHOP IN ONEHUNGA AND THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL.** If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact us.

We need more good quality donations! Please drop them off at our shop at 345 Onehunga Mall, or call us if you need furniture picked up. Why not volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Shop? Any help would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 97 and our youngest is 16 and we would be happy to have you join our team. Contact Wanda at the Vinnies shop (634-2697) for more information.



**LEGION OF MARY:** We meet every Wednesday after the 7 pm Mass to discuss and enjoy our heritage as daughters and sons of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Contact Savio at 021 830693 to join us.



**Bible Diary For Sale. \$25. Please pay via money transfer to parish account or cash in the office.**

**PROLIFE:** The Auckland Voice for Life Training Day will be the ideal opportunity to meet other pro-life people, network, learn up-to-date and relevant information, and become better equipped. This free event will be held at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, Trias Road, Sunnynook, on 2 March, 2024. Contact [Auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz](mailto:Auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz) for more information.

**Office will be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. No Newsletter and choir for the month of January. Other activities such as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resume in February 2024.**



# 2023 COLUMBAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL



"At Christmas, we are called to recognise the face of Jesus in every needy person."  
Pope Francis

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# NZ Catholic \$4

The national Catholic newspaper December 3 - 16, 2023 • No. 675

Three NZ representatives reflect on Vatican synod experience 3

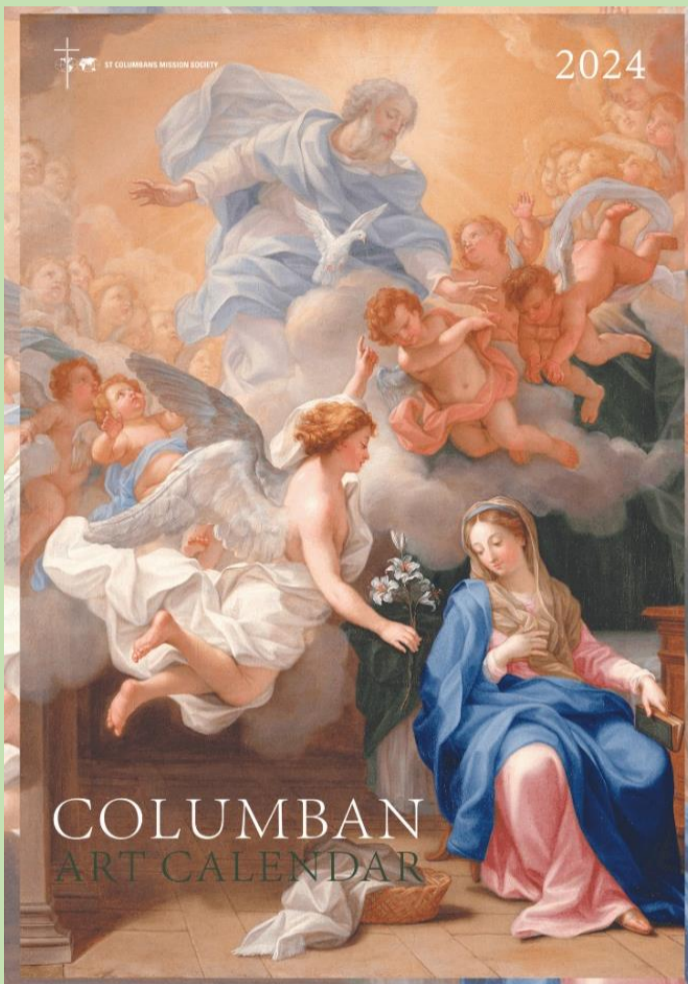
Young people debate the topic of married Catholic priests 10

## Angels in Sanctuary



Sanctuary changes in Dunedin cathedral - pg 5

Six times judged Australasia's leading Catholic newspaper



Calendar for sale: \$15. Copy is available in our parish office.



## St John Vianney Church Christmas Timetable

Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm (24<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
Evening Mass: 10 pm (24<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
Christmas Day Mass: 9 am (25<sup>th</sup> Dec)



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_